Elwyn’s Philadelphia Resource List for Autism and Special Needs 2015

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This document, as well as other resources are available online at http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/ under Resources as well as the Elwyn Resource Page at www.elwyn.org/programs/seeds/

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## PHILADELPHIA AUTISM CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE (PACE)

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<td>1</td>
<td>Child Guidance Resource Center</td>
<td>2901 Island Ave</td>
<td>215-713-4100</td>
<td>Insurance: MA Only. Children of all ages, comprehensive autism evaluations, assessment and treatment, wrap-around, case management, after school, summer camps, medication evaluation, parent support, social skills, Spanish staff available, PRT and Hanen, ABA.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Northeast Treatment Center (NET/PACE)</td>
<td>499 Spring Garden St 855-ASD-PACE (855-273-7223)</td>
<td>215-2801 Grant Ave 3905 Ford Rd 2801 Grant Ave 215-220-2163</td>
<td>Insurance: MA Only-Children of all ages, comprehensive autism evaluations, assessment and treatment, wrap-around, case management, after school, summer camps, parent support, medication evaluation, Autism Parenting Skills Group, Spanish staff available. Drs. Manely Ghaffari and Melissa Brand are also on staff here!</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>SPIN Behavioral &amp; Developmental Services</td>
<td>10541 Drummond Rd 855-ASD-PACE/215-612-7625</td>
<td>215-3905 Ford Rd 2801 Grant Ave 215-220-2163</td>
<td>Insurance: MA, Magellan, Aetna, BCBS. Personal Choice. Children of all ages, comprehensive evaluation for autism, wrap around, case management, after school, medication evaluation, ABA, parent support, summer camp, social skills, Caregiver support group open to all, Spanish staff available.</td>
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## PHILADELPHIA BEHAVIORAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL PROVIDERS

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<td>4</td>
<td>Alternative Choices</td>
<td>319 Vine St 215-592-1333</td>
<td>215-405-2100</td>
<td>Insurance: Accepts some insurances and offer sliding scale. Info: Children of all ages, evaluate for autism, no evaluations for medication, no wrap around. Dr. Robert Naseef and Dr. Cindy Ariel – Psychologists. See Alternative Choices website for families and blog!</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>APM</td>
<td>4301 Rising Sun Ave 267-296-7220 3263 N. Front St 215-426-1077</td>
<td>215-405-2100</td>
<td>Insurance: MA, Aetna, Keystone, United, Better Health, Coventry Care. Info: Children of all ages, no autism evaluations, evaluate for medication, no wrap around services, Spanish Speaking Staff.</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>ATA</td>
<td>1225 Vine St 215-405-2100</td>
<td>215-405-2100</td>
<td>Insurance: MA, Aetna, Blue Gross, Delco Magellan. Info: Children of all ages, no evaluation for autism, evaluate for medications, provide wrap around, sub specialize in sexual abuse cases.</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Melissa Brand, Child Psychologist</td>
<td>1601 Walnut St 215-514-4610</td>
<td>215-405-2100</td>
<td>Insurance: Private Pay (also treats children at NET who have MA), sliding scale: Children of all ages, comprehensive evaluation for autism, family coaching, behavioral assessment, treatment plans, Independent Educational Evaluations, does not evaluate for medication, no wrap around.</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>Carson Valley/Children’s Aid</td>
<td>7500 Germantown Ave 215-753-8111</td>
<td>215-405-2100</td>
<td>Insurance: MA Only. Info: Children of all ages, evaluates for autism, evaluate for medication, provide wrap around.</td>
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<td>Centro de Servicios para Hispanos/JFK</td>
<td>2742 N. 5th St 215-427-3400</td>
<td>215-405-2100</td>
<td>Insurances: MA. Info: Children over the age of 5, no evaluation for autism, evaluate for medication, no wrap around. Spanish speaking staff.</td>
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<td>14</td>
<td>Chestnut Hill College Psychological Services Clinic 1107 Bethlehem Pike Flourtown, PA 215-233-1914</td>
<td>Insurance: Private Pay and very reasonable Sliding Fee. Info: Children ages 6 and up, comprehensive evaluation for autism, psycho-ed testing and evaluations, do not evaluate for medication, no wrap around.</td>
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<td>15</td>
<td>Child Guidance Resource Center 200 Old West Chester Pike, Havertown, PA 610-565-6000</td>
<td>Insurance: MA, Aetna, Better Health. Children of all ages, comprehensive evaluation for autism, evaluate for medication, provide wrap around. Easy to get to via bus from 69th Street.</td>
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<td>16</td>
<td>Children's Outreach/RHD Children's Services 90 Rochelle Ave 215-508-3300</td>
<td>Insurance: MA Only. Children of all ages, evaluate for autism, evaluate for medication, provide wrap around and outpatient counseling.</td>
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<td>17</td>
<td>Children's Services Inc. 1315 Walnut St 215-546-3519</td>
<td>Insurance: MA Only. Kids 5 and up, evaluate for autism, evaluate for medication, provide wrap around.</td>
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<td>18</td>
<td>CHOP CAR (Center for Autism Research) 3535 Market St 866-570-6524</td>
<td>FREE diagnostic evaluation if qualified for research program. Children of all ages, comprehensive evaluation for autism no medications, no wrap around. Provides comprehensive screenings for at-risk siblings. Provide research opportunities for children birth-12.</td>
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<td>19</td>
<td>CHOP Regional Autism Center 3550 Market St 215-590-7500</td>
<td>Insurance: MA, BC/BS. Children ages 0-12, evaluation for autism and other developmental disabilities, evaluate for medication, no wrap around 1 year waiting list.</td>
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<td>20</td>
<td>CHOP Outpatient Psychiatry 3440 Market St 215-590-7555</td>
<td>Insurance: Private Pay and some private insurance (NO MA). Children of all ages, evaluate for autism and other disorders, evaluate for medication, no wrap around.</td>
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<td>21</td>
<td>Clarity Services Group Trevose, PA 215-322-8860</td>
<td>Insurance: MA and some private insurance. Children of all ages, evaluates for autism, does not evaluate for medication, provides wrap around. Spanish, Korean, and ASL staff available. ABA supervised staff.</td>
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<td>22</td>
<td>Community Council 4900 Wyalusing Ave 267-295-8850</td>
<td>Insurance: MA, CHIP. Children of all ages, evaluate for autism, evaluate for medication, outpatient therapy, provide wrap around. Offers therapeutic preschool called “PFI”</td>
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<td>26</td>
<td>Elwyn NON-AUTISM Wrap Around 1 Winding Dr 215-578-3101</td>
<td>Insurance: MA Only – Not part of Elwyn early intervention. Children of all ages, evaluate for autism, evaluate for medication, provide wrap around.</td>
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<td>28</td>
<td>Empowerment Resource Associates 1822 Spring Garden St 215-564-0680</td>
<td>Insurance: MA only Info: Children over the age of 5, evaluate for autism, evaluate for medication, no wrap around. Primarily outpatient counseling center integrated with health clinics.</td>
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<td>30 Irene Feigin, Psychologist 2375 Woodword St 1600 Walnut St 215-960-2420</td>
<td>Insurance: MA, some insurances and private pay. Children ages 5 and up, do not evaluate for autism, do not evaluate for medication, no wrap around. Speaks Russian.</td>
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<td>31 Foundations 833 E. Butler Pk, Doyelstown 215-340-1510 Roxborough office also!</td>
<td>Insurance: MA and ACT 62 insurance. (Will accept families who are in the process of applying for MA). Children of all ages, evaluates for autism and wrap around. Spanish and Creole spoken</td>
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<td>32 Manely Ghaffari Child Psychiatrist 129 N. 4th Street 267-702-0543</td>
<td>Insurance: Private pay. Children of all ages, evaluates for Autism, evaluates for medication, no wrap around. Dr. Ghaffari also sees children at Northeast Treatment Center (NET), one of the Autism Centers of Excellence with MA. Also has an office in Haverford.</td>
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<td>33 Steven Glazier, Psychologist 201 N. Presidential Blvd 215-782-3160</td>
<td>Insurance: MA, private pay, sliding scale, insurance. Children of all ages, does not evaluate for medication, does not do diagnostic evals, no wrap around. Specializes in Floortime/DIR <a href="http://www.stevenglazier.com">www.stevenglazier.com</a></td>
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<td>36 Hall Mercer 245 South 8th St 215-829-5554</td>
<td>Insurance: MA Only. Info: Children of all ages, evaluate for autism, evaluate for medication, no wrap around. Dr. Zheya, (Jenny) Yu, Child Psychiatrist - Chinese(Mandarin). Services available in Cambodian (Khmer), Lao, Cantonese, Fuji, Vietnamese</td>
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<td>39 Jefferson Hospital (aka Nemours Pediatrics at Jefferson) 833 Chestnut St 800-416-4441 or 215-861-8800</td>
<td>Insurance: All insurances accepted. Children of all ages up, evaluates for autism, does not evaluate for medication, no wrap around. Lori Romano, PhD, child psychologist – will diagnose and follow cases as needed.</td>
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<td>40 Juvenile Justice Center 100 West Coulter St 215-849-2112 2821 Island Ave 215-365-3772</td>
<td>Insurance: MA Only. Info: Children of all ages, evaluate for autism, evaluate for medication, provides wrap around. Spanish spoken here!</td>
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<td>41 MCE 800 Clament Ave 267-525-7000</td>
<td>Insurance: MA Only. Info: Children ages 2½ - 21 years old, evaluate for autism, medication management, providers wrap around, outpatient therapy. Primarily a wraparound agency that specializes in serving the autism and hearing impaired community.</td>
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<td>43</td>
<td>Eric Mitchell</td>
<td>6810 Emlen St 215-84-6842</td>
<td>Insurance: No MA (will take Penn Behavioral Health) sliding fee. People of all ages, comprehensive evaluation for autism, family counseling around Autism issues is his specialty, no medication, no wrap around. Dr. Mitchell oversees wrap around at Foundations and Center for Autism for families with MA <a href="mailto:ericmpsvr@yahoo.com">ericmpsvr@yahoo.com</a></td>
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<td>44</td>
<td>Multicultural Wellness Center</td>
<td>120 W. Wyoming Ave. 215-32-8190/8192</td>
<td>Insurance: MA. Info: Children over the age of 6, evaluates for autism, evaluates for medication, no wrap around. Spanish speaking</td>
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<td>45</td>
<td>Ilona Naroditskiy, Licensed Counselor</td>
<td>267-270-5527</td>
<td>Insurance: Private pay and sliding scale fee. Info: Children of all ages, supports and guides families regarding evaluations for autism, does not evaluate for medication, parent counseling and advocacy, no wrap around. Email: <a href="mailto:info@sotherapyservices.com">info@sotherapyservices.com</a> DIR/Floortime. Russian Speaking</td>
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<td>46</td>
<td>Natan Nemirovsky, Psychiatrist</td>
<td>15000 Bustleton Ave 215-856-7140</td>
<td>Insurance: CBH approved insurance. Info: Children over the age of 5, evaluate for autism, evaluates for medication, no wrap around. Russian Speaking Staff.</td>
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<td>47</td>
<td>Northern Children Services</td>
<td>5301 Ridge Ave 215-482-1623</td>
<td>Insurance: MA only. Children of all ages, evaluate for autism, psycho-ed testing, evaluate for medication, provides wrap around, outpatient and after school programs</td>
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<td>48</td>
<td>NET (Northeast Treatment Center)</td>
<td>215-408-4944</td>
<td>Insurance: MA only. Children of all ages, comprehensive psychiatric evaluations including autism, see NET’s Autism Center of Excellence. evaluates for medication, wrap around, parent support and advocacy. Spanish Speaking Staff.</td>
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<td>49</td>
<td>NHS Lehigh (Children’s Reach)</td>
<td>256 E. Lehigh Ave 215-427-1500</td>
<td>Insurance: MA. Children of all ages, DO NOT evaluate for autism, evaluates for medication, wrap around. Spanish Speaking Staff</td>
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<td>50</td>
<td>Northwest Human Services</td>
<td>27 E. Mt Airy Ave 215-248-6700</td>
<td>Insurance: MA Only. Info: Children of all ages, evaluates for autism, evaluates for medication, no wrap around.</td>
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<td>52</td>
<td>Nueva Vida</td>
<td>112 E Allegheny Ave 215-291-1250</td>
<td>Insurance: MA. Info: Children of all ages, evaluates for autism, evaluates for medication, outpatient therapy, family therapy, no wrap around. Spanish Speaking Staff.</td>
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<td>53</td>
<td>PA Mentor</td>
<td>10601 Decatur Rd 215-612-8200</td>
<td>Insurance: MA Only. Ages 3-21, evaluate for autism, provides wrap around, does not evaluate for medication, Spanish speaking staff</td>
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<td>54</td>
<td>PAHrtners</td>
<td>215-884-9770</td>
<td>Insurance: All insurances. For children of all ages who have hearing impairments who need behavioral therapy and evaluations only (including children with autism – must have hearing impairment in addition). Evaluates for autism and medication, wrap around.</td>
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<td>55</td>
<td>Pan American Counseling</td>
<td>4519 N. 5th St 215-457-1620</td>
<td>Insurance: MA. Info: Children over the age of 5, evaluate for autism, will evaluate for medication, no wrap around. Spanish, Arabic, French, Creole speaking staff.</td>
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<td>56</td>
<td>Philadelphia MH Center</td>
<td>1235 Pine St 215-735-7068/9379</td>
<td>Insurance: MA. Children of all ages, evaluate for autism, evaluates for medication, psycho-ed testing, wrap around, outpatient and school based therapy. After school program for ages 7-12 with autism. Spanish Speaking Staff.</td>
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<td>Progressions</td>
<td>3300 Henry Ave 215-924-0684</td>
<td>Insurance: MA and private insurance. Info: Children of all ages, evaluate for autism, evaluates for medication, provides wrap around, outpatient services. School based therapy, accept the adult autism wavier. Arabic, Spanish, speaking staff</td>
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<td>59</td>
<td>SPARC Southeastern PA Autism Resources at West Chester University</td>
<td>610-430-5678</td>
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<td>60</td>
<td>SPIN Behavioral and Developmental Services</td>
<td>10541 Drummond Road</td>
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<td>61</td>
<td>SRI Psychological Services</td>
<td>2824 Cottman Ave</td>
<td>City Wide</td>
<td>215-885-3337</td>
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<td>62</td>
<td>St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children</td>
<td>160 E. Erie Ave</td>
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<td>215-427-5531</td>
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<td>63</td>
<td>Tree of Life</td>
<td>7040 Castor Ave</td>
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<td>215-533-5433</td>
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<td>64</td>
<td>The Village (formerly Presbyterian Children's Village)</td>
<td>6512 Chester Ave</td>
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<td>215-612-6517</td>
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<td>66</td>
<td>Arlene Wallace, Ed.D</td>
<td>215-407-3442</td>
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<td>67</td>
<td>Wedge Recovery</td>
<td>4913 N. Broad St</td>
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<td>215-329-3200</td>
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<td>68</td>
<td>Wordsworth Services</td>
<td>3905 Ford Rd</td>
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Inpatient Psychiatric and Crisis Units

