

Here's How to Begin:

1. First, contact UK Disability Connect at marybeth.vallance@uky.edu or by using the inquiry form on our website: www.hdi.uky.edu/faqs
2. The Disability Resource Coordinator will consult with you via phone or in person to clarify your needs and discuss potential resources.
3. The Disability Resource Coordinator will research programs and resources that may meet your needs. Information provided may include other local, non-profit, state or national program personnel to contact. All resources and contact information will be sent to you directly via e-mail, phone or mail.
4. You may then make direct contact with the referrals that are most appropriate for your situation.
5. If you need further clarification of resources, you may always re-contact the Disability Resource Coordinator.



UK Disability Connect
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disability
connect

Promoting lifelong
opportunities for
individuals with
disabilities



A FREE SERVICE
for UK employees and retirees who
need information and assistance to
promote the safety and independence
of a disabled loved one

What is UK Disability Connect?

UK Disability Connect is a free service for full-time and part-time University of Kentucky faculty, staff, retirees and spouses/partners who assist in the care of loved ones and friends of any age who have disabilities.

The staff at Disability Connect will locate resources in any area of Kentucky or nationally to help you learn about programs relating to specific questions or needs that your loved one is facing. Disability Connect staff may find sources that provide more knowledge about the disability, as well as advocacy or assistance programs which may aid in care-giving or promoting the independence of your loved one.

By contacting UK Disability Connect, you can save phone time, experience less stress and have resources at hand for easy access and contact.

Referrals are researched individually, regardless of where your loved one or friend lives. Follow up with the employee usually occurs within four working days.



What kind of help can I get from UK Disability Connect?

- Confidential consultation and referral information including local, state and national resources
- On-campus programs and educational opportunities
- Kentucky Disability Resource Guides
- Advocacy and support group programs
- Early intervention (birth to 3) information and resources relating to special education throughout high school
- Post-secondary programs for those with intellectual and other developmental disabilities to participate in community colleges and universities
- Accessible housing information
- Employment information
- Assistive technology information and resources
- Information on futures planning
- Disability advocacy organizations which have ongoing newsletters and disability-specific information

UK Disability Connect assists:

- UK employees
- UK retirees
- Spouses/partners of UK employees and retirees

Did You Know?

Employees who use UK Disability Connect report:

- Reduction in time spent locating resources about disabilities
- Success and informative feedback when they make contact with suggested resources
- Positive experiences securing services and social support from advocacy groups and programs

Contact

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