

# Elwyn's Philadelphia Special Needs Resource Guide ("The A-List")

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The purpose of this guide is to share information about resources and in no manner whatsoever supports, profits or takes responsibility for the agencies, services, and individuals noted herein. This listing is updated annually by Karen Krivit at Philadelphia Elwyn.

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This guide may be found at **CAP4KIDS.org** <http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/>  
or on the Elwyn SEEDS website: [www.elwyn.org/programs/seeds/](http://www.elwyn.org/programs/seeds/)



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<b>EVALUATIONS FOR BEHAVIOR AND DEVELOPMENT</b>			
<b>MANY TYPES OF CLINICIANS CAN EVALUATE FOR AUTISM INCLUDING PSYCHOLOGISTS, PSYCHIATRISTS, NEUROLOGISTS, NURSE PRACTITIONERS, LICENSED CLINICIANS AND DEVELOPMENTAL PEDIATRICIANS USE THIS RESOURCE GUIDE TO FIND A PROVIDER THAT CAN HELP</b>			
<b>PHILADELPHIA AUTISM CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE( PACE) &amp; CGRC</b>			
1	<b>Child Guidance Resource Center</b> 2901 Island Ave 267-713-4100	19153	MA Only. Children of all ages, comprehensive autism evaluations, assessment and treatment, wrap-around, case management, after school, summer therapeutic camps, medication evaluation, parent support, social skills, sexuality and relationship workshops, Spanish staff available, PRT, PCIT, ABA
2	<b>Northeast Treatment Center (NET/PACE)</b> 499 Spring Garden St 855-ASD-PACE/215-408-4944	19123	MA Only-Children of all ages, comprehensive autism evaluations, assessment and treatment, wrap-around, case management, after school, summer therapeutic camps, parent support, medication evaluation, ABA, Autism Parenting Skills Group, Spanish spoken
3	<b>SPIN Behavioral &amp; Developmental Services</b> 10541 Drummond Rd 855-ASD-PACE/215-612-7625	19154	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 therapeutic camp, social skills, Caregiver support group open to all, Spanish spoken
<b>AUTISM OR BEHAVIOR EVALUATIONS, FAMILY SUPPORT ACCEPTING MA / <u>NO LONG WAITING LIST</u></b>			
PCIT (Parent Child Interactive Therapy) is a new and proven behavior therapy technique that parents can learn to do for only 5 minutes a day with their young child that is effective for helping with many problem behaviors, check it out! <a href="http://dbhids.org/about/organization/epic/ebps/parent-child-interaction-therapy/">http://dbhids.org/about/organization/epic/ebps/parent-child-interaction-therapy/</a>			
4	<b>Bethanna</b> 1212 Wood Street 215-568-2435 1030 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street Pike Southampton, PA 215-355-6500	19107  18966	MA and some private. All ages, <u>evaluates for Autism</u> , medication, psycho educational testing, wrap around, PCIT
5	<b>Greenridge/ INTERACT</b> 6122 Ridge Ave 215-487-1330	19128	MA, CHIP, Keystone, BCBS, Aetna, Better Health, United. Children of all ages, <u>evaluates for autism</u> , evaluates for medication, wrap around, psycho-ed testing, PCIT: parent-child interactive therapy <a href="http://www.intercommunityaction.org">www.intercommunityaction.org</a>
6	<b>Foundations</b> 833 E. Butler Pike 215-340-1510 Roxborough office also!	18901 Doyelstown  19128	MA and some private insurance. (Will accept families who are in the process of applying for MA). Children of all ages, <u>evaluates for autism</u> and wrap around Spanish and Creole spoken
7	<b>NET (Northeast Treatment Center) 5<sup>th</sup> &amp; Sprg Grdn</b> 215-408-4944/4913	19123	MA only. Children of all ages, comprehensive psychiatric <u>evaluations including autism</u> . Evaluate for medication, wrap around, Family-based and PCIT. <b>Spanish Speaking Staff.</b>
8	<b>Epic Developmental Services (previously Clarity)</b> Trevose, PA 215-322-8860	19866	MA and some private insurance. Children of all ages, <u>evaluates for autism</u> , does not evaluate for medication, provides wrap around <b>Spanish, Korean, and ASL</b> staff available. ABA supervised staff.
9	<b>Philadelphia MH Center</b> 1235 Pine St 215-735-7068/9379	19107	MA. Children of all ages, <u>evaluate for autism</u> , evaluates for medication, psycho-ed testing, wrap around, outpatient and school based therapy , PCIT! After school program for ages 7-12 with autism. <b>Spanish</b> Speaking Staff.
10	<b>Progressions</b> 3300 Henry Ave 215-924-0684 4610 Street Rd, Trevose, PA	19129  19053	MA and private insurance. Children of all ages, evaluate for autism, evaluates for medication, provides wrap around, outpatient services. School based therapy, accept the adult autism waiver.  <b>Arabic, Spanish, speaking staff</b>

