

Macomb/St. Clair County Chapter Autism Society of America



Resource Guide

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The Macomb/St. Clair County Chapter of the Autism Society of America is proud to present this Resource Guide for all our families and caregivers of children and adults affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders.

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Information provided in this guide is for informational purposes only. The inclusion of any resource or service in this guide should not be taken as an endorsement by the Macomb/St. Clair County Chapter of the Autism Society of America.

Users of this guide are encouraged to do their own investigation of the resources provided to determine if a particular service or resource is appropriate for the specific individual in need of assistance. **The Macomb/St. Clair County Chapter of the Autism Society assumes no responsibility for the use of any service or resource published in this guide.**

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Macomb/St. Clair County Chapter
Autism Society of America

Autism Resource Guide

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ADVOCACY AND ORGANIZATIONS

ARC Services of Macomb

44050 N. Gratiot Ave.
Clinton Twp, MI 48036
(586) 469-1600
Fax: (586) 469-2527
www.arcservices.org

Advocacy, information, programs for people with developmental disabilities.

ARC (The) of Oakland County

1641 W. Big Beaver
Troy, MI 48084
(248) 816-1900
www.thearcoakland.org

Advocacy, information, programs for people with developmental disabilities.

Asperger Society of Michigan

5047 West Main Street #358
Kalamazoo, MI 49009-1001
www.aspergersmichigan.org

Support and information for parents, children and adults affected by Aspergers Syndrome.

Association for Childrens Mental Health (ACMH)

100 W. Washtenaw St.
Suite 4
Lansing, MI 48933-2129
(517) 372-4016
www.acmh-mi.org

Advocacy, family support of people with emotional, behavioral or mental health disorders.

AUTISM ONE RADIO

www.autismone.org/radio

Can listen on your computer to many autism experts speak about a variety of topics regarding Autism Spectrum Disorders.

The Autistic Children's Treatment Network

32500 Telegraph Rd., Suite 209

Bingham Farms, MI 48025

(248) 988-9356

www.ACTNetwork.org

Parent organization of Early Intervention Center. Information and referral. Clinic-based and home-based one-on-one applied behavior analysis. Jennifer Wiessner, Director.

Autism/PDD Resources Network

www.autism-pdd.net

Website with information on key issues associated with Autism Spectrum Disorders. (Diagnosis, Support, Programs)

Autism Research Institute

4182 Adams Ave.

San Diego, CA 92116

(619) 281-7165

Bernard Rimland (deceased) Founder. Advocacy, research, biomedical treatment DAN (Defeat Autism Now) project.

www.autismresearchinstitute.com

Autism Resources

www.autism-resources.com

Offering information and links regarding Autism & Aspergers Syndrome.

Autism Society of America
7910 Woodmont Ave. – Suite 300
Bethesda, MD 20814-3067
(301) 657-0881 or 1-800-3AUTISM
www.autism-society.org

National organization providing information workshops and the newsletter, *The Advocate*.

Autism Society of America - Macomb/St. Clair County Chapter
P.O. Box 182186
Shelby Twp, MI 48318-2186
(586) 477-2235
www.macombasa.org
[HTTP://GROUPS.YAHOO.COM/GROUP/AUTISM-MACOMBASA](http://GROUPS.YAHOO.COM/GROUP/AUTISM-MACOMBASA) (LISTSERV)

Macomb County's chapter providing information, support, activities for families and workshops. Answering machine checked on regular basis.

Autism Society of Michigan
6035 Executive Dr.
Suite 109
Lansing, MI 48911
(517) 882-2800 or (800) 223-6722
E-mail: autism@autism-mi.org
www.autism-mi.org

State organization providing information, bookstore, referrals, workshops.
Yvonne Fleener, Executive Director.

Autism Society of America - Oakland County Chapter
3770 Woodman
Troy, MI 48084
(248) 393-3131
www.asaoakland.org

Local organization providing information, support, conferences and other services. ***Visit this website to access a very comprehensive Autism Resource Guide that can be downloaded from your computer.***

CAUSE (Citizens Alliance to Uphold Special Education)

6412 Centurion Dr., Suite 130
Lansing, MI 48917
(517) 886-9167 (800) 221-9105
FAX: (517) 886-9366
www.causeonline.org

Monitors, advocates, and provides workshops and information about services delivered through the special educational systems in Michigan.
Pat Keller, Executive Director.

Community Mental Health – Macomb County

10 North Main Street 5th Floor County Bldg.
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
(586) 469-5275
Crisis Center: (586) 307-9100 - 24 Hour Crisis Line
Access Center: (586) 948-0222
www.macombcountymi.gov/communitymentalhealth

Provides mental health support services to adults and children with many types of developmental disabilities. Also offers the Family Support Subsidy Program for children with ASD.

Department of Human Services

Formerly-Family Independence Agency (FIA)
(586) 469-7700; 254-1500; 759-5096
www.michigan.gov/dhs

Department of the state of Michigan that provides payments for child day care services for qualifying families when the parent, legal guardian or substitute parent is unavailable because of employment, education, and/or health/social conditions for which treatment is being received. Also provides food stamp services, help with money problems, etc.

