



## Lekotek Affiliate Services

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The National Lekotek Center is committed to extensive support of its affiliates by nurturing the replication of the Lekotek model. Affiliates responsiveness and active participation in the network is necessary to ensure that these services are amply utilized. The National Lekotek Center provides the following services and products to its affiliates:

- NATIONAL ADVOCACY of the Lekotek mission to use interactive play experiences, and the learning that results, to promote the inclusion of children with special needs into family and community life.
- NATIONAL PROMOTION of Lekotek services in this country through television and radio coverage, newspaper articles, and publications.
- LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES to introduce and support efforts that benefit Lekotek programs and Lekotek constituents as well as disseminate and educate Lekotek affiliates on advocacy related issues.
- PROGRAM/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE in all phases of direct services to families.
- COMMUNICATION links among Lekotek affiliates and the national office and within the network.
- PROGRAM SUPPORT LETTERS required for grants or projects.
- COLLABORATION WITH OTHER NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
- COLLABORATION ON NATIONAL PROJECTS such as, AblePlay, *Toys R Us Guide for Differently Abled Kids*, and NAPPA
- PRODUCTS AND PUBLICATIONS DEVELOPMENT for use in Lekoteks and/or for promotional purposes, that respond to the needs of families who have children with disabilities including:
  - Manuals
  - Newsletters
  - Information on toy and play
  - Flyers/Fact Sheets
  - Brochures in English and Spanish
  - Videotapes
- SITE VISITS
- ASSISTANCE IN NATIONWIDE REFERRALS OF FAMILIES TO LEKOTEKS IN THE U.S.
- WEBSITE which features listings of Lekotek programs in the US and other Lekotek resource information for families and professionals.

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- TOY AND COMPUTER SOFTWARE BUYING CONSULTATION
- FUNDRAISING CONSULTATION through technical assistance with proposals, strategy, and ideas and periodic information on grants and resource
- TELEPHONE CONSULTATION FOR PROGRAMMING ISSUES
- CONFERENCES AND REGIONAL MEETINGS for Lekotek personnel emphasizing continuing education, networking, and support for professionals
- TRAINING PROGRAMS AND LEKOTEK CERTIFICATION for Lekotek Leaders and other professionals including the Lekotek Training Seminar.
- DISSEMINATION of programs and information among all Lekoteks:
  - Annual statistical reports on the network
  - Other written surveys and reports
  - Management newsletters (AFFILIATE ADVISOR) and e-newsletter and announcements
- ANNUAL TOY DONATIONS solicited from toy and play equipment companies. Each site will receive a toy box. Additional toys will be distributed at Lekotek's annual conference for those in attendance.
- DISEMINATION of information on national and state conferences.
- CEU CREDITS for professional development and certifications by attending Lekotek workshops, annual conference and Lekotek Leader trainings.
- JOB POSTING DISEMINATION to assist in securing new employees.

**Please direct all affiliate questions or requests for any of the above services to the Director of Affiliate Services at the National Lekotek Center.**

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