Stroke Education
Resources and Websites

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This information on websites is designed for educational purposes only and is not meant to provide medical advice or professional services. St Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center/Barrow Neurological institute does not endorse any of the products, and services listed here. The information that you receive is for increasing awareness to services and products that are out there and are available to persons with disabilities. Other individuals and/or organizations maintain these sites. Again this list of websites is an educational and informative resource. Hopefully by increasing your awareness to services and products this will empower you, or will help you to educate persons with disabilities to resources out there.

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Our Resources

The Barrow Website – Stroke Center
https://www.barrowneuro.org/get-to-know-barrow/centers-programs/stroke-program/
For non-urgent stroke questions, call (602) 406-7777 (800) BARROW1 (227-7691)

Barrow Neurological Institute – Rehabilitation Services
1. Neuro Rehabilitation Center:
   https://www.barrowneuro.org/get-to-know-barrow/centers-programs/neurorehabilitation-center/stroke-rehabilitation/
2. Inpatient and Outpatient Services:
   https://www.barrowneuro.org/get-to-know-barrow/centers-programs/inpatient-and-outpatient-services/
3. Center for Transitional Neuro-Rehabilitation
   https://www.barrowneuro.org/get-to-know-barrow/centers-programs/center-for-transitional-neurorehabilitation/

Barrow Neurological Institute: The Barrow Connection
https://www.barrowneuro.org/patients-families/find-a-support-group/the-barrow-connection/
(602) 406-6280
The Barrow Connection provides peer mentoring and recreation activities for those with neurological disabilities.

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St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center Stroke Support Group
https://www.barrowneuro.org/outreach/stroke-support-group/
(602) 406-6688
Contact: Ashley Bridwell
Offers both stroke survivor and caregiver support groups.
**National Organizations**

**American Stroke Association / American Heart Association**

[www.strokeassociation.org](http://www.strokeassociation.org)

(888) 4-STROKE  (888) 478-7653

The American Stroke Association is dedicated to prevention, diagnosis and treatment to save lives from stroke — America’s No. 4 killer and a leading cause of serious disability. They fund scientific research, help people better understand and avoid stroke, encourage government support, guide healthcare professionals and provide information to enhance the quality of life for stroke survivors.

**National Stroke Association**

[www.stroke.org](http://www.stroke.org)

(800) STROKES  (800) 787-6537

National Stroke Association’s mission is to reduce the incidence and impact of stroke by developing compelling education and programs focused on prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and support for all impacted by stroke.

**Administration for Community Living – United States Department of Health and Human Services**


1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)

Funds many grants across the board related to disability and serves as the Federal agency responsible for increasing access to community supports, while focusing attention and resources on the unique needs of older Americans and people with disabilities across the lifespan.

**Center Watch**


(866) 219-3440  (617) 948-5100

Center Watch is committed to providing patients and their advocates information on clinical trials, specific drugs, as well as other essential health and educational resources.

**ClinicalTrials.gov**

[https://www.clinicaltrials.gov/](https://www.clinicaltrials.gov/)

ClinicalTrials.gov is a registry of federally and privately supported clinical trials conducted in the United States and around the world.
Internet Stroke Center
www.strokecenter.org
(214) 648-3111
This has resources for both professionals and consumers on stroke. They strive to advance the understanding of stroke research and clinical care. Information is also available in Spanish.

National Aphasia Association
www.aphasia.org
(800) 922-4622 email: naa@aphasia.org
Site provides information and resources on communication impairments.

National Council on Disability
www.ncd.gov
(202) 272-2004 (Voice), (202) 272-2074 (TTY)
This is an independent federal agency making recommendations to the President and Congress on issues affecting Americans with disabilities.

National Council on Independent Living
www.ncil.org
Voice: (202) 207-0334, toll free: (877) 525-3400, TTY: (202) 207-0340
The site provides information and resource on independent living services.

National Institute of Neurologic Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)
(800) 352-9424 or (301) 496-5751
The mission of NINDS is to reduce the burden of neurological disease - a burden borne by every age group, by every segment of society, by people all over the world.

Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America
www.resna.org
(703) 524-6686
This site offers useful information on assistive technology and universal design. They conduct conferences and certification programs for individuals interested in assistive technology.
Stroke Family
www.strokefamily.org
Family assisted speech and stroke recovery.