Easter Seals - Michigan

310 Church St
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
(586) 468-7000
www.mi.easterseals.com

Occupational Therapy & Speech Therapy for children.

Early On Macomb MISD

44001 Garfield Rd.

Clinton Twp., MI 48038

(586) 228-3331

www.misd.net/AC/EarlyOn.htm

Early On is a statewide early intervention system that provides a range of family services and supports to help infants and toddlers from birth to 36 months who have developmental delays or established conditions that may lead to delays. See the above web site for newsletter and other services.

Future Horizons, Inc.

721 W. Abram St.

Arlington, TX 76013

(800) 489-0727

www.futurehorizons-autism.com

Private non-profit organization providing conferences, books, audio and video tapes and publications about Autism & Aspergers Syndrome.

Judson Center

(248) 549-4339

www.judsoncenter.org

Community based service provider for families with developmental disabilities, including employment, living skills, counseling, respite and much more.

Judson Center/Autism Connections

4410 W. 13 Mile Rd.

Royal Oak, MI 48073

(248) 837-2047

www.judsoncenter.org

Educational, therapeutic, recreational and support services to assist individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families.

Judson Center-Macomb County Regional Office

12220 E. 13 Mile
Warren, MI 48093
(586) 258-0206

www.judsoncenter.org

Variety of family services.

Judson Center/Sophia's Friends

42627 Garfield – Suite 214
Clinton Township, MI 48038
(586) 228-5345

www.judsoncenter.org

Educational, therapeutic, recreational and support services to assist individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families.

L.E.A.N. On Us

Law Enforcement Awareness Network
P.O. Box 182338
Shelby Township, MI 48318

www.leanonus.org

Provides first responders with information and resources for individuals affected by hidden disabilities & mental illness.

Learning Disabilities Association of MI

200 Museum Drive, Suite 101
Lansing, MI 48933
(517) 485-8160
(888) 597-7809
Fax (517) 485-8462

www.ldaofmichigan.org

Helping students with learning disabilities take charge of their lives in their early teens.

Macomb County Community Service Agency – MCCSA

21885 Dunham Rd.
Verkuilen Building-Suite 10
Mt. Clemens, MI 48036
(586) 469-6999
www.co.macomb.mi.us/mccsa

Emergency funds to assist households who need immediate funds for gas, utilities. Max. \$50. Utility assistance thru THAW, Walk for Warmth and referrals to Home Preservation & Energy Program (Weatherization) & REACH. Limited financial assistance. Must be a Macomb resident, some income qualification. Also provides referrals for employment through private sector and other sources.

Macomb-Oakland Regional Center, Inc. (MORC)

16200 Nineteen Mile Rd.
P.O. Box 380710
Clinton Twp, MI 48038
(586) 263-8700
www.morcinc.org

Provides support services for eligible persons with developmental disabilities. Services are provided on an ability to pay basis and may include person-centered planning, respite, State of Michigan Family Support Subsidy and community supports.

**Michigan Department of Education Office of Special Education
And Early Intervention Services**

608 West Allegan
P.O. Box 30008
Lansing, MI 48909
(517) 373-0923
Fax (517)373-7504
www.michigan.gov/mde

Information and monitoring of special education rules in Michigan.

Michigan Protection and Advocacy

4095 Legacy Parkway, Suite 500
Lansing, MI 48911
(517) 487-1755 or (800) 288-5923
www.mpas.org

Provides advocacy and support for people with developmental disabilities. Offers a manual about the special education process.

**National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities
(NICHCY)**

P.O. Box 1492
Washington, D.C. 20013
(800) 695-0285
www.nichcy.org

Information about how to obtain therapeutic services in each state.

Social Security Administration

(800) 772-1213
www.socialsecurity.gov

Financial assistance to people with disabilities who meet low-income guidelines.

Can use the “Office Locator” to locate an office near you.

ARTS AND ART CLASSES

Autism Arts

Sandy McMurray
P.O. Box 423
Eastpointe, MI 48021
(586) 777-7533
www.autismarts.com

Offers worldwide resources for children and adults w/autism for opportunities within the arts.

Variety FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic & Performing Arts

1669 W. Maple
Birmingham, MI 48009
(248) 646-3347

www.varietyfarconservatory.org

Special needs creative arts, music & theatre arts therapy and recreation services.

ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER

ADDapt

38800 Van Dyke Avenue
Suite 200
Sterling Heights, MI 48312
(586) 939-8994
www.addaptmichigan.com

Organization provides individuals and families with comprehensive understanding of ADHD – evaluation, social skills, training, behavior training for parents and life skills for adults.

CHADD

Eastern Wayne/Macomb County CHADD
St. Clair Shores
(586) 447-2845
www.chadd.org

CHADD is a parent support organization that supplies education, advocacy & support for children & adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder. The group meets monthly. See web site for details of times & location.

DRIVING SCHOOLS

A&A Driving School
Drivers Rehabilitation Center of Michigan
28911 Seven Mile Road
Livonia, MI 48152
(734) 464-9011 or 248-476-3222
www.aa-driving.com

Driving evaluations & special training program for ages 16 and up.