**Foundations**
Doylestown, PA 215-340-1500, No CBH, private insurance, special ASD Unit children ages 5 and up.

**Devereux**
Malvern, PA 800-935-6789. Takes CBH and private insurance, children 5-18 only, no adults. Specific training for ASD.

**Melmark**
Berwyn, PA has a residential unit, specific training for ASD, some CBH and private insurance, case by case. call 610-325-2937

**Brook Glen**
Ft. Washington, PA 215-641-5404, Takes CBH and private insurance, children 13 and up, children with ASD must be high functioning enough to participate in group sessions. No ASD specific programming.

**Belmont Hospital**
4200 Monument Rd, 19131, 215-877-2000, takes CBH and private insurance, takes kids 5 and up. No ASD-specific programming. People with ASD must be high functioning enough to participate in groups.

**Friends Hospital**
4641 Roosevelt Blvd, 19124, 215-831-2600, take CBH and private, kids ages 13 and up, No ASD-specific programming takes people with ASD but must be high functioning to participate in groups.

**Horsham Clinic**
Horsham PA 215-643-7800, takes CBH, No ASD specific programming, takes high functioning children with ASD starting at age 5.

**Fairmount Hospital**
561 Fairmount Ave, Phila, 19128, 215-487-4100, takes CBH and private insurance, ages 5 and up, No ASD-specific programming, take kids with ASD if high functioning and can participate in groups

**Stepping Stones**
An inpatient psychiatric day program for 6-11 year olds. No Autism. 215-849-4300.

**Einstein Crisis Response Unit at Germantown Hospital**
24 hour emergency psychiatric hospitalization for children. 215-951-8300, 1 Penn Blvd., 19144.

**Philadelphia Office of Intellectual Disabilities Service**
**Emergency:** 215-829-5709 (Hall-Mercer 24 Hour Adult Unit, they take people ages 18 and up)

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<td>The Center for Autism</td>
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<td>Full-Day and Half-Day Preschool:2-5 yrs. and After School Social Competency Program for children 6-15 yrs. Child must have Medical Assistance. Two locations: 3905 Ford Road, 19131 and 2801 Grant Avenue,19114.</td>
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<td>Children’s Crisis Treatment Center (CCTC)</td>
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<td>Community Council Therapeutic Preschool (PFI)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hall Mercer Therapeutic Preschool - 215-829-5557 (Ages 3-5 with behavioral disorders and emotional and social difficulties)</td>
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<td>Northwestern Human Services (NHS/Parent and Children Together (PACT)/Children’s Reach - 215-427-1500</td>
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**Education – Early Intervention – Therapy**

There are three agencies that provide free special education and therapy services for children in the city of Philadelphia. They are organized by the ages they serve. For children outside of Philadelphia, call CONNECT at 1-800-692-7288.

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<th><strong>Elwyn SEEDS:</strong> For children ages 3-5.</th>
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<td>Developmental assessment, coordination and services for children 2.6-5 years old.</td>
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<td>Intake and new referrals: 4025 Chestnut Street: 215-222-8054</td>
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<td>Service coordination: 4040 Market Street: 215-921-7164. Visit the website to find a completed listing of the service coordination staff.</td>
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<td>Parent Partners 215-222-4181: parents who have children in the Elwyn system who can provide guidance and support to other parents.</td>
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<td><em>Elwyn Seeds completes evaluations to determine if children are eligible to receive preschool special education services.</em></td>
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<th><strong>Philadelphia School District:</strong> Ages 5-21 years.</th>
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<td>440 N. Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19130, 215-400-4000</td>
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<td>Every neighborhood school has a Special Education Liaison (SEL) who will work with you when you enter the school district of Philadelphia. Call 215-400-4170 to determine your school and special education liaison (SEL).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Autism Coordinator: Judy Anderson 215-400-6310</td>
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<td>Charter Schools: Michael Andrews 215-400-6086</td>
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**The School District of Philadelphia Office of Family and Community Engagement**

Student placement, wrap-around, after school programs, supports for multilingual families, ESL classes, information and referrals for mental health supports, and emergency family needs, all services are free. Located at 440 N. Broad St. 1st Floor, 215-400-4180

**ASERT** Autism Services, Education, Resources, & Training Collaborative  [www.paaautism.org](http://www.paaautism.org)

Resource Center Phone: 877-231-4244  [info@paaautism.org](mailto:info@paaautism.org) The ASERT provides FREE information, training, and support about autism for any age or location within Pennsylvania (in Spanish too!)

**Temple Institute on Disabilities: Families First**  Cathy Roccia-Meier 215-204-1772  cathyrm@temple.edu  FREE training for families with children who receive Early Intervention Services. Workshops cover the basics of Early Intervention and more. English and Spanish!

**Intellectual DisAbilities Services (IDS)**

(Formally Mental Retardation Services/MR services)


(215) 685-5900 (main number)

701 Market Street, Suite 5200

Philadelphia PA 19106

IDS offers a variety of outpatient services for children with either a diagnosis of Intellectual Disability, or a 50% delay in cognition, or an IQ score of 70 or below. If a child qualifies, s/he is eligible for **Family Driven Support Service (FDSS)** Funds. A family must apply on behalf of their child through the Central Office intake number and if s/he qualifies, then the family can receive services through one of the five centers listed below.

If you are a parent or family member of a person receiving IDS in Philadelphia and looking to get support, resources, and information your area, please contact Vision for Equality at 215-923-3349.
Philadelphia Special Needs/Autism Resources and Training

ASERT Philadelphia Autism Community Training Partnership
FREE customized trainings for organizations and agencies in Philadelphia including day cares, clinics, schools, parent groups, faith-based organizations, and private and public agencies. Topics include:
What is Autism?: How is Autism diagnosed? Is there an increase in Autism? Where can I get more information about Autism?
Getting Help: How can I help a person with autism? What are the therapies for Autism? How can I help a family who has a child or an adult with Autism?
Understanding Autism: How can our agency help with challenging behaviors? How can our organizations provide the best supports for accommodating people with Autism?
If you organization or agency is interested in requesting a training please visit:
http://drexel.edu/autisminstitute/education-training/community-training/

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PATTAN (Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network)  www.pattan.net  800-441-3215
FREE training and resources related to children with Special Needs, open to parents and professionals. Many professional videos about technical teaching and therapy methods.

Temple Institute on Disabilities  www.disabilities.temple.edu
Free trainings for any PA resident on a variety of topics: parent advocacy, assistive tech( see PIAT below), criminal justice and disabilities, employment

Pennsylvania’s Initiative on Assistive Technology (PIAT)
PIAT provides information, assessment and trainings for people who would benefit from Assistive Technology (AT). This program allows you to try a device for a limited time to be sure it meets your needs. PIAT also operates a program which offers ways for people to obtain, donate, recycle or sell AT equipment such as IPads and SmartPhones. Visit http://disabilities.temple.edu/tech/ or email to ATinfo@temple.edu.