Stroke Network
www.strokenetwork.org
Provides on-line support information for stroke survivors and caregivers. Also provides information and resources such as their Stroke Caregiver Handbook.

Ticket to Work Program – Social Security Administration
www.ssa.gov/work
(866) 968-7842 (866) 833-2967 (TTY)
This site is a federally funded program to assist individuals who want to return to work.

United States Department of Justice – Americans with Disabilities Act
http://www.ada.gov/
This site has information and technical assistance on the Americans with Disabilities Act.
Arizona Organizations and Associations

Ability 360
http://ability360.org/
(602) 254-6407
This site is the Center for Independent living in Phoenix with many programs from peer mentoring, advocacy, independent living skills, home modifications, outreach and more.

Area Agency on Aging – Region One
http://aaaphx.org/
(602) 264-2255  Toll Free (888) 783-7500
Plans, coordinates, develops and delivers services for seniors, adults with disabilities and long term needs and family caregivers of older adults.

Arizona Center for Disability Law
www.acdl.com
Phoenix:  (602) 274-6287 (Voice/TTY)  (800) 927-2260 (Toll Free Voice/TTY)
Tucson:  (520) 327-9547  (877) 327-7754 (TTY),  (800) 922-1447 (Voice)
The center advocates for the rights of persons with disabilities.

Arizona Department of Economic Security
www.azdes.gov
(602) 542-4446
State wide services for individuals with disabilities, including but not limited to: vocational rehab, independent living services, aging and adult services, caregiver support and employment support services.

Arizona Community Action Association
http://azcaa.org/peoples-information-guide/
(602) 604-0640
This guide contains information on a variety of low-cost and free services and programs available to low-income families and individuals.

Arizona Easter Seals
www.eastersealsarizona.org
(602) 266-5976
Site has many services for both children and adults, and support services for caregivers.
Arizona Statewide Independent Living Council – SILC
http://azsilc.org/
Have resources on the state plan for independent living, independent living services and they seek to promote equality, inclusion and choice for people with disabilities.

Brain Injury Alliance of Arizona
http://biaaz.org/
(602) 508-8024  Info line (602) 323-9165  Toll-free Info line 1 (888) 500-9165
Non-profit organization dedicated to preventing brain injuries and to improving the lives of individuals with brain injuries through prevention, education, information, and community support.

Direct – Center for Independence
www.directilc.org
(800) 342-1853, (520) 624-6452
Center for Independent living in Tucson is a consumer-directed, community-based advocacy organization that promotes independent living and offers a variety of programs for all people with disabilities.

New Horizons
http://www.newhorizonsilc.org/
(928)772-1266 or toll free at (800) 406-2377
Center for Independent Living in Prescott provide programs and services which encourage and empower people with disabilities to return to their lives.

Valley Metro
http://www.valleymetro.org/accessibility/
(602) 253-5000   TTY (602) 251-2039
Phoenix public transportation system that is accessible for users with disabilities. Options include Dial-a-Ride, reduced fare program, one on one travel training and other travel options.
American Association for People with Disabilities
www.aapd.com
(202)-457-0046 (TTY) 1(800) 840-8844 (Toll Free V/TTY)
This is a nonprofit cross disability organization.

The Center for an Accessible Society
www.accessiblesociety.org
The center is a national organization designed to focus public attention on disability and independent living issues. This organization is funded by NIDRR.

The Council for Disability Rights
www.disabilityrights.org
Advancing rights and enhancing lives of people with disabilities.

Disability Information and Resources
www.makoa.org
This site has many links and resources available on the Internet.

Independent Living USA
www.ilusa.com
This site has developed a directory of resources for independent living. It serves as a vehicle for individuals with disabilities to develop online businesses and web related opportunities.

Job Accommodation Network
janweb.icdi.wvu.edu/
(800) 526-7234  (877) 781-9403 (TTY)
Free consulting service that provides information about job accommodations

National Rehabilitation Information Center (NARIC)
www.naric.com
(800) 346-2742 (Voice) (301) 459-5984 (TTY)
NARIC has 70,000 plus resources. Also available, Rehab Wire, a monthly newsletter packed with information on rehab.
Housing/Universal Design

Access Board
www.access-board.gov
Phone (voice): (202) 272-0080, toll free: (800) 872-2253
Phone (TTY): (202) 272-0082, toll free: (800) 993-2822
Federal agency committed to accessible design standards.