11	<b>Silver Springs</b> 7145 Germantown Ave 215-247-1427	19119	MA and Aetna. Children ages 2-20, <u>evaluates for Autism</u> , medication, has wrap around. PCIT, Trauma focused CBT.
12	<b>Juvenile Justice Center</b> 100 West Coulter St 215-849-2112 2821 Island Ave 215-365-3772	19144  19153	MA Only. Children of all ages, <u>evaluate for autism</u> , evaluate for medication, provides wrap around. Spanish spoken here! PCIT!
13	<b>Jefferson Hospital (aka Nemours Pediatrics at Jefferson)</b> 833 Chestnut St 800-416-4441 or 215-861-8800	19107	Insurance: All insurances accepted. Children of all ages up. <u>evaluates for autism</u> , does not evaluate for medication, no wrap around.  Lori Romano, PhD, child psychologist – will diagnose and follow cases as needed.
14	<b>APM</b> 4301 Rising Sun Ave 267-296-7220 3263 N. Front St 215-546-9702	19140  19140	MA, Aetna, Keystone, United, Better Health, Coventry Care, Magellin Info: Children of all ages, <u>evaluates for autism</u> , evaluate for medication, no wrap around services, PCIT, <b>Spanish Speaking Staff</b> .
15	<b>Carson Valley/Children's Aid</b> 7500 Germantown Ave 215-753-8111	19119	MA Only. Info: Children of all ages, <u>evaluates for autism</u> , evaluate for medication, provide wrap around. <a href="http://www.milestonespsychologyandwellness.com">www.milestonespsychologyandwellness.com</a>
16	<b>SPIN Behavioral and Developmental Services</b> 10541 Drummond Road 215-612-7625	19154	Accepts most private insurances and Medical Assistance. Children of all ages; <u>evaluates for autism</u> ; evaluates for medications; wrap around; case management; outpatient and social skills treatment group; therapeutic summer camp, services for adults as well.
17	<b>Child Guidance Resource Ctr</b> 200 Old West Chester Pike, 484-454-8700	Havertown 19083	MA, Aetna, Better Health. Children of all ages, <u>evaluation for autism</u> , evaluate for medication, provide wrap around. Easy to get to via bus from 69 <sup>th</sup> Street.
18	<b>Children's Outreach/RHD Children's Services</b> 90 Rochelle Ave 215-508-3300	19128	MA Only. Children of all ages, <u>evaluate for autism</u> , evaluate for medication, provide wrap around and outpatient counseling.
19	<b>Children's Services Inc.</b> 1315 Walnut St 215-670-5952	19107	Insurance: MA Only. Kids 5 and up, <u>evaluate for autism</u> , evaluate for medication, provide wrap around.
20	<b>Community Council</b> 4900 Wyalusing Ave 267-295-8850	19131	Insurance: MA, CHIP. Children of all ages, <u>evaluate for autism</u> , evaluate for medication, outpatient therapy, provide wrap around. Therapeutic preschool called "PFI" for children with behavioral needs w/o Autism.
21	<b>Elwyn NON-AUTISM Wrap Around</b> 3300 Henry Ave 215-578-3101	19129	MA Only – Not part of Elwyn SEEDS early intervention. Children of all ages, <u>evaluate for autism</u> , evaluate for medication, provide wrap around
22	<b>Hall Mercer</b> 245 South 8 <sup>th</sup> St 215-829-5554	19106	MA Only. Children of all ages, <u>evaluate for autism</u> , evaluate for medication, no wrap around BUT CASE MANAGEMENT! Dr. Zheya, (Jenny) Yu, Child Psychiatrist - <b>Chinese(Mandarin)</b> . Services available in <b>Cambodian (Khmer), Laoation, Cantonese, Fujinese, Vietnamese</b>
23	<b>MCC</b> 800 Clarmont Ave 267-525-7000	City Wide	Insurance: MA Only. Info: Children ages 2 ½ - 21 years old, <u>evaluate for autism</u> , medication management, providers wrap around, outpatient therapy.  Primarily a wraparound agency that specializes in serving the autism and hearing impaired community.
24	<b>Northern Children Services</b> 5301 Ridge Ave 215-482-1423	19128	MA only. Children of all ages, <u>evaluate for autism</u> , psycho-ed testing, evaluate for medication, provides wrap around, outpatient and after school programs, PCIT!
25	<b>Northwest Human Services</b> 27 E. Mt Airy Ave 215-248-6700	19119	MA Only. Info: Children of all ages, <u>evaluates for autism</u> , evaluates for medication, wrap around.