Beaumont Health Center
Driving Rehabilitation Program
4949 Coolidge Hwy.
Royal Oak, MI 48072
(248) 655-5800

Offers a variety of services to become a safe driver/independent driving.

Rehabilitation Institution of Michigan – Driver Rehab (Warren Center)
30713 Schoenherr
Warren, MI 48093
(586) 751-5670
(313) 745-9841
(248) 305-7575
www.rimrehab.org/specialtyservices.html

Driving evaluations and training for special needs individuals over 18 years old.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Center for Educational Networking (CEN)

Eaton Intermediate School District
224 S. Cochran
Charlotte, MI 48813
(517) 541-1318
(800) 593-9146
FAX (517) 541-1351
www.cenmi.org

CEN offers products and services for families, educators, community service providers of individuals with disabilities. Web site has a downloadable directory of educational facilities in MI.

Foundation for Exceptional Children

16 Lake Shore Road
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236
(313) 885-8660
www.childrenshomeofdetroit.org/fec

Dedicated to providing a “non-public” school supportive educational program for children with special needs. Specialized classroom and recreational opportunities 5 days a week, 11 months a year.

Learning Circle Academy

2075 Walnut Lake Rd.
West Bloomfield, MI 48323
(248) 538-0115
FAX (248) 865-7670
E-mail info@learningcircleacademy.org
www.learningcircleacademy.org

Designed for students with learning disabilities. Curriculum meets the state guidelines. Serving students in grades 4-12.

Macomb Academy

39092 Garfield Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038
(586) 790-8282

Provides post high school employment & life skills training.

Macomb Intermediate School District

Educational Service Center

44001 Garfield Rd.

Clinton Township, MI 48038

(586) 228-3300

www.misd.net

The MISD serves all 21 school districts in Macomb County. Visit the web site for specific information on services, including: Project Find, Early On, Macomb Infant Preschool Program, Programs for students with Autism and other Cognitive Impairments.

Patricia MacQuarrie, EdD, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education

Michigan Career & Technical Institute

Michigan Career Development

Rehabilitative Services

11611 W. Pine Lake Rd.

Plainwell, MI 49080

(877) 901-7360

(616) 664-4461

www.michigan.gov/mcti

Technical career development for students with disabilities over 17 years of age.

Michigan Department of Education

Special Education Services Area

608 W. Allegan St.

P.O. Box 30008

Lansing, MI 48909

(517) 373-3324

www.michigan.gov/mde

Information and monitoring of special education rules in Michigan.

START (Grand Valley State University)

State Autism Resources and Training

388C. DeVos Center

401 W. Fulton St.

Grand Rapids, MI 49504-6431

(616) 331-6480

FAX (616) 331-6486

www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter

Training and resources for professionals, parents and others working with and for individuals with ASD.

U.S. Department of Education

Office of Special Education Programs

400 Maryland Ave. S.W.

Mailstop 2561

Washington, D.C. 20202-2531

(202) 205-5507

www.ed.gov

NICHCY – National Information Center for children and youth with disabilities.
Provides 500 links about special education.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Macomb Academy

39092 Garfield Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038
(586) 790-8282

Provides post high school employment & life skills training.

Michigan Rehabilitation Services

P.O. Box 30010
Lansing, MI 48909
(800) 605-6722

www.michigan.gov/mrs

To assist individuals with disabilities into employment and self-sufficiency.

Clinton Township Main MRS Office
43630 Hayes Rd. - Suite 120
Clinton Township, MI 48038
(586) 412-1510
(877) 620-7943 (toll free)

Michigan Works!

Employment & Resource Center
43630 Hayes
Suite 100
Clinton Township, MI 48038
(586) 263-1501
Mt. Clemens: 586-469-7702
Roseville: 586-447-9200
Port Huron: 810-966-3300

www.michiganworks.org

Service center providing a comprehensive array of employment and training services.

INTERNET SITES

Abilitations.com: Therapeutic & Fun products

Dotolearn.com: free pictures for schedules; subscriptions fro schedule maker

Softcinch.com: bulk Velcro

Graphic.org: story maps, graphic organizers

Inspiration.com: mapping/graphic organizer software program

Kidaccess.com: Eye-con software program

Linguissystems.com: speech/language materials and programs

Picturemereading.com: Dolch Word flashcards with a picture embedded in each word

Readinglady.com: Irlen overlays, highlighter tape

Superduperinc.com: Picture This software, educational, therapeutic and fun products

Tinsnips.org : lots of visual downloads

Yellowpagesforkids.com/help/mi.htm: Yellow pages for Kids with Disabilities, disability information groups, evaluators, tutors, support groups, advocacy groups, state agencies.

LEGAL RESOURCES

Laura Athens

30741 Tanglewood Tr.
Farmington Hills, MI 48331
(248) 661-0801

Special Education Law, Guardianship, Special Education hearing officer.

Patricia Dudek

Hafeli, Staran, Hallahan, Christ & Dudek, P.C.
4190 Telegraph Road
Suite 3000
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
(248) 731-3080
www.hshcdlaw.com
email: pdudek@hshcdlaw.com

Special Needs Wills & Trusts

Alan F. Polack

45684 Village Blvd.
Shelby Twp, MI 48315
(586) 532-7100

Special Needs planning.