ADA Guidelines for Accessible Design

Center for Universal Design
https://www.ncsu.edu/www/ncsu/design/sod5/cud/
National research, information and technical assistance center on universal design and related topics.

Center for Inclusive Design and Environmental Access
http://idea.ap.buffalo.edu/
(716) 829-5902
This site has information and resources on universal design. Also provides on-line courses.

Disability World
www.disabilityworld.com
This site has online disability news and views, also available in Spanish.

Fair Housing Advocate
www.fairhousing.com
Provides information related to fair housing guidelines for housing for people with disabilities.

Home Mods
www.homemods.org
(213) 740-1364
This site provides information and resources on home modifications and supportive housing, geared for seniors.
Housing and Urban Development
www.hud.gov
(800) 225-5342
Provides information on different programs available to buy and/or rent homes and apartments in your area.

The National Resource Center on Supportive Housing and Home Modifications
www.usc.edu/dept/gero/nrcshhm
(213) 740-1364
This website contains information on increasing public awareness of the Centers fervent involvement in promoting aging in place. Also has internet-based certification program on home modifications.

Trace Center at University Of Wisconsin-Madison
www.trace.wisc.edu
(608) 262-6966 TTY: (608) 263-5408
Center for universal design, provides information on consumer products, web design and housing and other resources.

WingIts
www.wingits.com
(877) 894-6448
Fastening systems for grab bars exceeds ADA requirements. WingIts can hold 400 -500 lbs. Also have other products to view on line including grab bars and bathroom safety equipment

Wheelchair Ramps

ADA Ramp Guidelines – Section 405

How to Build a Wheelchair Ramp – Lowe’s
**Assistive Technology**

**Ability Tools – Assistive Technology Network**

[www.atnet.org](http://www.atnet.org)  
(800) 390-2699 • (800) 900-0706 TTY  
California’s Assistive Technology Act Program. This site provides services to Californian’s with disabilities of all ages.

**Abledata**

[www.abledata.com](http://www.abledata.com)  
Phone: (800) 227-0216  TTY: (703) 992-8313.  
This site provides information on its website about assistive technology, assistive technology products, and rehabilitation equipment available from domestic and international sources.

**Arizona Technology Access Program (AzTAP)**

(602) 728-9534  TTY: (602) 728-9536  Toll Free: (800) 477-9921  
Increase access to assistive technology devices and services for individuals with disabilities and their families.  
New Feature “classified ads” feature that connects people with available assistive technology (AT)!  
[www.azatexchange.org/home.php](http://www.azatexchange.org/home.php)

**Assistive Tech.Net**

[www.assistivetech.net/](http://www.assistivetech.net/)  
(404) 894-4960 (voice /TTY)  
This site provides increased access to information on assistive technology devices and services as well as other community resources for people with disabilities and the general public.

**Bungalow Software**

[bungalowsoftware.com](http://bungalowsoftware.com)  
(540) 951-0623  
Software to assist with language and cognitive skills, related to stroke, TBI and other neurological problems.
**Nuance**  
(800) 654-1187  
This is the website for the Dragon Naturally Speaking software products.

**Savant Systems**  
[http://www.savant.com](http://www.savant.com)  
(508) 683-2500  
This is a home environment control system company

**Smart Homes**  
[www.smarthome.com](http://www.smarthome.com)  
(800) 762-7846  
This site has many gadgets for the home.

**Southwest Human Development - Assistive Technology Resource Center**  
[www.swhd.org](http://www.swhd.org)  
(602) 266-5976  
This site has information and resources about assistive technology. The center provides evaluations, training and other AT links.
Adapted Vehicles and Modifications

Access Unlimited
www.accessunlimited.com
(800) 849-2143
This site has many links, articles, sports information, vehicle modification and more.

The Boulevard
www.blvd.com
(877) 833-2480
Directory of transportation products and services for physically challenged, elderly, caregivers and health professionals.