26	<b>PA Mentor</b> 10601 Decatur Rd 215-612-8200	19154	MA Only. Children of all ages, <u>evaluate for autism</u> , evaluates for medication, provides wrap around. <b>Spanish speaking staff</b>
27	<b>PAHrtners</b> <b>215-884-9770</b>	City Wide	All insurances. Children of all ages with hearing impairments needing behavioral therapy and evaluations only (including children with autism – must have hearing impairment in addition). <u>Evaluates for autism</u> and medication, wrap around.
28	<b>Warren E. Smith</b> 1315 Windrim Ave 215-455-3900 2514 N. Broad St 215-226-7100	19141 19132	MA. Children of all ages, <u>evaluate for autism</u> , evaluates for medication, provides wrap around. <b>Vietnamese/Mandarin speaking therapist</b> <a href="http://www.drwes.org">www.drwes.org</a>
29	<b>Wordsworth Services</b> 3905 Ford Rd 215-643-5400	19131	Insurance: MA. Children over 5, <u>evaluates for autism</u> , no evaluation for medication, provides wrap around.
30	<b>Wedge Recovery</b> 4913 N. Broad St 215-329-3200 1939 S. Juniper St 215-271-5822 6701 N. Broad St 215-276-3922	19141 19148 19126	MA. Children over 5, <u>evaluates for autism</u> , no evaluation for medication, provides wrap around. <b>Vietnamese and Khmer (Cambodian)</b> speaking case worker and counselor in South Philly site.
<b>AUTISM OR BEHAVIOR SERVICES/MA/ OTHER (NO FAMILY SERVICES/NO WRAPAROUND)</b>			
31	<b>Center for Autism</b> 3905 Ford Rd 215-878-3400 2801 Grant Ave 215-220-2163	19131 19114	MA, Blue Cross, Personal Choice, Keystone HP East. All evaluations at Ford Rd location. Children of all ages, <u>evaluation for autism</u> , evaluate for medication, no wrap around. Outpatient, afterschool programs, therapeutic preschool, social skills.
32	<b>CHOP CAR (Center for Autism Research)</b> 3535 Market St 866-570-6524	19104	FREE diagnostic evaluation if qualified for research program. Children of all ages, <u>comprehensive evaluation for autism</u> no medications, no wrap around. Provides comprehensive screenings for at-risk siblings.
33	<b>Michael Schuman</b> Psychologist 1730 Welsh Rd 215-552-8101	19115	MA, Aetna, Keystone, BC/BS. Children of all ages, <u>evaluates for autism</u> , psychoed testing, Independent Educational Evaluations, no evaluations for medication, no wrap around.
34	<b>Einstein Developmental Pediatrics</b> 5501 Old York Rd 215-456-6786	19141	Insurance: MA and all private insurance. Info: Children of all ages, <u>evaluate for autism</u> , evaluate for medication, no wrap around. Dr. Godbole, neurodevelopmental pediatrician.
35	<b>Greater Philadelphia Health Action</b> 215-831-9882 1401 S. 4 <sup>th</sup> St 4510 Frankford Ave 5501 Woodland Ave	19147 19124 19143	MA, Bravo. Age 5 and up, <u>evaluate for autism</u> , does evaluate for medication, no wrap around. <b>French, Creole, and Spanish speaking staff</b> <a href="http://www.gphainc.org">www.gphainc.org</a>
36	<b>Family Practice and Counseling Network (Drexel Family Health Services)</b> 850 N 11 <sup>th</sup> St 215-769-1100  4700 Wissahickon Ave 215-843-2580  6120 Woodland Ave 267-350-5170	19123  19144 19142	MA only Info: Children over the age of 5, <u>evaluate for autism</u> , evaluate for medication, no wrap around.  Primarily outpatient counseling center integrated with health clinics.  <a href="http://www.fpcn.com">www.fpcn.com</a>
37	<b>Northwestern Human Services – Physicians Group</b> 11082 Knights Rd 215-632-9040	19154	MA, Keystone, Coventry, United, Aetna. Children over the age of 5, <u>evaluates for autism</u> , evaluates for medication, no wrap around.

38	<b>Nueva Vida</b> 112 E Allegheny Ave 215-291-1250 3169 N. 5 <sup>th</sup> St 215-426-9680  618 W. Lehigh Ave 215-229-0956/8857	19140  19133  19133	Insurance: MA. Info: Children of all ages, <u>evaluates for autism</u> , evaluates for medication, outpatient therapy , family therapy, no wrap around.  <b>Spanish Speaking Staff.</b>
39	<b>Pan American Counseling</b> 4519 N. 5 <sup>th</sup> St 215-457-1620	19133	MA.: Children over the age of 5, <u>evaluate for autism</u> , will evaluate for medication, no wrap around. <b>Spanish, Arabic, French, Creole</b> speaking staff.
40	<b>The Village</b> (formerly Presbyterian Children's Village) 6512 Chester Ave 610-525-6517	19142	MA. Children of all ages, evaluates for behavioral health but does not evaluate for autism, evaluates for medication, no wrap around, play therapy including PCIT (parent child interactive therapy) , trauma therapy, and behavior management.
41	<b>Tree of Life</b> 7040 Castor Ave 215-533-5433	19149	MA. Age 3 and up, no evaluation for autism, evaluation for medication, no wrap around, outpt therapy <b>Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, and Russian, French Creole</b> Speaking Staff.
42	<b>Center for Families and Relationships</b> 1600 Magee Ave 215-537-5367	19149	MA, private pay, sliding fee. