

Where Can I Get More Information?

The resources that follow will help you learn more about ASD and find services for children and adults with ASD and their families.

Developmental Milestones and Early Identification

“Learn the Signs. Act Early.”

www.cdc.gov/ActEarly or 1-800-CDC INFO

Access tools and resources for healthcare providers and early childhood educators, including information on screening tools and free educational materials to give to parents.

Birth to Five: Watch Me Thrive

www.hhs.gov/WatchMeThrive

Find resources related to developmental and behavioral screening and support.

General Information about ASD

CDC Autism Information Center

www.cdc.gov/autism or 1-800-CDC INFO

Check out a full range of resources for parents, educators, researchers, and healthcare providers at this site. Also, learn what CDC is doing to better understand ASD and the causes and risk factors.

Training and Technical Assistance for Professionals

Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs

www.amchp.org/programsandtopics/CYSHCN/projects/spharc

Access the State Public Health Autism Resource Center, a comprehensive resource center for Title V programs and others interested in improving systems for children and youth with ASD and their families.

CDC’s Autism Case Training

www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/act.html

Access an online training or class-room based curriculum designed to educate healthcare providers on fundamental components of identifying, diagnosing, and managing autism spectrum disorder through real life scenarios.

CDC’s Watch Me! Celebrating Milestones and Sharing Concerns Training

www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/watchmetraining/

Access an online training for early care and education providers that provides tools and best practices for monitoring the development of children and talking about it with their parents.

The Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA)

Use ECTA to find state contacts for early intervention programs for infants and toddlers from birth to 3 years (<http://ectacenter.org/contact/ptccoord.asp>) and preschool special education for children from 3 to 5 years old (<http://ectacenter.org/contact/619coord.asp>).

Educating Children with Autism

www.nap.edu/books/0309072697/html/

Read a review of early intervention, preschool, and school programs designed for young children with ASD by the National Academy of Sciences.

The National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorders

<http://autismpdc.fpg.unc.edu/>

Access resources from this project to promote the use of evidence-based practice for children and adolescents with ASD.

The Pediatrician’s Role in the Diagnosis and Management of Autistic Spectrum Disorder in Children

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/content/full/107/5/e85>

Learn about treatments and interventions physicians use to treat ASD in this report from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Technical Assistance and Dissemination Network

www.tadnet.org

Access links to a variety of websites and online resources that focus on special education issues, such as policy, technology, curriculum, and parent trainings.

Other Resources

The Arc’s Autism NOW

<http://autismnow.org/>

Learn about additional resources for individuals with ASD, their families and other stakeholders.

Autism Society

www.autism-society.org or 1-800-3AUTISM (328-8476)

Find local resources and an Autism Society chapter in your state by clicking on the “Chapters” link.

Autism Speaks

www.autismspeaks.org or 1-888-AUTISM2 (288-4762)

Read about what ASD is and how to cope with it. Learn about research and efforts to raise awareness about the disorder.

Autistic Self-Advocacy Network

<http://autisticadvocacy.org/>

Learn about the self-advocate community and access resources on public policy advocacy, community engagement, and quality of life oriented research.

Easter Seals

www.easterseals.com or 1-800-221-6827

Find an Easter Seals program near you and learn about services for people with ASD.

Family Voices

www.familyvoices.org/ or 1-888-835-5669

Learn more about this national network that provides information and support for parents raising children with special healthcare needs or disabilities, or both. For contacts in your state, go to: www.familyvoices.org/states.

Operation Autism. A Resource Guide for Military Families

www.operationautismonline.org/

Operation Autism directly supports U.S. military families touched by ASD. It is sponsored and maintained by the Organization for Autism Research.

The Autism Science Foundation (ASF)

www.autismsciencefoundation.org

Learn more about the ASF, which provides funding to scientists and organizations conducting, facilitating, and promoting autism research.

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/autism/autism.htm

Read about research being done on ASD (available in English and Spanish).

CDC's Study to Explore Early Development (SEED)

www.cdc.gov/seed

Learn more about the largest study in the United States to help identify factors that might put children at risk for ASD and other developmental disabilities.

Clinical Trials

www.clinicaltrials.gov or 301-496-4000

Access a searchable database of the National Institutes of Health that provides patients, family members, and the public with information about current, ongoing clinical research studies.

Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC)

www.iacc.hhs.gov

Learn about the IACC and access the IACC's Strategic Plan for Autism Research.

Organization for Autism Research (OAR)

www.ResearchAutism.org or 703-243-9710

Learn more about OAR's mission to apply research to the challenges of ASD, and access their resources for families and providers.

Other Federal Agencies or Websites

Department of Education

www.ed.gov

Find resources to assist with the educational needs of children with ASD and other developmental disabilities.

Disability.gov

www.disability.gov

Access comprehensive information on disability programs and services in communities nationwide.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

www.fda.gov

Learn about drugs that the FDA has approved to treat children with ASD.

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

www.mchb.hrsa.gov/programs/autism/

Learn more about HRSA's implementation of the Combating Autism Act of 2006.

National Council on Disability

www.ncd.gov

Find out more about disability-related issues on civil rights, cultural diversity, education, emergency management, employment, financial assistance & incentives, health care, housing, long term services and supports, technology, transportation, and youth perspectives.

National Institute of Mental Health

www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/autism-spectrum-disorders-pervasive-developmental-disorders

Find out about the process of diagnosing ASD and about treatment options, including medications used to help people with ASD.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/index.html>

Learn more about the Department of Education's support to parents and individuals, school districts, and states in three main areas: special education, vocational rehabilitation, and research.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

www.hhs.gov/autism/

Learn more about ASD and access links to government agencies working to address ASD.

* We provide links to web pages if you would like to learn more about a topic or organization. Some of these pages are on the CDC website and others are on outside websites. Links to organizations outside of CDC are included for information only and do not indicate any form of endorsement or approval from CDC or the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). CDC has no control over the information at these sites. The views and opinions of these organizations are not necessarily those of CDC or HHS.