**Important Links for Parents related to Special Education**

**LAW**

**Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (**[**https://sites.edu/gov/idea**](https://sites.edu/gov/idea)**)**

This is the U.S. Department of Education’s website dedicated to IDEA. It has information on policy, news, resources, and grants.

**Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (dese.mo.gov)**

If you click on this link and go to special education you can find Missouri’s plan for implementing IDEA. You can also find published child complaints and due process opinions.



**HELP**

**Smarter Steps (smartersteps.com)**

SMARTER Steps is a resource that assists IEP teams in crafting IEP Goals that meet all federal requirements based on an easy 7-step prompting system.

**Dr. Robert Kline** (drklineonline.com)

Specializes in pediatric and adolescent psychology services. Also diagnoses ADD and ADHD in children and adults. He utilizes QEEG’s to further refine his diagnosis.

**Gateway Neuropsychology** (gatewayneuro.com)

Clinical neuropsychology practice in St. Louis that conducts testing to help identify psychological problems for children and adults with learning disabilities, ADHD and memory loss.

**Thompson Center** (thompsoncenter.missouri.edu)

Conducts testing and evaluations for families affected by autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders.

**MU Center for Evidence-Based Mental Health** (573-882-4677)

Conducts testing related to children with suspected posttraumatic stress, enuresis/encopresis, major depressive disorder, ODD, ADD, and metabolic syndrome.

**Dr. Michael Scott** (comocounseling.com)

Columbia Psychologist who specializes in the treatment of ADHD in children.

**Therapy Unlimited**

4603 John Garry Drive, Suite 10

Columbia, Missouri 65203

Main 573-777-8783

Tutoring, occupational, and speech therapy

**MU Speech and Hearing Clinic**

301 Lewis Hall on the University of Missouri campus

573-884-2940

Therapy services and tutoring

**SUPPORT**

**MPACT (Missouriparentsact.org)**

Missouri’s Parent Training and Information Center, funded in part by the U.S. Department of Education and the State of Missouri. Provides training for parents both in person and online.

**CHADD (Chadd.org)**

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder. An international resource for children and adults with ADHD. Joining CHADD will give you access to its bi-monthly newsletter called Attention. CHADD offers webinars and other continuing education as well as support.

**ADDitude (additudemag.com)**

ADDitude magazine is a great resource for families and adults living with ADHD and learning disabilities.

**Central Missouri Autism Caregivers (CMAC) (dmh.mo.gov)**

CMAC is a support group for parents/guardians of those on the autism spectrum who live in Columbia and the surrounding communities.

**Central Missouri Down Syndrome Family Network**

This group is for families living in central Missouri, enlightened by an extra 21st chromosome.

**COMOSEPTA.com**

Columbia, Missouri Special Education PTA is a group of parents and teachers in the Columbia Public School District brought together to supports special education services for both parents and teachers.