# APPENDIX A

# HELPFUL CAREGIVING RESOURCES

# State & National Websites with Caregiving Information

#### **AARP**

Washington DC: 888.687.2277 New Jersey: 866.542.8165

www.aarp.org

A membership organization for people age 50 and older that provides numerous benefits.

## Administration on Aging (AoA)

800.677.1116 www.aoa.gov

Provides caregivers with information on various services including elder rights.

## Aging and Disability Resource Connection of New Jersey (ADRC)

877.222.3737

#### www.adrcnj.org

Provides information and assistance to older persons, adults with physical disabilities, caregivers, and professionals looking for services or programs.

## **Caregiver Action Network (CAN)**

202.772.5050

#### www.caregiveraction.org

Formerly the National Family Caregivers Association (NFCA), the Caregiver Action Network provides education, peer support, and resources to family caregivers across the country.

## Caring.com

866.824.8174

#### www.caring.com

Provides caregivers with information about caring for aging parents, spouses, and other loved ones. Includes original articles, helpful tools, a comprehensive directory of caregiving services, and more.

#### **Eldercare Locator**

800.677.1116

#### www.eldercare.gov

Service of the US Administration on Aging that links caregivers to senior services.

## **Family Caregiving Alliance**

800.445.8106

#### www.caregiver.org

Provides information, education, services, resources, and advocacy for families nationwide caring for loved ones with chronic, disabling health conditions.

## **Lotsa Helping Hands**

#### www.lotsahelpinghands.com

Connects caregivers and volunteers in neighborhoods and communities worldwide.

#### Medicare

800.MEDICARE (800.633.4227)

#### www.medicare.gov

Provides information on Medicare, health plans, programs, eligibility, and enrollment.

## **Medicare Rights**

800.333.4114

#### www.medicarerights.org

Provides independent information on health care and assistance with Medicare.

## National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys

#### www.naela.org

Provides a searchable database to assist in finding an elder law attorney.

## **National Alliance for Caregiving**

#### www.caregiving.org

Focuses on research, policy analysis, development of national best practices, programs, and increased public awareness of family caregiving issues.

## **National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers**

520.881.8008

#### www.caremanager.org

Provides information about the role of care managers and points caregivers to local resources.

## **National Caregivers Library**

804.327.1111

#### www.caregiverslibrary.org

Provides articles, forms, checklists, and links to topic-specific resources, articles, and studies.

## **National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization**

703.837.1500

www.nhpco.org

Provides information on end-of-life issues and state-specific advance directives.

## NJ Self-Help Group Clearinghouse

800.367.6274

www.njgroups.org

Provides information and contacts for more than 6,750 self-help support groups in New Jersey.

## **New Jersey Hospital Care Compare**

609.275.4000

www.njhospitalcarecompare.com

Allows health care consumers to compare New Jersey hospitals based on a number of statistics regarding the care they deliver to patients.

## **New Jersey Hospital Price Compare**

609.275.4000

www.njhospitalpricecompare.com

Allows health care consumers to compare hospitals based on average charges and average lengths of stay.

## **Nursing Homes Compare**

www.medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare/

Provides detailed information on the past performances of every Medicare- and Medicaid-certified nursing home in the country.

## Strength for Caring

866.466.3458

www.strengthforcaring.com

Provides family caregivers with a broad range of expert content and information, an emerging online community, daily inspiration, and much needed support.

## **Wellspouse Association**

800.838.0879

www.wellspouse.org

Focuses on the needs of spouses caring for a husband, wife, or partner who is chronically ill and/or has a disability.

# APPENDIX B

# DISEASE/DISABILITY SPECIFIC WEBSITES

# **Disability Resources**

# Aging and Disability Resource Connection of New Jersey (ADRC) 877.222.3737

#### www.adrcnj.org

Provides information and assistance to older persons, adults with physical disabilities, caregivers, and professionals looking for services or programs.

#### Alliance for Betterment of Citizens with Disabilities

609.581.8375

#### www.abcdnj.org

Works to improve the lives of people with complex physical and neurological developmental disabilities.

## Centers for Independent Living (CILs)

#### http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/home/cntrindlivindex.html

Community-based, consumer-driven organizations that provide information and referrals, peer counseling, skills training, advocacy, and a variety of services based on individual needs. Website provides phone numbers to reach the CIL in your county.

## Disability.gov

#### www.disability.gov

Provides comprehensive information about disability-related programs and services.

## **Disability Rights New Jersey**

800.922.7233

#### www.drnj.org

Serves as New Jersey's protection and advocacy system for people with disabilities.

## **Family Support Center of New Jersey**

800.372.6510

#### www.fscnj.org

Serves as a clearinghouse of up-to-date information and referrals on family support programs and services to those caring for a child with a disability, medical condition, rare disorder, or other special needs.

## NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)

800.832.9173

#### www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd

Provides and funds services for state residents with developmental disabilities.

## NJ Division of Disability Services (DDS)

888.285.3036

#### www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds

Serves people who have become disabled as adults, whether through illness or injury.

## NJ Department of Health

800.792.9745

#### http://nj.gov/health

Provides a listing of the department's major divisions and programs, and links to their respective web pages.

## **North Jersey Family & Kids Directory**

973.303.3027

#### http://www.njkidsonline.com/directory/category/special-needs.php

Provides information about kids' programs and activities, and answers to "What To Do?" questions.

## **SPAN: Statewide Parent Advocacy Network**

973.642.8100

#### www.spannj.org

Provides training, assistance, and support to parents of disabled children. Also available in Spanish.

## **Special Olympics New Jersey**

609.896.8000

#### www.sonj.org

Provides sports training and athletic competition to children and adults with intellectual and physical disabilities.

## **US Department of Labor**

#### www.disability.gov

Features comprehensive information about disability-related programs and services.

# **Disability/Disease Specific Organizations**

#### **AIDS**

**New Jersey AIDS Hotline** 

800.624.2377

www.state.nj.us/health/aids

#### Alzheimer's

Alzheimer's Association, Greater NJ Chapter

24/7: 800.272.3900 or 973.586.4300

www.alz.org/nj

## Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)

**Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association** 

800.782.4747

www.alsa.org

#### **Arthritis**

**Arthritis Foundation NJ Chapter** 

732.283.4300

www.arthritis.org/new-jersey/

html

#### **Autism**

**Autism Family Services of New Jersey** 

877.237.4477

www.autismfamilyservicesnj.org

#### **Autism New Jersey**

609.588.8200

www.autismnj.org

## **Blind/Visually Impaired**

Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

973.648.3333 or 877.685.8878

www.state.nj.us/humanservices/cbvi/

## **Brain Injury**

**Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey** 

732.745.0200

www.bianj.org

#### **Burn Victims**

**Burn Survivor Resource Center** 

800.669.7700

www.burnsurvivor.com

#### Cancer

**American Cancer Society** 

800.227.2345

www.cancer.org

## **Cerebral Palsy**

**Cerebral Palsy of North Jersey** 

973.763.9900

www.cpnj.com

## Chronic Fatigue

**NJ Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association** 

888.835.3677

www.njcfsa.org

## Deaf/Hard of Hearing

NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

800.792.8339 V/TTY

www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddhh/home/index.

## **Developmental Disabilities**

The Arc of New Jersey

732.246.2525

www.arcnj.org

# National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY)

800.695.0285 (toll-free, V/TTY)

http://nichcy.org

#### New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities

609.292.3745 or 800.792.8858

www.njcdd.org

#### **NJ Division of Disability Services**

800.832.9173

www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/home/index.html

#### Diabetes

**American Diabetes Association** 

800.DIABETES (800.342.2383)

www.diabetes.org

## **Epilepsy**

**Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey** 

800.336.5843 www.efnj.com

## **Fibromyalgia**

**National Fibromyalgia Association** 

714.921.0150 www.fmaware.org

#### **Heart Disease**

**American Heart Association** 

800.AHA.USA1 (800.242.8721) www.heart.org

## **Kidney Disease**

**National Kidney Foundation** 

800.622.9010 www.kidney.org

## **Lung Disease**

**American Lung Association** 

800.LUNGUSA (800.586.4872) www.lung.org

#### **Mental Illness**

**National Alliance on Mental Illness of New Jersey** 

732.940.0991 www.naminj.org

#### **New Jersey Mental Health Cares**

866.202.4357

www.njmentalhealthcares.org

## **Multiple Sclerosis**

**National Multiple Sclerosis Society** 

800.344.4867

www.nationalmssociety.org

## Spina Bifida

The Spina Bifida Association

800.621.3141 or 202.944.3285 www.spinabifidaassociation.org

#### Stroke

**American Stroke Association** 

888.4.STROKE (888.478.7653) www.strokeassociation.org