ABOARD Autism Connection of PA  www.autism-support.org  800-827-9385
The is a statewide agency although based in Western PA, they offer wonderful information on their website including facts and research about autism, resources, info about apps for children with special needs as well as an Autism glossary to better understand abbreviations, you can sign up for their email newsletter too.

Pennsylvania’s Education for All Coalition  “PEAC”  www.paedforall.org  267-232-0570 info@paedforall.org
Free consultation for schools, programs and families related to inclusion options for children with disabilities.

Philadelphia Interagency Coordinating Council (PICC) for families with children ages 0-5
A collaborative partnership between families Early Intervention Providers and Early Childhood Community Agencies offering support, information, trainings special events and advocacy for the families of children 0-5 years old. Twitter!215-731-2464  philadelphiaicc.org or philadelphiaicc@yahoo.com

Philadelphia Autism Network  http://www.elwyn.org/program/seeds
Free monthly trainings on practical issues such as behavior, toileting and language development, free childcare, no registration. Contact Karen Krivit 215-460-7725 or krivit@elwyn.org
Other Elwyn trainings (most open to the public!): www.solutionwhere.com/elwyn

Next Steps Trainings from CHOP
Low cost 1-day workshops: Next Steps After Getting a Diagnosis of ASD and Next Steps Into Adolescence. Workshops are intended for family and professionals. Gail Stein at 267-426-4910 or steing1@email.chop.edu.
Websites for Free Educational and Therapy Tools

www.reallookautism.com/other-videos/
BEST videos for how to manage everyday things using tools and behavioral methods for children with a variety of disabilities, including Autism

Familia, Familia Series: 4 short videos in Spanish with English subtitles that demonstrate techniques about how to manage tantrums, eating and sleeping problems and toilet training
Search “realmoviesforrealfamilies” on Facebook or YouTube  https://www.facebook.com/realmoviesforrealfamilies

www.jacobslessons.com - ABA tools

http://trainland.tripod.com/pecs.htm - Links you to free picture cards and shows you how to make your own pictures and schedules

www.speakingofspeech.com - Free downloads for communication books, social skills, social stories and IEP goals. A great site for teachers and therapists!

http://sensorysmarts.com - Ideas on how to develop sensory routines/activities within your household without buying things. Also good info on haircuts, winter weather activities, etc.

www.do2learn.com - Free picture schedules and activity ideas for all disabilities.

www.cindysautisticsupport.com - Tons of free stuff to download for both clinicians and families. The website of an over the top amazing AS teacher that has become a bounty of constant great info for many of us

http://jillkuzma:wordpress.com/ - Jill Kuzma’s (SLP) - Social-emotional skills sharing site. Tons of great free resources for language, social skills and behavior including great YouTube reference sites.

www.snagglebox.com - wonderful website for families and professionals with useful tools and articles about dealing with everyday things that are affected by living with Autism.

One Place For Special Needs www.oneplaceforspecialneeds.com
Excellent site for advice about a variety of special needs for parents and professionals. Tips on homework, vacation, how to make picture schedules at home cheaply, and even how to manage haircuts! Free monthly newsletter Signing on is required, but otherwise FREE.

Wondering about apps for a child with Autism or Special Needs?
No matter what the disability is, the best place to find out about apps is on the Autism Speaks webpage: www.autismspeaks.org/autism-apps

Addressing the Bilingual Myth – When a child has a language delay, do families stop speaking their native language?
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SNRqJo9niFY

Welcome Here Parenting Information – Handouts in 16 different languages!!
http://www.welcomehere.ca/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewpage&pageid=1099&stopRedirect=1
Many helpful resources and printable handouts for professionals and families including visual supports, toilet training and sleep.

Autism Expressed www.autismexpressed.com/
Web-based program teaching digital skills to students with ASD. Great for teachers too!
Childcare and Preschool

(Elwyn does not endorse any of the groups or agencies listed herein.

The purpose of this listing is to provide information about resources in the community only)

Child Care Information Services (CCIS)  www.philadelphiachildcare.org  1-888-461-KIDS
This agency helps families locate preschools, camp and childcare and afterschool programs in their community as well as assisting with obtaining subsidized childcare.

PA Regional Keys  267-773-4400
www.seregionalkey.org
Find childcare centers by zip code that are registered and rated!

Prekindergarten Head Start  215-400-4270 (3-5 year olds)
www.phila.k12.pa.us (search: “headstart”)
Preschool for 3-5 years old.; free to eligible low-income families. Special Needs Coordinators assist with the educational needs of disabled children in this setting.

Other Head Start programs (3-5 year olds)
Acelero, Inc: 2 sites. Call 215-235-3198
APM Head Start: Call 215-763-1040
Gateway Community Action: 215-728-2212
Norris Square: 8 sites. Call 215-634-2251

Bright Futures Preschools  215-400-4270 (3-5 year olds)
www.phila.k12.pa.us (search: “Bright futures”)
Bright Futures PreK’s follow the school day and school year schedule and provide education to those children who are three or four years old by September 1st. There are 38 programs held in community elementary schools. Not limited to low-income families.

Early Head Start (0-3 year olds)
Gateway Community Action: 215-728-2212 (home-based)
The Health Federation of Philadelphia: 215-223-5200 (home-based)
Maternity Care Coalition: 215-551-6330. (Home and center based childcare)
CHOP Early HeadStart: 267-425-9900 (home-based)

Frankie’s World  www.frankiesworlddaycare.com  215-763-0151  1011 Poplar Street 19123
Child care ages 0-21, pre-k/headstart for medically fragile children who have skilled nursing needs 5 days a week (some Saturdays available) from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Transportation provided.

Lauren’s House  www.pediatricch.com  1318 West Clearfield St., 19132 (888) 340-9430
Child care for medically fragile children ages 0-21, open 7am-7pm Monday-Saturday.

Pediatria  www.pediatricakids.com  215-376-6801  8101 Washington Lane  Wyncoate PA 19095
Childcare for medically fragile children (ages 0-7) needing skilled nursing care Monday-Friday, 6:30am-6:30pm. Transportation provided.
After School Programs

**Philadelphia Autism Centers of Excellence (PACE)**  1-855-ASD-PACE
PACE provides an array of services for children and their families including after school program. Three locations:
- **SPIN** – 215-612-7625. Located at 10980 Norcom Rd., 19154 (Opening Fall 2014)
- **NET (Northeast Treatment Center)** – 215-238-1426 ext: 1. 458 N. 2nd Street (near Spring Garden) 19123
- **Child Guidance Resource Center** - 267-713-4100. Located at 2901 Island Ave, 19153

**The Center for Autism**  [www.thecenterforautism.org](http://www.thecenterforautism.org)
Social Competency Program for children 6-15 yrs. old (M-Th, 5-7pm). After school programs offered at both CFA sites. Call 215-878-3400 or email [info@thecenterforautism.org](mailto:info@thecenterforautism.org)  **MA ONLY**

**Philadelphia Mental Health Center (PMHC) MA ONLY**  [www.pmh.org](http://www.pmh.org)
For children ages 6-12 with Autism - 3:1 child to adult ratio, sports including swimming. Located at 10100 Jamison Ave, 19116. Call 215-677-4314 :Anthony Russo, ext: 103 or Damaris Torres, ext 100.

**The Variety Club**  [www.varietyclub.org](http://www.varietyclub.org)
For children ages 6-21 from 3-6 p.m. Located throughout the city. Contact Kiana Berry 215- 735-0803 ext. 19

**The Kinney Center of St. Joseph’s University**  [kinneyautism@sju.edu](mailto:kinneyautism@sju.edu) or 610-660-2170
Afterschool Social Skills Program – Class time and days vary by age (ages 3-22). Cost is $325.

**YMCA**  [http://www.philaymca.org/](http://www.philaymca.org/)
- Columbia North:1400 N. Broad St. 19121, 215-235-6440
- Roxborough:7201 Ridge Ave 19128-215-482-3900
- Christian St: 1724 Christian St. 19146, 215-735-5800
- West Philly: 5120 Chestnut St. 19139, 215-476-2700
- Northeast Family: 11088 Knights Rd., 19154, 215-632-1484

The YMCA is now accepting some insurance to cover registration and monthly fee payments!!

**West Phila. Parents of Autistic Children**
New After School Programs! Located at 6050 Market St. Contact Roberta Bellamy 267-231-4120 or 215-472-2764 or [westphilapacs@gmail.com](mailto:westphilapacs@gmail.com)

**Temple University Intergenerational Center**
Grandma’s Kids – Afterschool program for children living in kinship care offering homework help, trips and events. Please contact Joy Woods Jones, Program Direct, 215-204-3105

**Child Care Information Services (CCIS)**  [www.philadelphiachildcare.org](http://www.philadelphiachildcare.org)  1-888-461-KIDS
This agency helps families locate preschools, camp and childcare and afterschool programs in their community as well as assisting with obtaining subsidized childcare.
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The CHOP Center for Autism Research Autism Road Map
https://carautismroadmap.org/
Web-based Information and resources for children, youth, adults and families about Autism

**Autism Speaks**
www.autismspeaks.org  1888-AUTISM2 (1888-288-4762)
“First 100 Days Kit” For families of children who are diagnosed with autism. Available in SPANISH as well!
Want to see what autism looks like at different ages and stages? Visit the autism video glossary!

**Raising Children Network ~ The Australian Parenting Website**
Australian website features diverse families (including Dads!) sharing their stories. Short videos such as “Telling Others About the Diagnosis” and “What About the Sibling?” Many other special needs videos!

**Kennedy Krieger Institute – Early Signs of Autism Videos**
Professional training series showing 1-4 year old children with and without autism.

**Autism Society of America/ Greater Philadelphia Chapter ASA**
www.asaphilly.org  asa-info@comcast.net  asaphilly.org/index.php
A resource for local and national events and information.

**Philadelphia Interagency Coordinating Council (PICC) for families with children ages 0-5**
A collaborative partnership between families Early Intervention Providers and Early Childhood Community Agencies offering support, information, trainings special events and advocacy for the families of children 0-5 years old. Twitter! 215-731-2464 philadelphiaicc.org or philadelphiaicc@yahoo.com

**ASERT  Autism Services, Education, Resources, & Training Collaborative**
www.paaautism.org  Resource Center Phone: 877-231-4244  info@paaautism.org  FREE Statewide Resource Center allows families, individuals with autism, and professionals to contact a live person Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. in English or Spanish. Go online for resources, events, information, news and trainings.

**PA Bureau of Autism Services**
www.autisminpa.org  1-866-497-6898
Excellent website for benefits and legal issues related to Autism in the state such as information about ACT 62 and the Adult Autism Waiver program. http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/fordisabilityservices/autismservices/index.htm

**ASCEND**
www.ascendgroup.org  610-664-6776
Support, information, resources, and advocacy for Asperger’s Syndrome (high-functioning Autism).

**One Place For Special Needs**
www.oneplaceforspecialneeds.com
Excellent place to find advice about a variety of special needs such as parenting and toilet training, homework, vacation, and even haircuts! Signing on is required, but otherwise FREE.

**Autism Inclusion Resources**
www.autismir.com
Directed at helping families with children with special needs to have greater access to positive experiences including air travel. AutismIR.com also provides trainings for companies and clinicians. Created by Dr. Wendy Ross.
(Information and Resources Continued from previous page)

Family friendly articles. Available through iPhone/Android Apps, email or kindle. Small yearly fee.

**La Salle University LADDER program** (LaSalle Autism and Developmental Disabilities Educational Resources)  [http://www.lasalle.edu/autismladdercenter/](http://www.lasalle.edu/autismladdercenter/)  215-951-1042
Workshops and support for families and also college students wanting to specialize in Autism therapies.

List-serve compiled by Cathy Roccia-Meier - crocmei11@gmail.com - gives weekly up-to-date info on local and state Autism events. Sign up so you don’t miss anything! Also has a Facebook Group!

**Special Families Guide List-serve**  [http://alternativechoices.com](http://alternativechoices.com)
Monthly bulletins that are very helpful to families coping with a child with any special need. Email Dr. Robert Naseef at RNaseef@alternativechoices.com

**CAP4KIDS**  [www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia](http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia)
Local resources for families including camps, childcare and dentists. Also offers copies of a screening tool for Autism called the MCHAT. The information on this website can is available in many languages.

**A Teens Guide to Autism** video: very helpful 12 minute video, shows how it feels to have Autism and also offers great advise about how to help and support a peer with Autism.  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p9-l19CKl5g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p9-l19CKl5g)

**Temple Grandin’s** website: Temple Grandin is a woman who has had an extraordinary life, which includes having Autism. Her website, film, books and story offers guidance, skills and inspiration to families and individuals alike.  [http://www.templegrandin.com/](http://www.templegrandin.com/)

**Family Video Series**: Real Movies For Real Families. You Tube and Facebook, see: “realmoviesforrealfamilies”  
“Autism for Asian Families” available in 7 different languages.  
“¡Familia, Familia!” : Spanish with English subtitles: 4 short videos about how to manage tantrum, eating, sleeping and toileting for all children.  
Coming this year: “Autism for African American Families” “Autism for Latino Families” and “Autism: How to Tell (for families and professionals)”.  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVtUXrRRBhQahB--Ft6uA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVtUXrRRBhQahB--Ft6uA)  
[https://www.facebook.com/realmoviesforrealfamilies](https://www.facebook.com/realmoviesforrealfamilies)

**Temple Institute on Disabilities: Families First**  Cathy Roccia-Meier  215-204-1772  cathyrm@temple.edu  FREE training for families with children who receive Early Intervention Services. Workshops cover the basics of Early Intervention and more. English and Spanish!
Advocacy

Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health Special Healthcare Needs Parent Advocacy
Kheli Muhammad: 215-685-5246  email: kheli.muhammad@phila.gov

Parents Involved Network (PIN)  1211 Chestnut St. 19107  267-507-3860
Assists parents or caregivers of children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral needs. Information, resources support services and advocacy. Spanish speaking staff.

Parents Exchange  pex.tripod.com  610-962-0337
Referral and advocacy for parents and caregivers of children with disabilities.

The Arc of Philadelphia  2350 W. Westmoreland St., 19140  215-229-4550  www.arcpddc.org
Training, information and referral support to people with disabilities and their families.

Vision For Equality, Inc  718 Arch St. 6N 19106  267-773-5296  www.visionforequality.org
Advocacy and mentorship for families of children with disabilities also provide trainings on a multitude of topics related to disabilities. Spanish speaking staff: Marisol Ramos 267-777-1291 Jr.ramos@juno.com

Pennsylvania’s Education for All Coalition (“PEAC“)  www.paedforall.org/  info@paedforall.org
Free consultation and advocacy for schools, programs and families related to supporting inclusion options for children with disabilities. Call 267-232-0570. Advocate will attend IEP meetings with families.

PEAL Center (Parent Education Advocacy Leadership) Diane Perry dperry@pealcenter.org  866-950-1040
Information, parent support and technical assistance for people with disAbilities and special healthcare needs and the individuals and families who support them.  www.pealcenter.org

Tools for Meeting Life’s Challenges:  www.toolsmlc.org  866-594-8362  jsullin@toolsmlc.org
Joe Scullin, one of this area’s leading experts on disability advocacy has created this educational non-profit organization that provides resources, support and advocacy, in-person and online, to empower people with disabilities, their families and allies to lead self-determined lives. Information about education, finances and benefits. Free

Parents Organized on Education  westphilapacs@gmail.com
Guidance, support, advocacy for families with Special Needs Children ~ Contact: Roberta Bellamy 267-231-4120/

Disabilities Rights Network of PA  www.drnpa.org  215-238-8070

Pennsylvania Health Law Project  www.phlp.org
123 Chestnut St. 19106  1-800-274-3258  215-625-3663. Spanish speaking staff.

PA Education Law Center  www.elc-pa.org  1315 Walnut Street 19107  1-800-692-7443
(Disabilities Rights Network) Information only—For special education info please call Disability Rights Network)
Research and Treatment

What does the research say about Autism? How can I find out what’s REAL science and not hype? How can my family participate in Autism research in my community. What are the treatments that have science behind them for Autism?

The Official MCHAT Website:  www.mchatscreen.com
The MCHAT is a 20-question screening tool that can be used to determine whether a child may be at-risk for autism and need further testing. The MCHAT is FREE and is available in over 30 languages it can be used for children as young as 6 months.

Videos of many types of therapies in action so you can see what they LOOK like! This website also has videos of children at various ages and skill level who demonstrate some of the signs of Autism. Free but log in is required.

Kennedy Krieger Institute – Early Signs of Autism Videos

Drexel Autism Institute  www.drexel.edu/autisminstitute
Families can explore opportunities to participate in local research projects or connect about questions related to an Autism training or information need. 215-571-3401.

First Words Project of Florida State University  http://firstwords.fsu.edu
Provides an early diagnosis tool called the Infant Toddler Checklist for children 6 to 24 months old. Available in Spanish, Slovenian, Chinese, German and Swedish!

Autism Now  www.autismnow.org
Comprehensive information about what Autism is as well as how to get help, therapy and support. Available in Chinese, Spanish, Filipino, Russian, Vietnamese and Korean!

OAR (Organization for Autism Research)  www.researchautism.org/
Resources for families and professionals about Autism and Asperger’s throughout the lifespan including information for families in the Military. Many items available in Spanish!

CAR: The Center for Autism Research at CHOP  www.centerforautismresearch.com
CAR offers a free lecture series; they can also help families and individuals living with Autism to link to research. Also the amazing Autism Road Map, where you can find many great resources on Treatment methods and what the research says about Autism:  https://carautismroadmap.org/

Association for the Science of Autism Treatment  www.asatonline.org
Describes autism treatment methods and the research and evidence behind them. Great vaccination info!

http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/act/class.html  Videos and training materials for both professionals and parents to learn effective ways to help recognize and treat Autism as early as possible. Answers questions including “Is autism on the rise?”, “What are my chances of having a second child with autism?”

www.autism-watch.org  A website that explains the risks and benefits of treatments and therapies for Autism.

www.autism-society.org  Reviews many questions families have about the causes and treatments of Autism. Offers information in Spanish.
Philadelphia Family Supports and Groups

Autism Specific Supports and Groups

Philadelphia Autism Network ("PAN Trainings")
Free monthly trainings on practical issues such as behavior, toileting and language development. Childcare provided. No registration. Contact Karen Krivit at 215-460-7725 or email krivitk@elwyn.org. Visit www.elwyn.org/programs/seed for the yearly schedule.

SPIN-NET PACE (Northeast Philadelphia)
FREE! Autism Caregiver Support Group meets monthly covering different topics. Contact Barbara Livengood-Dickson at 215-612-7518 blivengood@spininc.org Find them of Facebook!

Philly Autism www.phillyautism.webs.com
FREE! Parent support group in Northeast Philadelphia for families with children of all ages with autism. Meets monthly at the Northeast Regional Library. Email summermoon713@gmail.com or call 215-407-3027. Find them on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/phillyautism#!/groups/neffas/

Guy Talk FREE! http://alternativechoices.com/alternativechoicesevents/
A unique, confidential and supportive get-together for fathers, male caretakers and professionals who work in the autism field. Facilitated by Dr. Robert Naseef. See website for details and dates.

West Philadelphia Parents of Autistic Children
FREE! Parent support group - no registration required. Located at 6050 Market St. Contact Roberta Bellamy 267-231-4120 or 215-472-2764, westphilapacs@gmail.com

Autism Sharing and Parenting www.autismsharingandparenting.org/ 215-413-7106
FREE! Meets monthly. Childcare available — MUST register. Sign up to receive updates about upcoming sessions and events by emailing crocmel11@gmail.com. Light meal provided.

“Nurturing The Child With Autism”
FREE! A 12 week intensive parent training for families who have a child with autism. Includes tokens, snacks and childcare. Provided through CAPE, and the SPIN-NET Centers for Autism Excellence. Call 215-408-4946/4937

Penn Speaks for Autism www.pennspeaksforautism.com
FREE! Monthly family workshops offering activities for children with ASD and their siblings. Find them on Facebook!

Surviving and Thriving After Diagnosis: www.survivingthiving.com Sonia Voynow 215-247-5832
Groups for parents and grandparents! Moderately priced workshops for families who have newly diagnosed children.

ASCEND www.ascendgroup.org 610-449-6776 info@ascendgroup.org
Support for families of children with Asperger’s. Find out about meet–up groups that are ongoing parent run please log on to this website: http://www.meetup.com/autism-414/
General Family Supports and Groups

Connecting parents who have children with similar disabilities within their community, a great resource for families who feel alone and can’t get out. Services available in Spanish and Chinese!!

Hill Freedman School Parent Support Group
Barbara Livengood-Dickson  215-612-7518  blivengood@spininc.org  6200 Crittenden St 19138
FREE!! Open to all parents of students with complex needs in Northwest Philadelphia.

SPEC (Special Parents of Exceptional Children)  215-248-5930
For families of children with ALL disabilities. Monthly support group with a speaker on Saturdays at Chestnut Hill Library. Free, no need to register, light food.  Jean McCouby at  jfmccou@aol.com.

Elwyn Parent Partners  www.elwyn.org/program/seeds  215-222-4181
Parents who have children in the Childlink or Elwyn system (0-5 years old) who provide supports and resources

Special Families Resource Center: guidance on navigating the system, treatment options, and managing family issues. Chips, Dips and Parenting Tips - $10 – offering expert advice and group discussion.