Leeden Wheelchair Lift and Sport
http://leedenwheelchairliftandsport.com/sports-products/2119481
(480) 966-2372
Information and services for vehicle accessibility modifications, wheelchair repair and sports products.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
(888) 327-4263 TTY (800) 424-9153
This site has information and resources for disabled drivers and passengers. They have a publication on adapting motor vehicles for people with disabilities:

National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association
http://www.nmeda.com/
(866) 948-8341 (813) 264-2697
This site has resources and information on expanding opportunities with people with disabilities to safely drive or be transported in vehicles modified with mobility equipment to fit their specific needs and improve transportation options for people with disabilities.
Return to Driving – Adapted Driving

Banner Health System
http://www.bannerhealth.com/Locations/Arizona/Banner+-+University+Medical+Center+Phoenix/Programs+and+Services/Rehabilitation/Rehab+Institute/Adapted+Driving+Program.htm
(602) 839-2316
Adaptive driving program for people with disabilities who want to return to driving.

DrivAble Solutions
www.drivablesolutions.com
(602) 840-2323
Certified Driving Rehabilitation Specialists (CDRS) through ADED membership who evaluate, train and prescribe vehicles to either get people with disabilities driving or to keep them driving.

Driving to Independence, LLC
http://www.drivingtoindependence.com/
(480) 449-3331
They offer driving assessments following a change in medical status, physical skill or other unique situation to ensure ones safety in vehicle operation and driving performance. The offer the following programs: a potential to drive assessment, a driver assessment, bioptic driving and senior safety assessments.
Recreation/Leisure Activities

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Barrow Neurological Institute: The Barrow Connection
https://www.barrowneuro.org/patients-families/find-a-support-group/the-barrow-connection/
(602) 406-6280
The Barrow Connection provides peer mentoring and recreation activities for those with neurological disabilities.

Ability 360 Sports and Fitness Center
http://ability360.org/sports/
(602) 386-4566
Ability 360 Sports and Fitness Center (SpoFit) is a 45,000-square foot, state-of-the-art facility located in Phoenix, Arizona. SpoFit offers a wide variety of amenities to help you achieve your health and fitness goals. We have a fitness center with wheelchair accessible weight machines, an aquatic area equipped with lifts and elevators, accessible locker room.

Access-Able Travel Service
www.access-able.com
This site provides information on accessible travel.

Access to Recreation
www.accesstr.com
This site provides equipment for both sports and leisure skills.

The Adaptive Sports Center
www.adaptivesports.org
Toll Free (866) 349-2296 or (970) 349-2296
This is a non-profit organization that provides year-round recreation activities for people with disabilities and their families.
Artability
artability.org
This site is an informal consortium working towards the access of AZ arts, for disabled individuals.

City Of Phoenix-Adaptive Recreation Services
http://incfit.org/node/546
This site lists different programs available in the City of Phoenix for persons with disabilities.

National Arts and Disability Center
nadc.ucla.edu
National information technical assistance and referral center in the field of art and disability.

National Center on Accessibility
http://www.ncaonline.org/
(812) 856-4422 Voice TTY: (812) 856-4421
This is a dynamic and innovative leader in the movement to include people with disabilities in recreation, parks and tourism.

Open Directory-Society for Disabled-Arts
dmoz.org/Society/Disabled/Arts
Packed full of many links related to arts.

Wheelchair & Ambulatory Sports, USA
www.wsusa.org
(732) 266 – 2634
Information on wheelchair sports, rules and qualifying standards.

The Mesa Association of Sports for the Disabled
http://arizonadisabledsports.com/
(480) 835-6273
This site offers a variety of adapted services and programs.
**Aging with Stroke**

**Area Agency on Aging – Region One**

http://aaaphx.org/

(602) 264-2255  (603) 230-9132 (fax)  1(888) 783-7500 (toll free)

They advocate, plan, coordinate, develop and deliver services for adults aged 60+, adults aged 18+ with HIV/AIDS, adults aged 18+ with disabilities and long-term care needs, and family caregivers.

**AZ Links**


AZ Links is Arizona’s Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), created to help Arizona seniors, people with disabilities, caregivers and their family members locate resources and services that meet their needs. This is a department in the Arizona Department of Economic Security.

