

## Kathie Snow Disability is Natural [www.disabilityisnatural.com](http://www.disabilityisnatural.com)

### DISABILITY-RELATED WEBSITES

[www.partnersinpolicymaking.com](http://www.partnersinpolicymaking.com) has a variety of extraordinary (and free) online courses, on disability history, advocacy, special education, employment, and more.

<http://adata.org> is the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) National Network.

[www.radiantabilities.com](http://www.radiantabilities.com), hosted by Kathy O'Connell, is positively focused on "living fully with a disability."

[www.ocali.org/view.php?nav\\_id=101](http://www.ocali.org/view.php?nav_id=101) features several helpful documents about "apps" that can be useful to children and adults with disabilities.

<http://bareyournakedtruth.wordpress.com> is hosted by Nicole Luongo, poet, activist, and more; she focuses on the bare, naked truth about living with a disability.

<http://infiniteability.yolasite.com> is a positive site, billed as: "Infinite Ability—Exploring disAbility Through Creativity!"

[www.inclusionproject.org](http://www.inclusionproject.org) is all about inclusion, including the organization's "Let's ALL Play" project (inclusive recreation).

<http://independencechick.wordpress.com> is a blog by a talented young woman who has a disability.

<http://nfdh.org/> is Dental Lifeline Network, a national organization of dentists who provide *free* dental services for people who have disabilities, are older, or are medically at-risk.

[www.thebowelmovement.info](http://www.thebowelmovement.info) is a website from the UK that focuses on issues related to children and adults who have an ostomy.

[www.disabilityrightsintl.org](http://www.disabilityrightsintl.org) is an international site, that also focuses on the abuse of children with disabilities in educational facilities.

[www.alifeworthliving.us](http://www.alifeworthliving.us) is a wonderfully positive site about having a child with Down syndrome.

[www.beyondaglimpse.com](http://www.beyondaglimpse.com) is described as, "Beauty In Imperfection: Do You See Beyond The Shape of Me?" and focuses on issues related to people with facial and/or skull differences.

[www.abilityawareness.com](http://www.abilityawareness.com) hosted by Diana Pastora Carson, a great teacher and proud sister of Joaquin (who has a disability). Diana's website also features a variety of interviews you can listen to: <http://www.abilityawareness.com/interviews.php>.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=8nzv1O9tTLM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8nzv1O9tTLM) is a super video entitled “All Born In – End the Exclusion” and features Daniel and his drum teacher, Earl. Daniel’s stage name is “Chicken-Bone Dan.” Daniel chose the photos and helped write the song; his big brother, Quinn, played and mixed the music, and produced the film. Check it out!

<http://bbandbohmy.blogspot.com> is a wonderful site hosted by Terri Abrams, a New York parent and activist.

[www.thewholeperson.org](http://www.thewholeperson.org) is described as, "The Whole Person, Inc., assists people with disabilities to live independently and encourages change within the community to expand opportunities for independent living."

<http://secondchancetolive.wordpress.com> is hosted by Craig Phillips, "a traumatic/acquired brain injury survivor, with a message of encouragement, motivation, empowerment, and hope."

[www.sarahstup.com](http://www.sarahstup.com) is hosted by an accomplished teen writer and artist who has autism.

[www.williamstillman.com](http://www.williamstillman.com) is a site that "demystifies autism from the inside out."

[www.yapinc.org/index.php?pID=365](http://www.yapinc.org/index.php?pID=365) is the site of the Autism E-Store.

[www.myimagiville.com](http://www.myimagiville.com) is a fascinating site hosted by D.J. Svoboda, a young man with autism.

[www.josievarga.com](http://www.josievarga.com) is the site of an accomplished author, speaker, and inventor who has a disability.

[www.fulllifeahead.org](http://www.fulllifeahead.org) helps people with disabilities and their families become "infected with hope."

[www.autistics.org](http://www.autistics.org) is described as "The REAL Voice of Autism;" scroll to the bottom of the home page and see how they feel about the Cure Autism Now effort.

[www.scn.org/people/autistics/relationships.html](http://www.scn.org/people/autistics/relationships.html) focuses on "Autism, Dating, and Socialization."

[www.kkglassart.com](http://www.kkglassart.com) features one-of-a-kind jewelry (and fascinating info) from a talented young artist who happens to have Down syndrome.

[www.soulfulencounters.com](http://www.soulfulencounters.com) is a dating and friendship website focused on people with disabilities.

<http://projectautism.weebly.com> is a positive autism-related website from Australia.