Jewish Family and Children’s Services -
Parent and Grandparent Support groups, open to the whole community regardless of religion. Located at 10125 Verree Road, 19116. Contact: Lisa Ney  lney@jfcsphilhy.com  (267)256-2269

Frankie’s World
Medically Fragile Daycare offering parent support groups every 6 weeks. Contact Crystal Bailey 215-869-9688.

STOMP: Specialized Training of Military Parents  http://stompproject.org  1800-5-PARENT
Information and support for military families with children with special needs.

Philadelphia Interagency Coordinating Council (PICC) for families with children ages 0-5
A partnership between families Childlink, Elwyn offering support, information, trainings, special events and advocacy for the families of children 0-5 years old. 215-731-2464.  www.philadelphiaicc.org

The Arc of Philadelphia  2350 W. Westmoreland St., 19140  215-229-4550  www.arcpddc.org
Various groups for families and people with disabilities, see website for more info.

Visual Impairments and Parenting Workshops! The Library for the Blind hosts workshops for both Caregivers/Parents of Children who are Blind/Visually Impaired as well as for Parents/Caregivers who are Blind/Visually impaired themselves. For more info contact Ruth Rivera 215-496-7980, ext. 206  ruth@ecparenting.org

Kinship Specific Support

FREE! Support and case management for any relative caring for another’s child, specializing in grandparents. Also has a support group meeting twice a month! Located at 1211 Chestnut Street, Suite 200, PA 19107.

Grand Family Resource Center at SOWN(Supportive Older Women’s Network)  www.sown.org
FREE! Provides educational counseling, information/referral, and supportive services to grandparents raising families. Group, one on one, and phone support available. 215-487-3000. Located at 4100 Main St., 19127.

Turning Points for Children: Kinship Care Program (“Kids n Kin”)  215-875-4961
Support and case management for relatives caring for children with special needs.
Sibling Specific Supports and Groups

**CHOP Sibshops**
Sibling support groups for all types of disabilities and diagnoses. Contact Sarah Dzeidzic 215-590-7840/Jessica Mono 267-426-2329.

**Kinney Center Sibshops at SJU**
Sibling support groups – autism specific. Contact Theresa Mc Falls tmacfalls@sju.edu or 610-660-2183. Fee*

**Sibling support Project** [http://www.siblingsupport.org](http://www.siblingsupport.org)
Workshops, online support for youth and adult siblings of all disabilities, includes mentor matching program, resources, and a dynamic national website.

**SPIN/PACE** has a sibling group at times. Please reach out to Barbara Livengood at blivengood@spininc.org for more information.


Sexuality and Relationships

**Social Signals** [https://socialsignalised.com](https://socialsignalised.com)
A resource developed to help families, educators and clinicians learn how to teach adolescents with ASD about appropriately developing and managing relationships; including sexuality and internet issues. Created by Nancy Nowell (215-836-1111/nknowell@gmail.com) who also does trainings for schools and has a private practice focusing on relationship concerns

**Temple Institute on Disabilities** [www.disabilities.temple.edu](http://www.disabilities.temple.edu) Beverly Frantz bfrantz@temple.edu 215-204-5078
Free trainings and consultation for any PA resident on a variety of topics: parent advocacy, criminal justice and disabilities, sexual health concerns TTY: 215-204-1356

**Healthy Relationships and Sexuality Group**
Child Guidance Resource Center -267-713-4100. Located at 2901 Island Ave, 19153
CF Counseling Connections: Ages 18 and up with ASD who are looking for meaningful social relationships. Fee. Contact Abby Connor at 215-498-1420 or CFCounselingconnections@gmail.com

**Autism Risk Management** [www.autismriskmanagement.com](http://www.autismriskmanagement.com)
This website, of Dennis Debbautd, is the leading global voice on autism training for law enforcement and emergency responders.

[www.triangle.org.uk/howitis](http://www.triangle.org.uk/howitis) - An image vocabulary tool to teach children about feelings, rights, safety, personal care and sexuality...65 pages, free, **caution: very graphic.**

[www.stopitnow.org](http://www.stopitnow.org) Information and guidance about age-appropriate sexual behaviors, listing warnings signs for concerning behaviors. Information for all ages of development.

Comprehensive listing of agencies supports and resources related to concerns of child sexual abuse in Philadelphia
INTENSIVE FAMILY SUPPORTS

HIP Health Intervention Program  www.phila.gov/health/MCFH/HIPFamilies.html
FREE! 3 agencies (Health Promotion Council, Congreso and LaSalle School of Nursing) provide home visiting support to families with children who have special health care needs. Teams include nurses, social workers and parent professionals. Services include: advocacy and referrals, system navigation, case management, counseling, attending IEP’s & medical appointments for support. This is NOT an emergency program.
Health Promotions Council – LaMia Bryant – 267-765-2307 or Marla Vega 215-731-2418
Congreso de Latinos Unidos – Tressa Dabney – 215-763-8870 ext 1909 (Serves families speaking all languages)
LaSalle Neighborhood Nursing Center - Sharon Starr – 215-951-5034

“FES” ~ Family Empowerment Services, Home based emergency family support programs
Provides short term, in-home social services (housing resources, utilities, clothing, food, safety, support, etc…) for a variety of family needs. Family, caretaker or a professional can call with the family directly to the agency( or “walk-in”).
United Community Services: 101 Ellsworth Street 215-468-1645 x 313, Lauren Fein laurenfein@ucsep.org (Zips: ‘45,46,48, Center City)
Family Support Services: 5548 Chestnut Street 215-471-3251, Michelle McCoy, mmccoy@fssinc.org (Zip: City-wide)
YSI (Youth Services, Inc.): Crittenden site: 6325 Burbridge St 19144  215-848-6200, ext 1028
Erica Makowski emakowski@ysiphila.org (Zips: ‘18,19,20,26,27,28,29,38,40,41,44,50)
YSI (Youth Services, Inc.): Sunnycrest site: 3828 Spring Garden, 19104  215-387-2050, x104 Vera Keener vkeener@ysiphila.org (Zips 21 and 32)
Women’s Christian Alliance: 1722-42 Cecil B. Moore 19121  215-236-9911, ext 1133 Zakiyah Pugh zpugh@wcafamily.org (Zips: ’21,32,44)
Intercultural Family Services: 4225 Chestnut St. 19142  215-386-1298, ext 240 Janell Tillman(Zips: ’02,03,04,06,07,23,30,31,39,42,43,51)
The Village: 6517 Chester Ave 19142  215-730-2249 Danaya Lewis dlewis@village1877.org (Zips: 04,31,39,42,43,51,53)
The Lutheran Child & Family Services: 5401 Rising Sun Ave 19120  215-424-3741 ext 216 Susan Isenberg susani@lcfsinpa.org (Zips: 11, 14,15, 16,18, 19,20, 29, 32, 36, 41,49,50, 54)
Congreso: 216 W. Somerset 215-763-8870 ext 1432 (Zips: 24,25,26,33,24,25,37,40,41) Doris Acvedo acevedod@congreso.net 215-873-1628
(FES is funded by the prevention arm of DHS but IS not an indication of abuse or neglect.
Contact: Eduardo Village at 215-683-5751 eduardo_villegas@phila.gov)

PA Elks http://www.paelkshomeservice.org/
FREE home based case management support for people of any age with a disability living at home. Families below Erie Ave: Tracy Johnston 610-990-6381; Families above Erie Avenue: Maureen Fitzpatrick 215-333-4605.

Parenting Collaborative pcprefer@phmc.org 215-825-8259 (Spanish speaking)
FREE! Referral to local community based parent support and education groups and parent support classes for behavior.

“Nurturing The Child With Autism”

“Parenting Plus!”
FREE! Parenting class for parents who have a mental health diagnosis at the Mental Health Association of Southeastern PA. Contact Gina Caruso at gcaruso@mhasp.org 267-507-3872

TAMAA: Support for African Immigrant Families (of CCTC)
Free! Contact Mr. Lanfia Waritay, Team Leader 215-496-0707, ext 1500 or lanfia.waritay@cctckids.org

Center for Grieving Children 3300 Henry Avenue, 19129  267-437-3123 info@grievingchildren.org
FREE! A safe and caring place where young people and their families who are grieving a death can find help to grow through the healing process, free.

Philadelphia Anti Violence Partnership, 2000 Hamilton Street, 19130 avphila.org 215-567-6776
FREE! Professional counseling to adult and child co-victims of homicide and victims who have been traumatized by other forms of violence.
Supports for Latino Families

**HUNE (Hispanos Unidos Para Ninos Excepcionals)**  [www.huneinc.org](http://www.huneinc.org)
Provides advocacy and support for Latino families with children with disabilities. 215-425-6203/ 2200 N. 2nd St, PA 19133

**PIN of PA**: Support for Families of Children with Behavior Problems

**Abriendo Caminos A Los Latinos Con Familias Excepcionales/Vision for Equality**
Support group for any family member or friend of a person with a disability. Contact Marisol Ramos 267-777-1291 Jr. ramos@juno.com

**Spanish Language Parent Support and Education:**
- Casa del Carmen: 4400 N. Reese Street 19140/215- 329-5660
- Congreso: 216 West Somerset 19133/215-763-8870

1448 S. 17th. Street, 19148. Afterschool programs and advocacy for Latino families as well as playgroups for children and their parents.

**La Puerta Abierta**  2646 Kensington Ave, 19125  610-745-1952  icfamwell@gmail.com
Free family counseling for undocumented and uninsured Spanish families.

**Amparo de la Niñez, Inc. – Children’s Safe Harbor, Inc.**  [www.amparodln.org](http://www.amparodln.org)  215-324-2919
Multicultural educational program for children including music, computer program, drama, dance, poetry, chorus. 107-109 E. Luray St. 19120

**CCTC Abriendo Caminos**  215-496-0707, ext 1152
Serving the Mexican community offering behavioral support and psychological services.

**Teleton!**  [http://teleton.org/te-ayudamos/autismo](http://teleton.org/te-ayudamos/autismo)
Mi hijo tiene autism...Que hago?, Que es el autism? Que provoca el autism? Como se diagnostic? Que puedo hacer?

