



Parent Mentors share ideas and resources with one another on a daily basis.

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## *Toys for our Special Needs Children*

Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa are now upon us! This is a wonderful time of year. However, for some families, finding appropriate and safe toys for their child with a disability can be difficult and expensive. The following information is being provided in hopes of this toy buying processing being made a little bit less daunting and more enjoyable.

### **Wonderful websites:**

[Answers 4 Families](#) from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. This link will take you to page filled with companies who make and/or sell toys for children with special needs. It is a huge and extensive list!

[Amazon.com](#) has their annual holiday list of great toys for special needs children. Did you know that [Toys R Us makes an entire catalog of toys](#) for differently-abled children!?!? Well, they do and it is extensive and wonderful. Check out the website for Q & A and to order your own FREE catalog.

All the toys featured in the catalog are available nationwide at any Toys R Us! So, no need to place special orders, pay for shipping costs and wait weeks for the item to arrive. Just go into your local Toys R us.

[This Guide has Top Ten Tips](#) for purchasing toys, what to consider, safety, and so on.

A fantastic guide to help you when shopping for the "right" toys for your child and his/her specific disability, strengths and needs.

*Happy Holidays!*

