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Are you looking for more information on development delays, or a chance to meet other parents who share your concerns? Take a look at the related BabyCenter Community groups and other handpicked online resources.

BabyCenter Community groups:

- Emotional development concerns
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Other resources on the Web:

Child Development Institute

The Child Development Institute provides practical information on parenting, child development, child psychology, learning disabilities, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, dyslexia, and ways to improve reading and study skills

Zero to Three

A Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit founded in 1977, Zero to Three aims to advance the healthy development of babies and young children. You can explore their Web site in two ways, through a professionals' or a parents' area. The professional side has loads of information about training and leadership workshops for those involved in the child development field. For parents, there are extensive articles on everything from what a baby senses to how fathers influence their baby's development.

The Autism Society

The society promotes advocacy, public awareness, education, and research on autism and related disorders such as Asperger's syndrome and pervasive developmental disorder (PDD). Its site covers a wide range of topics including how to get medical help and early assistance, recommended reading material and where to buy it, addresses of helpful national organizations, and information on autistic children's educational rights.

United Cerebral Palsy

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) is a national organization with 150 affiliate partners nationwide. This site aims to support parents' efforts to mainstream children with cerebral palsy by providing information on innovative projects, advocacy programs, and research. The site also has an extensive library, a fundraising page, and discussion groups.

Pathways Awareness Foundation

The Pathways Awareness Foundation was started with the idea that children with motor and movement difficulties can benefit greatly from early intervention and therapy. The foundation produces publications and videos for professionals and parents on how to recognize physical delays and seek early treatment. The site

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also has articles and links to useful sites, and provides a nationwide referral service to healthcare providers and agencies that offer services for children with developmental delays.

Stuttering Foundation of America

This association distributes more than a million brochures, books, and videotapes to the public and professionals each year, with the aim of increasing public awareness of stuttering as well as improving quality of life for children and adults who stutter. Online offerings include articles and brochures on a range of subjects, from how to tell whether your child has a stuttering problem to the best ways to get reimbursed for speech therapy. The site also contains a referral service for speech pathologists.

Attention Deficit Disorder Association

The Attention Deficit Disorder Association's site offers a wealth of information for families living with ADD. In addition to basic primers on the disorder and its treatment options, you'll find topic areas specifically devoted to family and school issues, plus a section just for kids. If you want to know what the latest research has to say about ADD, this is the site to visit.

LD Online

LD Online, a service of the Learning Project, produced by a PBS radio station in Washington, D.C., is a comprehensive site with a wealth of resources on a range of learning disabilities, from speech and language disorders to attention deficit disorder. You'll find general information articles on warning signs, assessments, treatments, and action plans, as well as expert Q&As and live chats with learning disability specialists. Keep in touch with other parents on the LD Online's bulletin boards.

National Down Syndrome Society

This nonprofit organization, established in 1979, aims to drive research and increase public awareness to improve the lives of those with Down syndrome. Articles are organized into general, clinical, and educational information, so you can get as detailed as you like. The site's regular updates keep you abreast of the latest Down syndrome news and research, and the referral service can direct you to a specialist in your area. The site also includes links to other useful sites.

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