

Pointers For Parents

Special Toys For Special Kids

(NAPSA)—Making toy-buying seem more like child's play for many parents, grandparents and friends is the latest edition of a useful guide.

Over 50 toys for children of all ages and abilities, from a rubber stamp set to Animal Alley Puppets to a True Life Newborn Doll, are featured in the free Toys "R" Us *Toy Guide for Differently Abled Kids*. Each toy is evaluated by the National Lekotek Center, an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to making the world of play accessible to children with all types of disabilities. Each toy showcased has been assigned specific symbols identifying its potential benefits or play-value, so parents know just how the toy can be used to build educational or developmental skills, from tactile to social.

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The easy-to-follow text and symbols key found in the guide describes just how the toy can be used to build educational or developmental skills.

The guide is free at Toys "R" Us stores.



Recognizing that toys can open the doors to imagination and learning for all children, one of the world's largest toy store chains has come up with a *Toy Guide for Differently Abled Kids* and advice for all parents.

Featured on the cover of this, the 8th edition of the booklet, is broadcast journalist, mother of four, and author, Maria Shriver. Her latest book, *What's Wrong With Timmy?* is about a boy who's developmentally disabled. It's available as of October 16, 2001.

"This guide is a wonderful resource for anyone to use in making sure that their child has a toy that's appropriate to his or her learning capabilities," said Shriver.

The guides and toys are available at Toys "R" Us stores nationwide. The toys can also be ordered online from www.toysrus.com.



Note to Editors: The booklet is available as of Oct. 1, 2001. Please do not run this article before that date.