“¡Familia, Familia!” : 4 short videos (in Spanish with English subtitles) about managing problems with tantrums, eating, sleeping and toileting for all children.
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVtUXrRRBohcQahB-_Ft6uA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVtUXrRRBohcQahB-_Ft6uA)
[https://www.facebook.com/realmoviesforrealfamilies](https://www.facebook.com/realmoviesforrealfamilies)

**El Centro Estatal de Recursos de ASERT** le facilita a las familias, individuos con autismo y profesionales el contacto con una persona de Lunes a Viernes de 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. a través de la línea telefónica libre de cargos: 877-231-4244 o por correo electrónico a [info@PAautism.org](mailto:info@PAautism.org). El sitio web estatal de ASERT contiene una base de datos de recursos con eventos, información, noticias y capacitaciones. Los individuos, padres y proveedores pueden crear una cuenta gratuita para guardar sus recursos favoritos.
Supports for Asian Families

SEAMAAC: Southeast Asian Mutual Assistant Associations Coalition  www.seamaac.org
Multi service center offering social supports and activities for many Asian families.
Contact Amy Jones at 215-467-0690. Located at 1711 South Broad St. 19148

Intercultural Family Services  ifsi@ifsinc.org
Home and community based case management (in many languages through their FES program) and outpatient mental health services. Located at 4225 Chestnut Street 19104, (215)-386-8490 and 2317 South 23rd Street 19145, (215)-468-4673. For more information contact Jack.trieu@ifsinc.org

Warren E. Smith Outpatient Mental Health
Vietnamese case manager and Vietnamese/Chinese family therapist who sees adults and families (does not diagnose or see children separately). Located at: 2514 North Broad Street, 215-599-8911

Hall Mercer Outpatient Mental Health
Chinese (Mandarin) child psychiatrist, Dr. Zheya (“Jenny”) Yu - 215-829-5554.
Case management available in Cambodian (Khmer), Lao, Fujinese, Vietnamese and Cantonese. Contact Helen Luu at 215-829-5529. Located at 8th and Spruce St, 19107.

Boat People SOS (Vietnamese) Services Center

Lutheran Children’s Services
Philadelphia Refugee Mental Health Collaborative coordinator: Melissa Fogg  215-747-7500  melissaf@lfcsinpa.org

Cambodian Association of Greater Philadelphia  capp.org/programs.html
Supports, resources, case management, after school, summer camp and parent enrichment programs.
2416 South 7th Street 19148/ 215-389-0748  5412 North 5th Street, 19120/ 215-324-4070

Multiservice center for Korean families offering medical and family support. Located at 6705 Old York Rd. 19126.

Chinese Health Information Center at Jefferson Hospital  215-955-8282
Assist, guide, support Southeast Asia immigrant families obtain health insurance.

Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation
http://chinatown-pcdc.org  215—922-2158
Support, education, health and community information for Chinese families.

Autism for Asian families VIDEO! Available in Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese, Korean, Khmer (Cambodian), Nepali, Indonesian and English!
http://drexel.edu/autisminstitute/resources/videos/
www.autismspeaks.org/family-services/non-english-resources/chinese
Respite – “A PLACE FOR A BREAK!”

Crisis Nurseries and Respite Services  ysiphilly.org
The Sally Watson Center: 5128 Wayne Avenue (Germantown)  (215)844-6931
Offers FREE respite services for families Monday-Friday, 7am-5:45pm for ages 0-5. Families must call intake and have proof of child’s immunizations prior to beginning respite services.  
Baring House: 3401 Baring Street (West Philly)  (215) 386-0251
FREE 24 hour emergency respite care for children ages 0-5. Telephone intake process includes proof of your child’s immunizations prior to beginning respite services.

The Variety Club: Weekend Retreats  www.varietyphiladelphia.org
Ages 7 to 21 at the Variety Camp & Developmental Center in Norriton, PA. An interview is scheduled to determine if the resources at Variety meet your child’s needs. A non-refundable fee of $100.00 is due upon acceptance to the program. Application and forms are available on the website or call 610-584-4366.

Family Friends Program at Temple University  www.templeicg.org/Family-Friends
Free! Matching older adult volunteers who provide in–home companionship and respite to children with special needs. This is a part time program that provides breaks for families via respite trips. Call 215-204-3199.

St. Joseph’s University Kinney Center for Autism  www.kinneyautism.sju.edu
“Family Night Out”, one Saturday/month, $50.00 for three hours. Runs at the same time on the SibShop. Fun activities in a safe and structured environment.  
Located at: 5600 City Avenue, 19131. Call 610-660-2170.

The Friendship Circle - “Friends at Home”  www.phillyfriendship.com
Weekly in- home respite by teen volunteers who are matched with Jewish families with children with special needs. Parent must remain at home during the volunteer’s time. FREE. Call 215-574-1765.

Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health  dbhids.org/respite/
Two different types of respite are available for children ages 6-15. Requirements: must be receiving services from Dept of Behavioral Health/CBH and child must have Medical Assistance.  Call 215-685-4746.
Saturday afternoon Respite and Boys and Girls Club Spring and Winter Break programs ($300 mini-grant for a trusted friend or relative who can provide respite).

Home Health Aides and Nursing Services
In exceptional cases where a child with autism has other medical issues or skilled nursing needs and the parent works, some families have been able to obtain home health aide services for their child from a home-nursing agency.

Agencies listed below:
Bayada Nursing: 215-988-9006 bayada.com
Infinite Care: 215-742-3247 infinitecare.org
Rescare Homecare: 215-643-1200/267-460-6234 rescare.com
Visiting Nurse Group: 215-829-8888 visitingnursegroup.com
Pediatric: 215-376-6576 pediatriakids.com
Caregivers America: 866-586-4394 caregiversamerica.com

Jewish Family & Children’s Service  www.jfcsphiladelphia.org
Direct Care Service – will assist with accompanying individuals to appointments and social events, driving to and from appointments and therapies, respite, companionship, errands, and socialization. Open to whole community regardless of religion. Ages 10 and up. $24/hour. Contact Lisa Ney:  lney@jfcsphiladelphia.org/267-256-2269. Located at: 10125 Verree Road, Suite 304, Phila., PA 19116

Nancy’s House: http://www.nancys-house.org/  215.885.0753  Very affordable 1 and 3 day retreats that meet the physical, emotional and practical needs of family caregivers, see website for details.
*Get out and have fun!!*

**Recreation and Community Activities**

**City of Philadelphia Recreation Department**  [www.phila.gov/recreation](http://www.phila.gov/recreation)
After school summer camp and weekend activities for children ages 5-13. Low cost/fees vary. 215-683-3600 (website available in multiple languages)

**Art-Reach Museum Partners**  [www.art-reach.org](http://www.art-reach.org)
ACCESS to museums and facilities (Please Touch, Morris Arboretum, Academy of Natural Sciences...etc) for families with an ACCESS card. 1 ACCESS card admits up to four family members at a rate of $2 per person. (sadly the Zoo and the Franklin Institute are not participating in this). Check website for all facilities!

**Philadelphia Airport Autism Access Program**  [www.autismir.com](http://www.autismir.com)
This Program provides opportunities for children with autism and their families to become familiar with traveling through PHL, and includes Social Stories by Carol Gray and a simulated airport experience. For more information contact accessibility@phl.org

**B.I.G. A-Foundation**
FREE! Teaching life skills through sports at Germantown Friends School. Ages 6-14, Contact Tina Marie at 267-401-3100. Email tinamarieBIGA@gmail.com

**You Too Tennis Program at PENN**
FREE! Ages 6-14. Sundays at UPenn Levy Tennis Pavillion. No equipment needed. Contact Jason Learner at youootennispen@gmail.com. Visit the website: [www.pennspeaksforautism.com](http://www.pennspeaksforautism.com)

**HeARTS for AUTISM**  [www.HeartsforAutism.org](http://www.HeartsforAutism.org)
A monthly workshop for families with children with Autism, using art as means of expression. Located at the Norcom Center in Northeast Philadelphia with activities for caretakers and siblings as well. Pre-registration is required and workshops are FREE! For more information call 267-231-7585 or email robin@heartsforautism.org

**Free Library of Philadelphia**  [www.freelibrary.org](http://www.freelibrary.org)
FREE story and craft hours for children, call 215-685-5322 or check the website for location/hours.

**Settlement Music School**  [www.smsmusic.org 215-320-2625](http://www.smsmusic.org)
Main Site: 3745 Clarendon Avenue, 19114
Regional Sites:
- Mary Louise Curtis Branch: 416 Queen Street | Philadelphia, PA 19147
- Willow Grove Branch: 318 Davisville Road, Willow Grove, PA 19090
- West Philadelphia Branch: 4910 Wynnewfield Avenue | Philadelphia, PA 19131
- Germantown Branch: 6128 Germantown Avenue | Philadelphia, PA 19144

**Tops Soccer/TopSports**
FREE sports and recreations opportunities for children with special needs. Call Steve Milligan at 215.579.2656 or email sa.milligan@verizon.net. (Best through email)

**Holy Terror Stars**  [www.holyterrorstars.webs.com](http://www.holyterrorstars.webs.com)
FREE, Weekly sports for children with ANY kind of special need. All seasons - no age limit. Lots of additional activities as well such as holiday parties and Phillies games. Location: Northeast Philadelphia at New Foundations Charter School (Rhawn and Torresdale) and surrounding area. Contact: Cindy Hinchy at 215-331-9876/cyndistas@verizon.net or Aimee Boothman at 215-847-4422/alrb1021@aol.com.

**Fox Chases Champions**  [www.foxchasechampions.com](http://www.foxchasechampions.com)
FREE Special needs sports organization including indoor/outdoor soccer, bowling and baseball in the Northeast. Contact Matt McDonald 215-745-2785 or email info@foxchasechampions.com.
**MA Athletic Sports Mix**  (Spring, summer and fall seasons)
Sports program for children with any type of developmental/physical disability and their siblings.
Shannon Pakstis – johnsmom2008@yahoo  Steve McLaughlin 267-255-4660/smclaughlin@gmail.com

**Special Olympics PA**  [www.sopaphilly.org](http://www.sopaphilly.org) Nadirah McCauley nmaccaley@specialolympics.org 215-671-5112
Sports program for children 2-7 with special needs, partnering city-wide with the YMCA’s FREE!

**Smith Memorial Playground**  [www.smithkidsplayplace.org](http://www.smithkidsplayplace.org)
FREE indoor playhouse located in Fairmount Park for children 5 and under, outdoor playground for children 10 and up with the famous “Giagnet Slide”. Free story and craft hours. 215-765-4325

**Norcom Community Center**  [www.nccfun.org](http://www.nccfun.org)
Offers year-round recreational activities for children with special needs. Located at 10980 Norcom Rd 19154
Contact Laura Fekete: 215-698-3060/ 215-613-1070

Recreational events for the entire family including: Autism Day at Sesame Place, Please Touch Museum, and many other events all year long 215-735-0803.

**Variety Club Camp Center**
Saturday Arts Program: ages 6-21. an opportunity for participants to explore all mediums of art including visual art, dancing, music, and theater. Sessions take place every Saturday from 9AM-3PM for 10 weeks. Sessions take place in the Fall, Winter, and Spring. Contact Jean Merkl at 610-584-4366.

**Parent to Child**  [www.parent2child.net](http://www.parent2child.net)
A parent and child therapy center offering art and music therapies to promote growth, development and social skills; parent training and sibling club. Sliding fee*. Contact director Kathryn Snyder: 215-450-5271 or kathrynsnyder@comcast.net
Located at: 1722 Pine Street 19103

**Pegasus Riding Academy Inc.**  8297 Bustleton Ave, 19152.  215-742-1500  [www.pegasusridingacademy.com](http://www.pegasusridingacademy.com)

**Jewish Family and Children's Services**  [www.jfcsphilly.org](http://www.jfcsphilly.org)
Social skills groups for children, teens and adults open to everyone regardless of religion.
Located at: 10125 Verree Road, Philadelphia 19116. Contact Lisa Ney at lney@jfcsphilly.org/(267)256-2269

**YMCA**  [www.philymca.org/](http://www.philymca.org/)
Programs are offered at all locations are for children of different ages with special needs. Programs and ages vary. This includes sports and recreation, swimming, daycare/childcare, after school programs, and summer camps. Fees do apply.

Columbia North: 1400 N. Broad St.19121, 215-235-6440
Roxborough: 7201 Ridge Ave 19128, 215-482-3900
Christian St: 1724 Christian St. 19146 215-735-5800
West Philly: 5120 Chestnut Street 19139, 215-476-2700
Northeast Family: 11088 Knights Rd., 19154, 215-632-1484

The YMCA is now accepting some insurance to cover registration and monthly fee payments!!

A guide for families with children with all disabilities to some Philadelphia area recreation and camp opportunities. Compiled by Daniele Blaney a social work student at CHOP in 2005, but many of these agencies are going strong!

**Discovery Garden State Museum**
Free! Open to families with children with ASD. Opportunity to socialize in a safe and interactive environment. 2015 schedule is February 22th, May 17th, August 16, and November 15th, 6-8pm. Call 856-424-1233 ext 311 for more information.

**Franklin Institute – Sensory Friendly Sunday’s**
Exhibits modified to provide a comfortable experience for people on the autism spectrum. Discounted rates for guests arriving between 8-930am. Contact Adrienne Kimball at 215-448-2195 for dates and more information.

**Temple University – Builders Club**
Afterschool social skills Lego groups for kids aged 7-11! Fee’s are on a sliding scale and affordable for most families. Group will meet on Temple’s campus. Call 215-204-6087 for more details.
Campos

Philadelphia Autism Centers of Excellence (PACE)  1-855-ASD-PACE
PACE provides an array of services for children and their families including after school program. Three locations:
SPIN – 215-612-7625. Located at 10541 Drummond Rd., 19154
NET (Northeast Treatment Center) – 855-273-7223. Located at 499 Spring Garden St., 19123
Child Guidance Resource Center - 267-713-4100. Located at 2901 Island Ave, 19153

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Norcom Community Center 10980 Norcom Rd 19154  215- 613-1070  www.nccfun.org
Inclusive camp for special needs and typical children ages 5-18. Children’s activities: Maureen ext. 3077

Variety Club Developmental Overnight Camp  2950 Potshop Road, Worcester, PA 19490  610- 584-4366.
Day Camp: For children and youth with disabilities ages 5-21. Program runs Monday thru Friday throughout the summer. Transportation is available, but limited to a pick-up point in Northeast Philadelphia and Bucks County. Siblings are also welcome to attend. Before and after care available. FEE*
Overnight Camp: (610) 584-4366.
For children and youth with disabilities ages 7-21. Participants stay overnight from Sunday to the next Saturday.
Vocational Program  Jean Merkl  610-584-4366 x1101.
For youth with disabilities ages 14 and up. Program takes place throughout the summer. Participants learn job skills as they participate in various work-related activities including landscaping, cooking, office duties, camp store, etc. Space is limited.

Extended School Year is Back!

A 2-week camp for kids with disabilities ages 6-25. Belmont Avenue and North Concourse in Fairmount Park.
Cost: $125 for both weeks with lunch included!

Madeline Moore Summer Camp Grant  http://dbhids.org/summercamp  215-685-4737
ONLY for children who are receiving CBH services. Provides up to $600/ year for camp available through CBH.

Dragonfly Forest  www.dragonflyforest.org  610-298-1820
Residential overnight camp for ages 7-14, in Westown, PA (Chester County).
Cost: $50 deposit plus additional sliding camp fees.

YMCA  http://www.philaymca.org/
Columbia North:1400 N. Broad St. 19121,  215-235-6440  Roxborough:7201 Ridge Ave 19128215-482-3900
Northeast Family: 11088 Knights Rd., 19154, 215-632-1484

St. Joseph’s University Kinney Center for Autism  610-660-2170/kinney.autism.sju.edu
Summer camp for kids with Autism. You can get on their email list so you don’t miss this opportunity.
Cost: $20 deposit, $1271-$2317, 2week-5week options.

West Phila. Parents of Autistic Children
Cost: $125/w, includes tshirt. (Accepts Madelinie Moore grant and FDSS funds)
Located at 6050 Market St.  Contact Roberta Bellamy  267-231-4120 or 215-472-2764 or westphilapacs@gmail.com

I Think I Can: http://pex.tripod.com/Recreation_Guide_Jan_17_2005.pdf a guide for families with children with all disabilities to some Philadelphia area recreation and camp opportunities. Compiled by Daniele Blaney a social work student at CHOP in 2005, but many of these agencies are going strong!
**Dentists**

**Elwyn Special Needs Dental Clinic**
All ages, all insurances. located at 4040 Market St. 215-895-5533

**Cavity Busters**
All ages, all insurances. 215-677-0380. Multiple sites throughout Philadelphia.

**St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children**
All ages, all insurances. 215-427-5065

**University Penn School of Medicine in affiliation with CHOP**

**Special Smiles at Episcopal Hospital**
100 E Lehigh Ave 215-707-0575
Ages 8 and up. Medical Assistance only. Patient must require general anesthesia only. Must have a referral from a dentist.

**Safety and Car Seats**

**Safety Net**  [https://safetynetbylojack.com/](https://safetynetbylojack.com/)
A sophisticated tracking system specially designed for people who wander and may be non-verbal. See the website or call 877-434-6384. There is a fee*

This program (through Autism Speaks) reviews a number of issues related to the safety of people with Autism including sexual abuse. Swimming and water safety scholarships fund.

** Autism Risk Management**  [www.autismriskmanagement.com](http://www.autismriskmanagement.com)
This website, of Dennis Debbautd, is the leading global voice on autism training for law enforcement and emergency responders.

**The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia’s - Community Car Seat Program @ the Kohl’s Safety Center**  [http://www.chop.edu/health-resources/child-safety-seat-program-chop](http://www.chop.edu/health-resources/child-safety-seat-program-chop)
Located at 34th & Civic Center Boulevard. Contact the safety center at 267-426-5000 for more information.

**Car Seat Loan Program of Pennsylvania**  [www.pakidstravelsafe.org](http://www.pakidstravelsafe.org)
Visit this website for information about the PA car seat loan program – and gather information about all transportation safety awareness and PA sponsored programs.

**E-Z On Vest**  [http://www.eazonpro.com](http://www.eazonpro.com)
This company offers a large variety of safety products, see their website for more information. Call 1-800-323-6598 for more information about safely vests and all other safety products

This is a comprehensive guide to help families and caregivers understand how to adapt to a child’s environment and community to assure they are safe. Information extends to wandering concerns, restraint and seclusion, bullying, and suicide prevention. For caregivers and first responders.
Behavioral Support and CBH

Community Behavioral Health (CBH)  
801 Market Street, 7th Floor, 19107
1-888-545-2600  
www.phila-bhs.org  
Special Needs Unit: 215-413-7663

CBH is the mental health HMO for Philadelphia with Medical Assistance. CBH oversees many programs that private insurances do not pay for such as therapeutic preschools, Wrap-Around services and home-based family therapy. Families with private insurance can obtain Medical Assistance (in most cases) for their disabled child (called PA95, or “the MA loophole”). For more information on how to apply for Medical Assistance, see page 32.

What is Wrap Around?
Wrap Around (aka: BHRS) is a behavioral health support service provided by a team that may consist of a Behavior Specialist Consultant (BSC), a Case Manager and a Therapeutic Support Staff (TSS) Worker. The child must have a psychiatric or psychological evaluation recommending Wrap Around that is written by an approved provider. If a child has private insurance, CBH is required to request that the psychological evaluation is done through the private insurance provider first. Families who have MA can contact a wraparound service provider directly or apply through CBH. This service is NOT provided through the Pennsylvania Department of Education or Elwyn SEEDS. Wrap Around staff are not childcare staff, they must work with a child when a “responsible adult” is present, they do not participate in personal hygiene care such as changing diapers. Wrap around providers are listed on pages 2-7.

Behavioral Health Services and Act 62
Families with private insurance may be entitled to have behavioral services covered up to $36,000/year. To qualify for Act 62 the private insurance must come from an agency that has 50 or more employees and is not “self-insured” or “ERISA”. For more information:
http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/adultlty/autismservices/paautismsuranceact62/autismsuranceactfactsheet/index.htm

Parents Involved Network (PIN)  
1211 Chestnut St. 19107  
267-507-3860
Assists parents or caregivers of children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral needs. PIN provides information, resources support services and advocacy.

Medical Assistance and SSI

MA for Children with a Disability – Known as PH95
MA (Medical Assistance) is medical insurance that may cover things that your child’s primary insurance does not cover. If your child is disabled you may want to explore obtaining MA benefits for him/her.

What does MA pay for that my private insurance might not cover?
For a child, MA covers everything that is medically necessary. Among those services are:

Wrap-Around Services--Wrap-Around services provide some children with a mental health diagnosis home or school based behavioral supports and therapy. For a list of wrap around providers, see pages 2-7.

Medical, Nursing and Home Health Aide Services-- MA can pay for medical or therapy equipment, co-pays, deductibles, transportation to medical appointments, medical bills not covered by your insurance (from up to 3 months ago) and nursing services that are medically necessary.

The Diaper Program-- Diapers are paid for by MA when a child continues to need diapers after the age of 3 due to his/her special needs. See page 33 for more information.

MA is a medical insurance program. It is state funded and administered through the PA Department of Public Welfare; HOWEVER, it is NOT WELFARE. Once your child receives MA you will need to recertify his/her case annually, either over the phone or through the mail. If you already have private insurance you can keep it and also obtain MA to supplement your child’s coverage.

Transportation to medical appointments  
www.logisticare.com

The Medical Assistance Transportation program can provide rides or reimbursement for public transportation or car use for a parent and a child going to or from a medical appointment. Call LogistiCare at 1-877-835-7412 or online go to

Medical Assistance Special Needs Coordinators:
For more contacts related to Special NeedsCoordinators” please see the Directory from the Children with Special Healthcare Needs Consortium from 2014 at this link:
http://www.phila.gov/health/pdfs/PSNC%20Directory.pdf " or contact Nick Claxton at 215-685-5232
How to Apply for Medical Assistance

OPTION A:
Families can call the Child Healthwatch Helpline at PCCY at 215-563-5848 X 17. PCCY will take your information on the phone, gather documents from you by mail or email (dzubow@pccy.org) and send your application in for you. PCCY works often with families in Early Intervention and can follow up on any application if there is a problem.