[www.ramps.org](http://www.ramps.org) offers helpful information about ramps (for homes, businesses, cars, etc.)—how to choose the right ramp, how to build one, and more.

[www.lapublishing.com/blog/2009/brain-injury-words-people](http://www.lapublishing.com/blog/2009/brain-injury-words-people) is a resource on traumatic brain injury, mild brain injury, concussion, blast injury, and PTSD.

[www.thechristianvillespirit.blogspot.com](http://www.thechristianvillespirit.blogspot.com) is a blog by a young man named Christian, who writes about living with Potocki-Lupski Syndrome.

[www.disabilitydates.com](http://www.disabilitydates.com) is an international dating/friendship site for people with disabilities.

<http://facesofspinabifida.com> is "a place to celebrate diversity."

## **EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION AND/OR PRODUCTS**

[www.visionsandvoicestogether.com](http://www.visionsandvoicestogether.com) is a wonderful site hosted by Charmaine Thaner, a retired teacher (general and special ed) and parent of a young adult with a disability; focused on inclusive education and positive strategies.

[www.xpsych.com](http://www.xpsych.com) is irreverent, funny, thought-provoking and more, hosted by Don Asbridge.

<http://idea.ed.gov> is the federal Department of Education website on I.D.E.A. - Special Education Law.

[www.educationalllearningandtraining.com](http://www.educationalllearningandtraining.com) is hosted by educator Vaughn Lauer, Ph.D., and provides helpful resources for parents and teachers.

[www.ds-advocate.blogspot.com](http://www.ds-advocate.blogspot.com) is hosted by a parent and features helpful educational info regarding students with disabilities. Also check out a companion blog [www.321fun.blogspot.com](http://www.321fun.blogspot.com).

[www.nancybarth.wordpress.com](http://www.nancybarth.wordpress.com)—"Bringing Back the Joy of Learning"—is from Nancy Barth, a retired teacher.

[www.disabilitytraining.com](http://www.disabilitytraining.com) is the website of Program Development Association, and features a variety of training materials.

[www.confidentreader.com](http://www.confidentreader.com) focuses on software for reading comprehension for people with dyslexia and other conditions.

[www.howtolearnenglish.co.uk](http://www.howtolearnenglish.co.uk) is a public interest website "focused on expert advice on learning the English language."

[www.nasponline.org/about\\_nasp/position\\_paper.aspx](http://www.nasponline.org/about_nasp/position_paper.aspx) features some interesting position statements; check out the ones on "Inclusive Programs for Students with Disabilities" and "Student Grade Retention and Social Promotion."

[www.hslda.org](http://www.hslda.org) has homeschooling news, info, and resources.

[www.nasdse.org](http://www.nasdse.org) has information for parents, teachers, and school administrators, from the National Association of State Directors of Special Education.

[www.spednet.org](http://www.spednet.org) has helpful info for parents and teachers about special education.

<http://nlvm.usu.edu> is the National Library of Virtual Manipulatives to help students of all ages enjoy math.

[www.loc.gov/nls](http://www.loc.gov/nls) features info about books-on-tape available from the National Library Service of the Library of Congress.

<http://community.fpg.unc.edu> focuses on inclusion and the "early childhood community."

[www.diffnotless.org](http://www.diffnotless.org) represents "Different, Not Less," created and hosted by a parent, "developed to help lead an individual through the process of becoming more aware of personal strengths and challenges, identifying goals and mapping out an action plan to achieve them."

## **EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

[www.griffinhammis.com](http://www.griffinhammis.com) features state-of-the-art in self-employment for people with disabilities and more, including: "Creating Communities of Economic Cooperation."

[www.centerforsocialcapital.org](http://www.centerforsocialcapital.org) is also hosted by Cary Griffin and Dave Hammis (see above).

[www.Start-Up-USA.biz](http://www.Start-Up-USA.biz) provides self-employment technical assistance, resources, and training.

[www.MNTAT.org](http://www.MNTAT.org) is the site of the Minnesota Employment Training and Technical Assistance Center.

[www.abilityjobs.com](http://www.abilityjobs.com) is billed as "the largest stand-alone resume bank" for people with disabilities.

<http://deafhrcareer.com> includes info about American Sign Language, employment, and more.

[www.minorityjobs.net](http://www.minorityjobs.net) is an employment site and includes free resume posting and job listing site, with career guide, civil rights, legal and government news archive, plus scholarship links.

## **TRAVEL FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

[www.sath.org](http://www.sath.org) is the Society for Accessible Travel and Hospitality.

[www.freedomtotravelshow.com](http://www.freedomtotravelshow.com) has helpful information about travel for people with disabilities.