**Health in Aging (Stroke)**


(212) 308-1414  (800) 563-4916

This site provides information to help older adults and their caregivers consider their disease or condition in conjunction with other health issues.

**June Isaacson Kailes - Health and Wellness**

www.jik.com/hwawd.html

This site has information on health, wellness and aging with a disability.

**National Council on Aging**

(571) 527-3900

http://www.ncoa.org/

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) brings together nonprofit organizations, businesses, and government to develop creative solutions that improve the lives of all older adults.
Caregiver Resources

American Stroke Association / American Heart Association
http://www.strokeassociation.org/STROKEORG/LifeAfterStroke/ForFamilyCaregivers/For-Stroke-Family-Caregivers_UCM_308560_SubHomePage.jsp
(888) 4-STROKE   (888) 478-7653

Arizona Department of Economic Security
https://des.az.gov/services/aging-and-adult/family-caregiver-support-program-fcsp
This program offers information about available services, assistance in gaining access to supportive services, individual counseling and training to assist caregivers in decision making and problem solving related to their roles, respite care and other services.

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http://aaaphx.org/
(602) 264-2255   Toll Free (888) 783-7500
Plans, coordinates, develops and delivers services for seniors, adults with disabilities and long term needs and family caregivers of older adults.

Arizona Caregiver Coalition
http://www.azcaregiver.org/
(888) 737-7494
The Arizona Caregiver Coalition was created to support you and your family to help find access to information, assistance, answers, new ideas and helpful options for you and your loved one

National Family Caregivers Association – Caregiver Action Network
http://caregiveraction.org/
(202) 454-3970
They are working to improve the quality of life who care for loved ones with chronic conditions, disabilities, disease, or the frailties of old age. They offer a resource toolbox and other resources to assist caregivers.

National Stroke Association
http://www.stroke.org/we-can-help/caregivers-and-family
(800) STROKES   (800) 787-6537
Parenting

Abledata: Parents of Children with Disabilities
Phone: (800) 227-0216   (301) 608-8998   TTY: (301) 608-8912
AbleData is the premier source for impartial, comprehensive information on products, solutions and resources to improve productivity and ease with life’s tasks

Disabled Parents Network
www.disabledparentsnetwork.org.uk/
This site is a British consumer group providing information about parenting.

Parents with Disabilities Online:
www.disabledparents.net
This has one-stop resources for parents with disabilities.

Parenting with a Disability Network
www.cilt.ca/parenting.aspx
(416) 599-2458   TTY (416) 599-5077
This site is an independent living Center in Toronto, Canada providing peer support and information sharing network for parents and persons with disabilities.

Through the Looking Glass
www.lookingglass.org
Phone: (800) 644-2666   (510) 848-1112   TTY: (510) 848-1005
Provides links to other sites, supportive services, training and research to improving services to families where one individual has a disability.
Adapting to Stroke – Stroke Support Groups

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https://www.barrowneuro.org/outreach/stroke-support-group/
(602) 406-6688
Contact: Ashley Bridwell
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American Stroke Association
http://www.strokeassociation.org/STROKEORG/strokegroup/public/zipFinder.jsp
This site has a stroke group locator tool. Please call to ensure the group that you are looking up is still active.

The Brain Injury Association of Arizona – BIAAZ
http://biaaz.org/coping-with-brain-injury/support-groups
(602) 508-8285
Look under “BIAAZ Funded Support Groups” on the home page and there is a PDF you can download for Maricopa and Pima Counties.

Joe Niekro Foundation
http://www.joeniekrofoundation.com/
(602) 318-1013
Contact is Natalie Niekro at nniekro@joeniekrofoundation.org
This is a site dedicated to those survivors who have suffered and aneurysm. Their goal is to raise awareness about aneurysm factors, causes, treatments and research

Apps and Games to Help Recovery

St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center
This flyer includes activities that have therapeutic value, to aid in your recovery. These lists have been compiled by therapists at the Barrow Neurological Institute, and are categorized by level of difficulty. Many of these activities allow you to increase the level of complexity as well. Playing these activities is not a substitute for therapy, but can be a fun way to work on important skills. Work with your therapist to decide which apps are best for you.