Minoti Rajput

Secure-Planning Strategies
40 Oak Hollow St. – Suite 315
Southfield, MI 48033
(248) 827-2580
www.rajputsps.com
email: mrajput@rajputsps.com

Special Needs Wills & Trusts

Wrightslaw

www.wrightslaw.com

Website contains information about legal advocacy for children with disabilities. For parents, educators, advocates and attorneys who want information about special education law, education law, and advocacy. Articles, cases and free resources on many related topics. Has free online newsletter, The Special Advocate.

MACOMB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Administration Macomb County School Districts

District	Last Name	First Name	Position	Department	Phone
Armada Area Schools	Konwinski	Jill	Director	Special Education	(586) 784-4520
Center Line Public Schools	Bomberski	Thomas	Director	Special Education	(586) 510-2050
Chippewa Valley Schools	Wrona	Karen	Director	Special Education	(586) 723-2180
East Detroit Public Schools	Cairo	Sally	Director	Special Education	(586) 445-4438
Fraser Public Schools	Curi	Gail	Director	Special Education	(586) 879-2225
Lake Shore Public Schools	Kliebert	Martha	Director	Special Education	(586) 285-8610
Lakeview Public Schools	Beswick	Maureen	Director	Special Education	(586) 445-4000
L'Anse Creuse Public Schools	Supanich	Nancy	Director	Special Education	(586) 783-6500
Macomb Intermediate School District	MacQuarrie	Dr. Patricia	Asst. Supt.	Special Education & Student Sv	(586) 228-3510
Macomb Intermediate School District	Koepeke	Dr. Thomas	Director	Special Education Mgmt Svcs	(586) 228-3454
Mount Clemens Community Schools	McQueen	Yvonne	Director	Special Education	(586) 469-6100
Richmond Community Schools	Avery	Sandy	Director	Special Education	(586) 727-3553
Roseville Community Schools	Karen McGuire	Tom Lutostanski	Director	Special Education	(586) 445-5675
Van Dyke Public Schools	Means	Diane	Director	Special Education	(586) 758-8338

Warren Consolidated Schools	Fitzpatrick	Shari	Director	Special Education	(586) 698-4129
Warren Woods Public Schools	Simeck	Daniel	Supervisor	Special Education	(586) 439-4455
Macomb Intermediate School District	MacQuarrie	Dr. Patricia	Asst. Supt.	Special Education & Student Sv	(586) 228-3510

PHYSICIANS AND SPECIALISTS

ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE

Laura Lohman Gannan DHM CCH

3893 Peabody Dr.
Bloomfield Hills, MI
(248) 203-7123
e-mail: officecall@aol.com

Alternative Medicine – classical homeopath.

Dr. John Hicks, M.D.

1270 Doris Rd. (MORC)
Auburn Hills, MI 48326
(262) 740-3000 (corporate office)
FAX (262) 740-3001
www.pathwaysmed.com

Dan! Protocol doctor. Holistic, Board certified pediatrician. Practice is 100% devoted to care of children with autism.

Dr. Thomas Kabisch, D.O.

2330 Stadium Blvd., Suite 2
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
(734) 971-5483
FAX (734) 971-7585

Both conventional and alternative medicine. Follows DAN! Protocol.

Dr. David Jantz

Alternative Health Care Center
20415 Mack Avenue
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236
(313) 881-7677
www.ahccenter.com

Provides drugless healing through a variety of techniques for true health & wellness.

McKernan Family Chiropractic

51863 Schoenherr Road

Suite 102

Shelby Township, MI 48315

(586) 997-4086

www.mckernanchiropractic.com

Works with adults and children.

Dr. Rebecca Rogers, N.M.D.

8500 Monroe Street Bldg. I

Sylvania, OH 43560

(419) 885-4550

Alternative naturopath.

Pfieffer Treatment Center

4275 Weaver Parkway

Warrenville, IL 60555

(630) 505-0300

www.hriptc.org

Medical research & treatment facility specializing in treatment of biomedical imbalances.

There is also a Pfieffer Outreach Center at Judson Center.

(www.judsoncenter.org)

Greg Saunders

Synergic Healthstyles, Inc.

2995 Bent Oak Hwy.

Adrian, MI 49221

(517) 263-3859

Alternative medicine – naturopath.

DENTISTS

Drs. Delaney, Plunkett, Ralstrom, Makowski and Associates, P.C.

Northeast Professional Building
39400 Garfield Rd.
Clinton Twp., MI 48038
(586) 286-0700
FAX (586) 286-5932

Works well with special needs population.

Dr. George Henry, DDS

43664 Schoenherr Rd.
Sterling Heights, MI 48313
(586) 247-9700

Parent reports that dentist works well with special needs children.