[www.miusa.org](http://www.miusa.org) provides info about exciting opportunities for international exchange and travel programs for people with disabilities.

## **ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AND/OR DAILY LIVING AIDS**

<http://AcousticMail.com> is a free service that can be used to send a voice mail to a person's Email, especially helpful for people with hand/arm disabilities.

<http://rjcooper.com> offers software, hardware, and communication devices.

[www.aacawareness.org](http://www.aacawareness.org) and [www.aacinstitute.org](http://www.aacinstitute.org) are two sites that focus on augmentative and alternative communication.

[www.knfbreader.com](http://www.knfbreader.com) features info about the "read aloud" kRreader Mobile device.

[www.abledata.com](http://www.abledata.com) is a comprehensive site on assistive technology.

[www.atechnews.com](http://www.atechnews.com) focuses on "Independence Through Technology."

[www.inclusionsolutions.com](http://www.inclusionsolutions.com) features innovative accessibility products for businesses.

[www.watchminder.com](http://www.watchminder.com) is a watch to help children and adults with disabilities "stay on task."

[www.captionedtelephone.com](http://www.captionedtelephone.com) features a telephone that displays "word-for-word captions."

[www.tomsnyder.com](http://www.tomsnyder.com) features a variety of software that might be helpful to people with disabilities.

[www.attainmentcompany.com](http://www.attainmentcompany.com) features augmentative communication devices, software, books, and learning aids.

[www.fctd.info](http://www.fctd.info) is the website of the Family Center on Technology and Disability.

[www.hands-free-drinking.com](http://www.hands-free-drinking.com) features long, flexible drinking straws and other goodies that promote "a little taste of independence."

[www.tedpa.org](http://www.tedpa.org) includes information on telecommunications equipment, conferences on the subject, a listing of programs across the country, and more.

[www.stevensonlearning.com](http://www.stevensonlearning.com) offers programs on math, spelling and language, and skills.

[www.ineedhelpcommunicationbracelets.com](http://www.ineedhelpcommunicationbracelets.com) features "communication bracelets" that can be helpful for children and adults with limited communication skills.

[www.adaptationsbyadrian.com](http://www.adaptationsbyadrian.com) showcases adapted clothing and accessories for children and adults with disabilities.

[www.mayer-johnson.com](http://www.mayer-johnson.com) features symbol-based products (communication cards), training, and services.

[www.dynavoxtech.com](http://www.dynavoxtech.com) offers augmentative communication devices, computer accessories, and more.

## **OTHER WEBSITES OF INTEREST**

[www.lifequesttraining.com](http://www.lifequesttraining.com) is focused on equipping businesses and organizations with practical tools for effective and inclusive customer service.

[www.counselling-directory.org.uk](http://www.counselling-directory.org.uk) features counseling information and helpful articles.

## **BOOKS, MEDIA, AND NEWS ITEMS**

<http://lessonsfromthespirits.com> features a new autobiography by Christy Preister, activist, person with a disability, and more.

[www.mychildmygift.com](http://www.mychildmygift.com) provides information about a beautiful book, *My Child, My Gift: A Positive Response to Serious Prenatal Diagnosis*, by Madeline Pecora Nugent.

[www.anewkindoflistening.com](http://www.anewkindoflistening.com) is an awesome film, billed as, "The story of a visionary director, a one-of-a-kind theater group, and a young man who could not speak, yet found the voice he had been looking for all his life."

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=QyTfOnPLnSM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QyTfOnPLnSM) is a very troubling, but important, video to watch on the restraint and seclusion of children with disabilities in public schools.

[www.abilitymagazine.com](http://www.abilitymagazine.com) is an online and print magazine on disability issues.

[www.authorhouse.com:80/BookStore/ItemDetail.aspx?bookid=49748](http://www.authorhouse.com:80/BookStore/ItemDetail.aspx?bookid=49748) has info about Jessica Rodriguez's book, *What Every Person Needs to Know About People with Disabilities: Overcoming Attitudinal Barriers Towards People with Disabilities*.

[www.newswise.com/articles/view/531080](http://www.newswise.com/articles/view/531080) reveals a study entitled, "Social Skills Programs for Children with Autism are Largely Ineffective."

[www.jodeeblanco.com](http://www.jodeeblanco.com) has books about the prevention of school bullying.

<http://www.authorhouse.com/BookStore/ItemDetail.aspx?bookid=44924> has info about a book for parents and teachers on children's behavior, entitled "How Big is the Fly: Asking the Right Questions."

<http://infopeople.org/training/past/2006/beyond-ramps> includes info about making libraries accessible to all.