

SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCES

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LOCAL

- **Military Family Life Consultant/Child MFLC Consultant:** Airman and Family Readiness Center. (575) 551-1276 Provides non-medical , short term, situational, problem-solving counseling services to address issues that occur across the military lifestyle. Helps service members and their families cope with normal reactions to the stressful and often adverse situations created by deployments and reintegration.
- **Special Needs Coordinator:** Mental Health Clinic, 572-7061 Oversees the Exceptional Family Member (EFMP) and the Special Needs Identification and Coordination (SNIAC) Programs
- **Zia Therapy Center:** 900 First Street, Alamogordo. 439-4900. Provides Early Intervention services for children birth through three years of age with developmental delays. Zia also provides respite services for children and adults with disabilities.
- **Autistic Support Group:** Chinda Lucoski, 491-3188; chinda2001@aol.com
- **TRIWEST (TRICARE) Office, Holloman AFB:** 572-5123
- **Children's World Development Center:** 2350 E. First Street, Alamogordo. 434-3218. A child development center who accepts children with special needs and works together with the physical therapist, speech therapist and occupational therapist that come to the center.
- **Help New Mexico Head Start:** 1800 First Street, Alamogordo. 434-6313. A federally funded comprehensive early childhood program for low-income families. Serves children birth through age 5. Conducts specific outreach activities for children with special needs. For children and families with special needs enrolled in Head Start the provide the following:
 - Parent training and information related to disability services and issues
 - Individualized activities for children depending on their special needs
 - Nutritional Consultants to work with the family if needed, and special diets or meals are planned for children with special needs
 - Mental Health Consultants work with the family if needed
 - Special equipment or materials are purchased to ensure the child is included in all activities in the Head Start classroom and playground
 - Lesson plan activities are conducted with all children that promote an attitude of acceptance, compassion and friendship within a culturally diverse classroom and community
 - Head Start staff attends IEP or IFSP meetings with the parent(s)
 - Continuously work to ensure classrooms and facilities are fully accessible to all people with disabilities
 - Provide the full range of comprehensive services which includes health, dental, nutrition, mental health, educational and parent involvement opportunities to all families

WEBSITES

- tricare.osd.mil (Official Tri-West Website)
- **militaryonesource.com**
- <http://apps.mhf.dod.mil> (Military Community & Family Policy)
- **stompproject.org (specialized Training of Military Parents)**
- nmfa.org (National Military Family Association)
- **[Militaryhomefront.dod.mil](http://militaryhomefront.dod.mil)**
- Operationhomefront.net
- **usacares.org**
- WyattsHouse.org
- **afspecialneeds.org**
- eparent.com (Exceptional Parent)
- **naccrra.org (National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies)**
- epliveonline.com (National Information and Educational Initiative)
- **iser.com (Internet special education resources)**
- apa.org (American Psychological Association)
- childrenwithspecialneeds.com
- kidneeds.com
- bravekids.org
- autism-society.org
- **operationautismonline.org**
- autismspeaks.org
- **addresources.org (Attention Deficit Disorder)**
- unwrappingthegiftofadd.com
- **hsdc.org (Hearing, Speech & Deafness Center)**
- ablenetinc.com (Special needs tools)
- **snrproject.com (special needs resource project)**
- themorganproject.org (provide support to parents/caregivers and act as a reference source for information, financial resources, used equipment exchanges, research and clinical studies, support groups, web links, etc.)
- **ww2.ed.gov/parents/needs/speced/edpicks.jhtml** (government information site)
- parentsreachingout.org
- **parentinformation.org**
- zerotothree.org/military (National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families)
- **nichcy.org (National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities)**