Dr. Norbert J. Kaminski

16211 E. 11 Mile Rd.
Roseville, MI 48066
(586) 757-6453

Over 12; IV sedation

Kids Grins...Straight Smiles

49050 Schoenherr Rd. Suite 400
Shelby Twp., MI 48315
(586) 247-5544
FAX (586) 247-6677

Dr. O'Riordien/Dr. Sonal Shah

Pediatric Dental Center
11662 Martin
Warren, MI 48093
(586) 754-6300
FAX (586) 754-6407

Dr. Curt Rahlstrom – Preferred Dental

24901 Kelly
Eastpointe, MI 48021
(586) 772- 2090

Parent reports that dentist works well with special needs children.

Dr. Arnold Tracht, DDS

1814 S. Rochester Rd
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 608-2626
www.kidsgrins.com

Parent reports that dentist works well with special needs children.

FAMILY DOCTORS

Dr. Jeffrey Bradstreet, M.D.

1688 West Hibiscus Blvd.
Melbourne, FL 32901
(321) 953-0278

Parent reports that the doctor is excellent with autism care and recovery.

David W. Calton, M.D.

Family Practice
64321 Van Dyke
Washington Township, MI 48095
(586) 336-7321
Fax (586) 336-7356

Parent reports that the doctor works well with special needs children and adults.

GENETIC DOCTORS/RESOURCES

Dr. David Aughton MD

Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak
3535 West 13 Mile Rd. Suite 707
Royal Oak, MI 48073
(248) 551-0487

Genetics. All ages.

Dr. Erawati Bawle MD

Children's Hospital of Michigan

3901 Beaubien

Detroit, MI 48201

(313) 745-4513

&

22201 Moross - Suite 270

Grosse Pointe, MI 48236

(313) 343-4785

Genetics. All ages.

PEDIATRICIANS

Roger Abiragi, M.D.

25650 Kelly - Suite 13

Roseville, MI 48066

(586) 774-7710

Cheryl H. Hack, M.D.

Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics

30301 Woodward

Suite LL165

Royal Oak, MI 48073

(248) 435-9240

Fax (248) 435-4765

David Mandy, D.O.

46660 Romeo Plank #4

Macomb Twp., MI 48044

(586) 228-5437

PEDIATRIC NEUROLOGISTS

Dr. David Benjamins

28755 Schoenherr #100

Warren, MI 48088

(586) 573-6755

**Dr. Harry Chugani MD, Dr. David Benjamins, MD, Dr. Mahbubul HUQ MD
PHD**

Autism Research Clinic
Children's Hospital of Michigan
3901 Beaubien
Detroit, MI 48201
(313) 993-0000

Pediatric neurology.

Dr. John Manica MD/Dr. Gary Trock MD

3535 West 13 Mile Rd. Suite 648
Royal Oak, MI 48073
(248) 228-9110

Pediatric neurologists.

Dr. Michael Nigro

Michigan Institute for Neurological Disorders
28595 Orchard Lake Rd. Suite 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 553-0010
FAX (248) 553-5957

Neurologist for all ages.

PSYCHIATRISTS

Oakland Behavioral Health, PC

David Averbach, MD, MISA
Board Certified Psychiatrist
Specializing in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
23895 Novi Road Suite 600
Novi, MI 48375
(248) 349-2000
Fax (248) 349-2112
Oakandhealth@aol.com

Dr. Laura McMahon, MD, PC

Board Certified Adult and Child Psychiatrist
35782 Harper
Clinton Twp., MI 48035
(586) 792-4008
Fax (586) 792-4063

PSYCHOLOGISTS

The Center for Effective Living, P.C.

Linda Clor MSW, LMFT
42657 Garfield Suite 213
Clinton Twp., MI 48038
(586) 228-8838
Fax (586) 228-0813

Individual, couple and family counseling.

UMACC

University of Michigan Autism and Communication Disorders Center

Dr. Catherine Lord, Ph.D
1111 E. Catherine St. #129
Ann Arbor, MI 48109
(734) 936-8600
www.umaccweb.com

Clinical services, diagnostic evaluations, social groups, & research studies.

Ruth Anan, Ph.D

Licensed Psychologist
Beaumont Center for Human Development
1695 W. 12 Mile Road
Berkley, MI 48072
(248) 691-4774

Sally Bloch, Ph.D

Licensed Psychologist
Kaufman's Childrens Center
6625 Daly Road
West Bloomfield, MI 48322
(248) 343-3318

Teri Hibbard, Ph.D

Licensed Psychologist
52188 Van Dyke, Suite 304
Shelby Twp., MI 48316
(586) 323-0221

Andrew Maltz, Ph.D.

Licensed Psychologist
21929 E. Nine Mile Road
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080
(586) 776-3366

David J. Wartel, Ph.D.

Licensed Psychologist
6346 Orchard Lake Rd., Suite 107
West Bloomfield, MI 48322
(248) 626-1330
Fax (248) 626-9170

PRODUCTS

Care Trak International

1202 Walnut St.

Murphysboro, Illinois 62966

(800) 842-4537

Fax: (618) 687-3539

www.caretrak.com

Tracking/perimeter/mobile locator system. This system was featured on Extreme Makeover Home Edition for the Vardon Family in Oak Park, MI.

