



Parent Training and Information Centers (PTIs) are funded by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) to help families of children with disabilities understand their rights, navigate special education, and advocate effectively. **Pathfinder Services of ND (PSND)** is North Dakota’s designated PTI, offering resources, guidance, and individualized support to families, youth, and professionals. PSND supports families through Early Intervention, Special Education, and Secondary-Transition; fosters collaboration with schools; and empowers families to help plan their child’s success.

Direct Support:

Direct Support is a three-tiered statewide service offering individualized support, referrals, and guidance to help families and/or youth navigate systems like Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP), Individualized Education Program (IEP), Section 504, Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE), and Secondary-Transition. It prepares and empowers families to collaborate effectively with schools and service providers.

Resources:

Pathfinder Services of ND (PSND) offers a comprehensive library of vetted, state and federal resources for families, youth, and professionals. Topics include special needs, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Early Intervention, Special Education, Secondary-Transition, IPE, employment, and post-secondary options.

<http://www.pathfinder-nd.org/resources.php>

Training & Development:

PSND offers free training through live and recorded webinars, virtual, and in-person workshops for families, youth, and professionals. These sessions provide accurate federal and state-specific information and can be held at schools, community groups, and professional training events.

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Outreach & Leadership:

PSND raises awareness and helps families, youth, and professionals access services while advocating for those in need. Through outreach and partnerships across North Dakota, PSND promotes change by sharing information and amplifying the voices of families and youth.