OR

OPTION B: (“DIY Version”)
1. Call The “Healthy Kids Help Line” at 1-800-986-KIDS (5437) and ask to have a MA application sent to you (ask for application PA600HC) or download an application online at:
   http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/findaform/index.htm and then type in PA 600 HC in the form # field
   After completing the application, please write “MA FOR DISABLED CHILD HANDBOOK SECTION 305 Appendix C95” across the top of the form. This will alert the caseworker to consider the child for eligibility because of their disability.
2. DOCUMENTATION!!! You will need to provide proof of the following items by providing copies.
   The only proofs required by law are:
   - proof of any income in the household, including income received in the child’s name.
   - proof of disability (medical or psychological evaluation written by a licensed clinician within the last 3 months)
   - proof that you did apply for SSI and were rejected due to income (For families who do not meet the poverty guidelines for SSI, this rejection letter can be obtained over the phone you do not have to go to the SSA office)
   - If the client is an immigrant they must provide immigration documents – such as “green cards”

Our advocates at PCCY are aware that families may be asked for more documentation however if this is the case please contact PCCY’s Child Healthwatch Helpline at 215-563-5848 X 17!

...a word about SSI:
SSI, (Supplemental Security Income), is a federally funded program which provides a monthly check and Medical Assistance for people who qualify. To qualify you must have a disabling condition PLUS meet income guidelines to be eligible. To apply, call 800-772-1213, or log on www.ssa.gov. (Search for Supplemental Security Income and go the Application link).

3. Mail the application (make copies and send registered or certified mail so you get a receipt in case it gets lost), get a receipt!
   Philadelphia County Assistance Office County Assistance Office Phone: 215-515-6400
   Philadelphia County Assistance Office
   Philadelphia State Office Building
   801 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

4. The application will be forwarded to your local County Assistance Office. You should hear from them in a letter within 30 days about the status of your application. This letter will contain the name and phone number of the caseworker assigned to your child’s application and your case record number. They may need more information. Keep in mind that the state rule says that you do not need to go to the office at all for an appointment, you can phone, fax or mail information.

OPTION C. on line via the State of PA benefits webpage: https://www.compass.state.pa.us/

To download a free copy of the Elwyn Family Guide to Medical Assistance (reader friendly), please visit www.elwyn.org/SEEDS and click on the MA Guide tab.
The Diaper Program (Only for children over 3)
If you child is three years of age or older and is using diapers because of a developmental delay or medical reason he/she can receive a case of diapers and wipes delivered to your home on a monthly basis.

For Child with Medical Assistance, here is what you can do:
Call your child’s health provider (this is usually the number written on the back of your medical card).
1. Ask the insurance provider what Durable Medical Equipment Company they contract with in your area and get the name and phone number of that company.
2. Call the equipment company and explain that you want to get your child on the diaper program. They will do an intake with you over the phone and then they will ask you to call your doctor and have the doctor fax a prescription for diapers and wipes to them. Get the equipment company’s fax number.
3. Call your doctor’s office and explain that you need to fax a prescription for diapers directly to the equipment company. The prescription needs to include the child’s size and diagnosis.
4. Soon you will begin to receive diapers each month. You will need to renew this process each year if your child continues to need them.
5. If you do not receive the diapers and wipes please call the Medical Equipment Company to check in with them.

For children with Private Insurance in addition to Medical Assistance (i.e. from a parent’s job).
1. Submit the diaper prescription to the private health plan for payment to the durable medical equipment company.
2. The private health plan will deny the payment. Ask for a denial letter in writing.
3. Resubmit the claim to the medical assistance plan provider with the written denial from the private health plan.
4. The durable medical equipment companies can guide you through the rest of the process.

El Programa de Pañal (This is the same information as above but in Spanish)
Si su niño tiene tardanzas del desarrollo y tiene más de 3 años, él o ella pueden recibir pañales gratis por la asistencia médica.
Siga estos pasos:
1. Llame el 1-800 número de teléfono al dorso de la tarjeta médica de su niño para averiguar a quién su "Equipo Médico Duradero local" abastecedor es.
2. Llame aquel abastecedor, y hable con ellos sobre "el programa de pañal". Ellos le dirán que usted tendrá que conseguir una prescripción del doctor de su niño y ellos le darán el número de fax mandar por fax la prescripción.
3. Llame la oficina de doctor de su niño y dígales que su niño necesita al doctor para mandar por fax una prescripción para pañales a la compañía. La prescripción debería declarar el diagnóstico de su niño y debería solicitar un suministro de un 3 meses de pañales con recambios. ¡Asegúrese que el doctor escribe el tamaño de pañal de su niño la prescripción también!
4. La farmacia que proporciona estos pañales dispensará automáticamente pañales genéricos a menos que el doctor declare una razón médica de una marca de nombre.
5. Usted puede ser aprobado para limpieza también.

Resources for Toilet Training
- Maria Wheeler book: Toilet Training for Individuals with Autism and Related Disorders
- www.visualaidsforlearning.com/toilettraining-pack-learning.htm
- www.ilmedico.com/g/plastic-pants/
- http://www.niu.edu/cce/resources/ToiletTraining2.pdf
- http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/autism_spectrum_disorder
- Kc.vanderbilt.edu/site/resources
- http://www.elwyn.org/program/seeds/ (Toilet Training Booklet)
Supports for Adults with Autism

**Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare Bureau of Autism Affairs**  [www.autisminpa.com](http://www.autisminpa.com)
Resources and programs for adults with Autism including the Adult Autism Waiver and the Adult Community Autism Program. 866-539-7689

**ALAW - Autism Living and Working**  [www.autismlivingworking.org](http://www.autismlivingworking.org)  267-322-5800
Helping adults with autism form and sustain households, hold jobs, and contribute to community life, through individual supports and accommodations.

**ASAN The Autistic Self Advocacy Network**  [www.autisticadvocacy.org](http://www.autisticadvocacy.org)
National organization, support, advocacy, focus on teens and education opportunities

**Families Of Adults Autism-ASPhilly**
This is a Yahoo group list-serve for the Phila area for families of adults (age 17 and up) with Autism Spectrum Disorder. This is an forum to learn about the needs of adults with Autism, and other related neurological disorders. [http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/FamiliesOfAdultsAutism-ASPhilly/](http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/FamiliesOfAdultsAutism-ASPhilly/)

**Eastern University**  [www.eastern.edu/campus/academic_support_services/csp/application.html](http://www.eastern.edu/campus/academic_support_services/csp/application.html)
College Success Program for Students Living with Autism

**St. Joseph’s University**  [www.kinneautism.sju.edu/services/aspire](http://www.kinneautism.sju.edu/services/aspire)
Kinney Center offers two College bound programs.

**GRASP Philadelphia (Global and Regional Asperger’s Syndrome Partnership)**  [http://www.grasp.org/](http://www.grasp.org/)

**Jewish Family and Children’s Services – Center for Special Needs**  10125 Verree Road, 19116  [www.jfcsphilly.org](http://www.jfcsphilly.org)
Lisa Ney  [lney@jfcsphiladelphia.org](mailto:lney@jfcsphiladelphia.org)  (267)256-2269
The Network: monthly community-based culturally enriching outings for high functioning adults.
Healthy Relationships and Sexuality: a series of workshops for adults with special needs to address these issues. Both of these programs are open the general community regardless of religion.

**PAR Pennsylvania Advocacy and Resources for Autism and Intellectual Disabilities**  [http://par.net](http://par.net)
Connecting people with Autism or Intellectual Disabilities with supports and services in their community. 717-236-2374

**University of Penn Developmental Disorders Program**  [www.med.upenn.edu/add](http://www.med.upenn.edu/add)
215-573-1159.  Not autism specific.  $800 for each 8 week session.

[www.wrongplanet.net](http://www.wrongplanet.net) - a online forum for adults, parents and professionals with Autism and ADHD


**Healthy Relationships and Sexuality Group**
Ages 18 and up with ASD who are looking for meaningful social relationships. Fee. Contact Abby Connor at 215-498-1420 or CFcounselingconnections@gmail.com
Grants and Financial Planning

BenePhilly Centers: http://sharedprosperityphila.org/city-of-philadelphia-opens-benephillyphila-centers/
FREE 1:1 counseling regarding housing, rent, healthcare, prescriptions, disability benefits, utility bills, food, paying for college, and more: call 844-848-4376 locations are as follows:
- Catholic Social Services, Casa Del Carmen, 4400 North Reese Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140;
- People’s Emergency Center, in the Families First building, 3939 Warren Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104;
- Philadelphia FIGHT, 1233 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102;
- Project HOME, 1515 Fairmount Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19130;
- Utilities Emergency Services Fund, 1617 JFK Blvd, Suite 840, Philadelphia, PA 19103; and
- United Communities Southeast Philadelphia, in the Houston Center, 2029 S. 8th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148.

Bureau of Autism Services, PA Department of Public Welfare
http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/fords/disabilityservices/autismservices/index.htm

Madeline Moore Summer Camp Grant
Provides up to $600/year for children 6-17 to attend a participating summer camp. Child must be receiving publicly funded mental health or behavioral health services (CBH or OMH). Email SummerCamp_DBHIDS@phia.gov or see this website: http://dbhids.us/summercamp. Application must be submitted by a Behavioral Health Provider.

Scholarships for 4 years for K-8 to fund private, parochial and other tuition-based community schools.

SCHWALIE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM/The Lisa Higgins Hussman Scholarship
$3,000 for individuals with Autism towards payment for post-secondary school. Must be submitted by May 1, 2015.

Cradles To Crayons (C2C) www.cradlestocrayons.org/philadelphia 215-836-0958
FREE clothing, school supplies, shoes, coats, bedding and other material goods for children ages 0 to 12. C2C does not work directly with families; requests must go through social workers, health care workers, teachers, and people in similar positions, who place orders for children’s items on behalf of families they support. Parents/families cannot request directly. Agencies must register with C2C. Register your agency today for free!

The New Story Fund: $1,500 each year for families with children (age 0-21) with autism spectrum disorder, serious emotional disturbances, mental retardation or other developmental disabilities. The nomination period is open from January 1 through January 31 every year. http://www.newstory.com/about-us/fund/fund-application/

Kelly Anne Dolan Foundation http://www.kadmf.org/ 215-643-0763 financial assistance for needs not covered by insurance: referrals must be made by a social worker, nurse, or other healthcare provider; child must have a diagnosed serious, chronic, or critical illness, disability, or condition currently requiring medical attention; Parents/families cannot request directly. See website for more info.

Financial/Benefits Advisors

Tools for Meeting Life’s Challenges: www.toolsmlc.org 866-594-8362 jsullivan@toolsmlc.org
Non-profit organization that provides resources, support and advocacy, in-person and online, to empower people with disabilities, their families and allies to lead self-determined lives. Information about education, finances and benefits. Free