RECREATION

Cutting Edge Athletics
44380 N. Groesbeck Hwy.
Clinton Twp., MI 48036
(586) 469-2582
www.cuttingedgeusa.com

Special needs gymnastics

Little League Challenger Division
Clinton Valley Little League
(586) 781-5547
www.eteamz.active.com/cvllchallenger

Little league for persons with special needs

My Chance to Dance
Children's Dance Exercise Class for
The Developmentally Disabled
P.O. Box 8009
Sterling Heights, MI 48311-8009
(586) 446-2704
www.ccplusedance.com

Sterling Heights Parks & Recreation
Sterling Heights Special Recreation Services
40555 Utica Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48311
(586) 446-2700
www.sterling-heights.net

Under 'Forms & Publications' you will find "The Sterling Special".
Offers a variety of activities and services for people of various ages & disabilities.

Warren Parks & Recreation Softball
Northeast Special Recreation League
(586) 268-8400

For mentally & physically impaired individuals.

For List of Camps for Summer
www.ccrea.org
Search for "Camp-O-Rama"

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Paul of Tarsus Catholic Church

41300 Romeo Plank Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038
(586) 228-1210
Fax (586) 228-8935
www.stpauloftarsus.com

Special needs religious education.

St. Peter Lutheran Church

17051 24 Mile Road
Macomb, MI 48042
(586) 781-3434

Special needs Sunday school.

St. Ephrems Catholic Church

Special Needs Religious Education
38900 Dodge Park
Sterling Heights, MI 48312
(586) 264-1230

Special needs religious education.

THERAPY (Occupational, Speech, Sensory, etc...)

Abilities Center

2075 E. West Maple Road
B-204
Walled Lake, MI 48390
(248) 926-0909
Fax (248) 624-3332
www.abilitiescenter.com

OT, PT, Speech/Language, Psychological Services, nutritional therapy and educational tutoring.

The Autistic Childrens Network (ACT Network)

32500 Telegraph Road., Suite 209
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
(248) 988-9356
Fax (248) 723-3341
www.ACTnetwork.org

Research, educational services and information.

ACT Network - Early Intervention Center (EIC)

18300 W. 12 Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48034
(248) 559-5820

Center based and home based programs for children with ASD.

Autism Connections Judson Center

4410 West 13 Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48073
(248) 837-2047
www.judsoncenter.org

Educational, therapeutic, recreational and support services to assist individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families.

Autism Connections Sophia's Friends

42627 Garfield, Suite 214

Clinton Twp., MI 48038

(586) 228-5345

www.judsoncenter.org

Educational, therapeutic, recreational and support services to assist individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families.

Behavioral Building Blocks

Applied Behavior Analysis

P.O. Box 184 Lincoln Park, MI 48146

(734) 368-5393 & (734) 564-1849

www.behaviorbuidingblocks.com

Specializing in Applied Behavioral Analysis interventions for children with developmental and behavioral disorders.

Como Pediatric Communication Center

5877 Livernois

Suite 101

Troy, MI 48098

(248) 828-3800

www.comopedspeech.com

Speech/Language Therapy, Social skills therapy.

Crawl Walk Jump Run Therapy Clinic, LLC

43650 Garfield Road

Suite 103

Clinton Twp., MI 48038

(586) 228-2075

Fax (586) 228-1877

www.crawlwalkjumpruntherapy.com

Therapy clinic with a retail store which provides developmental toys and therapeutic equipment for home usage.

Developing Connections

14145 Simone
Shelby Twp., MI 48315
(586) 566-6280

Occupational and Speech Therapy

First Impressions Farms

33181 27 Mile Road
New Haven, MI 48048
(810) 749-6661

Therapeutic Horse Back Riding.

**Great Expectations Children's Speech, Sensory Integration
and Learning Center**

31580 Schoolcraft Road
Livonia, MI 48150
(734) 762-0332
www.mygreatkid.com

Family Speech, Sensory Integration & Learning Center.

HOPE Center – William Beaumont (Hands-On-Parent Education)

1695 W. 12 Mile Road – Suite 120
Berkley, MI 48072
(248) 691-4744
www.beaumont hospitals.com

An intensive behavioral intervention program for families of preschoolers with autism spectrum disorder using Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA).

Innovative Hearing Services, Inc.

Cindy Bazell-Wilson, MA
Audiologist CCC-A/FAAA
2766 West Eleven Mile Road
Suite 8
Berkley, MI 48072
(248) 544-0560

Auditory Integration Training (AIT)

Jack's Place for Autism at Oakland University

Oakland University
Pawley Hall
Rochester, MI 48309
(248) 370-2424
www.jacksplaceforautism.org
email: jacksplc@oakland.edu

Therapeutic & Recreational Programs, Summer Camps.

K9s for Autism

8725 Cedar Street
Phelan, CA 92371
(866) USK-9DOG or (760) 965-6663
www.us-k9.com

Training K9's for people affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Let's Talk & Pediatric Potentials

19505 East Eight Mile Rd.
St. Clair Shores, MI. 48080
(586) 445-8200
FAX (586) 445-8201
E-Mail: lesleyslp@comcast.net
www.lets-talkspeechtherapy.com
www.pediatric-potentials.com

Speech, sensory integration therapy, O.T., P.T., Handwriting without Tears. Has a good reputation with parents of children on the spectrum.

Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy & Physical Therapy.

Sensory Achievement Center

3005 24th Street
Port Huron, MI 48060
(810) 966-8662

Family-oriented organization which can provide your child an opportunity to increase overall sensory processing skills. The Sensory Achievement Center will provide a comprehensive occupational therapy evaluation to determine your child's specific needs.

Sensory Systems Clinic, P.C.

Children's Occupational Therapy Specialists

30801 Jefferson Avenue

St. Clair Shores, MI 48082

(586) 293-7553

Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy, Sensory Integration, Feeding, Handwriting, Therapeutic Listening and more.

William Beaumont Hospital

Pediatric Rehabilitation

Health Center

4949 Coolidge Highway

Royal Oak, MI 48073

(248) 655-5660

Fax (248) 655-5662

Pediatric Occupational Therapy, physical therapy, sensory integration therapy, summer groups, including swimming.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Autism?

Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life and is the result of a neurological disorder that affects the normal functioning of the brain, impacting development in the areas of social interaction and communication skills. Both children and adults with autism typically show difficulties in verbal and non-verbal communication, social interactions, and leisure or play activities. One should keep in mind however, that autism is a spectrum disorder and it affects each individual differently and at varying degrees - this is why early diagnosis is so crucial. By learning the signs, a child can begin benefiting from one of the many specialized intervention programs.

Autism is one of five disorders that falls under the umbrella of Pervasive Developmental Disorders (PDD), a category of neurological disorders characterized by “severe and pervasive impairment in several areas of development.”

The five disorders under PDD are:

- Autistic Disorder
- Asperger's Disorder
- Childhood Disintegrative Disorder (CDD)
- Rett's Disorder
- PDD-Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS)

Each of these disorders has specific diagnostic criteria which been outlined in the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic & Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV-TR).

What are the signs of Autism?

Every person with autism is an individual, and like all individuals, has a unique personality and combination of characteristics. Some individuals mildly affected may exhibit only slight delays in language and greater challenges with social interactions. They may have difficulty initiating and/or maintaining a conversation. Their communication is often described as talking at others instead of to them. (For example, monologue on a favorite subject that continues despite attempts by others to interject comments).

People with autism also process and respond to information in unique ways. In some cases, aggressive and/or self-injurious behavior may be present. Persons with autism may also exhibit some of the following traits:

- Insistence on sameness; resistance to change
- Difficulty in expressing needs, using gestures or pointing instead of words
- Repeating words or phrases in place of normal, responsive language
- Laughing (and/or crying) for no apparent reason showing distress for reasons not apparent to others
- Preference to being alone; aloof manner
- Tantrums
- Difficulty in mixing with others
- Not wanting to cuddle or be cuddled
- Little or no eye contact
- Unresponsive to normal teaching methods
- Sustained odd play
- Spinning objects
- Obsessive attachment to objects
- Apparent over-sensitivity or under-sensitivity to pain
- No real fears of danger
- Noticeable physical over-activity or extreme under-activity
- Uneven gross/fine motor skills
- Non responsive to verbal cues; acts as if deaf, although hearing tests in normal range.

For most of us, the integration of our senses helps us to understand what we are experiencing. For example, our sense of touch, smell and taste work together in the experience of eating a ripe peach: the feel of the peach's skin, its sweet smell, and the juices running down your face. For children with autism, sensory integration problems are common, which may throw their senses off they may be over or under active. The fuzz on the peach may actually be experienced as painful and the smell may make the child gag. Some children with autism are particularly sensitive to sound, finding even the most ordinary daily noises painful. Many professionals feel that some of the typical autism behaviors, like the ones listed above, are actually a result of sensory integration difficulties.

There are also many myths and misconceptions about autism. Contrary to popular belief, many autistic children do make eye contact; it just may be less often or different from a non-autistic child. Many children with autism can develop good functional language and others can develop some type of communication skills, such as sign language or use of pictures. Children do not "outgrow" autism but symptoms may lessen as the child develops and receives [treatment](#).

Why do they call Autism a Spectrum Disorder?

As the name "autism spectrum disorder" says, ASDs cover a wide range of behaviors and abilities. People who have ASDs, like all people, differ greatly in the way they act and what they can do. No two people with ASDs will have the same symptoms. A symptom might be mild in one person and severe in another person. Some examples of the types of problems and behaviors a child or adult with an ASD might have follow.

Social skills: People with ASDs might not interact with others the way most people do, or they might not be interested in other people at all. People with ASDs might not make eye contact and might just want to be alone. They might have trouble understanding other people's feelings or talking about their own feelings. Children with ASDs might not like to be held or cuddled, or might cuddle only when they want to. Some people with ASDs might not seem to notice when other people try to talk to them. Others might be very interested in people, but not know how to talk, play, or relate to them.

Speech, language, and communication: About 40% of children with ASDs do not talk at all. Others have echolalia, which is when they repeat back something that was said to them. The repeated words might be said right away or at a later time. For example, if you ask someone with an ASD, "Do you want some juice?" he or she will repeat "Do you want some juice?" instead of answering your question. Or a person might repeat a television ad heard sometime in the past. People with ASDs might not understand gestures such as waving goodbye. They might say "I" when they mean "you", or vice versa. Their voices might sound flat and it might seem like they cannot control how loudly or softly they talk. People with ASDs might stand too close to the people they are talking to, or might stick with one topic of conversation for too long. Some people with ASDs can speak well and know a lot of words, but have a hard time listening to what other people say. They might talk a lot about something they really like, rather than have a back-and-forth conversation with someone.

Repeated behaviors and routines: People with ASDs might repeat actions over and over again. They might want to have routines where things stay the same so they know what to expect. They might have trouble if family routines change. For example, if a child is used to washing his or her face before dressing for bed, he or she might become very upset if asked to change the order and dress first and then wash.

Children with ASDs develop differently from other children. Children without ASDs develop at about the same rate in areas of development such as motor, language, cognitive, and social skills. Children with ASDs develop at different rates in different areas of growth. They might have large delays in language, social, and cognitive skills, while their motor skills might be about the same as other children their age. They might be very good at things like putting puzzles together or solving computer problems, but not very well at some things most people think are easy, like talking or making friends. Children with ASDs might also learn a hard skill before they learn an easy one. For example, a child might be able to read long words, but not be able to tell you what sound a "b" makes. A child might also learn a skill and then lose it. For example, a child may be able to say many words, but later stop talking altogether.

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What is PDD-NOS?

PDD-NOS is Pervasive Development Disorder and the term "PDD" is widely used by professionals to refer to children with autism and related disorders. The diagnosis of PDD, including autism, or any other developmental disability, is based upon the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders - Fourth Edition (DSM-IV), published by the American Psychiatric Association, Washington D.C., 1994, and is the main diagnostic reference of Mental Health professionals in the United States of America.

According to the DSM-IV, the term "PDD" is not a specific diagnosis, but an umbrella term under which the specific diagnoses are defined.

What is an IEP?

The Individualized Education Plan (IEP) is a written document that outlines a child's education. As the name implies, the educational program should be tailored to the individual student to provide maximum educational benefit. The key word is individual. A program that is appropriate for one child with autism may not be appropriate for another.

The IEP is the cornerstone for the education of a child with a disability. It should identify the services a child needs so that he/she may grow and learn during the school year. It is also a legal document that outlines:

- The child's special education plan by defining goals for the school year
- Services needed to help the child meet those goals
- A method of evaluating the student's progress

To develop an IEP, the local education agency officials and others involved in the child's educational program meet to discuss education related goals. By law, the following people must be invited to attend the IEP meeting:

- One or both of the child's parents
- The child's teacher or prospective teacher
- A representative of the public agency (local education agency), other than the child's teacher, who is qualified to provide or supervise the provision of special education
- The child, if appropriate
- Other individuals at the discretion of the parent or agency (such as a physician, advocate, or neighbor)

With the [1997 Reauthorization of IDEA](#) (P.L. 105-17), parents now must be included as "members of any group that makes decisions on the educational placement of the child." IEP meetings must be held at least annually, but may be held more often if needed. Parents may request a review or revision of the IEP at any time. While teachers and school personnel may come prepared for the meeting with an outline of goals and objectives, the IEP is not complete until it has been thoroughly discussed and all parties agree to the written document.

Parents are entitled to participate in the IEP meeting as equal participants with suggestions and opinions regarding their child's education. They may bring a list of suggested goals and objectives, as well as additional information that may be pertinent, to the IEP meeting.

The local education agency (LEA) must attempt to schedule the IEP meeting at a time and place agreeable to both school staff and parents. School districts must notify parents in a timely manner so that they will have an opportunity to attend.

The notification must indicate the purpose of the meeting (i.e. to discuss transition services, behavior problems interfering with learning, academic growth).

Parents may encounter stipulations presented by school personnel that may not necessarily be supported by the provisions of the IDEA. Some statements have included:

- "IEPs must be a predetermined number of pages."
- "IEPs are to be completed without parental input and only a certain number of goals and objectives are allowed on the IEP."
- "If your objective doesn't fit into the field length on our computer program, it can't be included."

There is nothing in the federal law that supports these type of statements or stipulations. While parents should not accept misinformation concerning the IEP, you don't need to approach the parent/school relationship in an adversarial manner. It is in everyone's best interest to remember that both parents and teachers share a common goal: to develop a program that will be appropriate for the child with autism. By sharing information and knowledge, parents and schools can collaborate to develop a truly effective IEP.

What is the Family Support Subsidy?

Michigan has a program to help families who care for their children with severe disabilities at home. The Family Support Subsidy Program can pay for special expenses the family has while caring for their child with severe disabilities. This financial support may help prevent or delay placements outside the home. In other cases, the program may provide the funds necessary to allow children to return from placements outside the home. To obtain an application or to get your local Community Mental Health office contact the family support subsidy office in Lansing at 517-335-9480.

Note: If you would like to add a name or service to this Resource Guide, please send it to MSCCC/ASA, P.O. Box 182186, Shelby Township, MI 48318 or call (586) 447-2235 and leave a message. We appreciate your input.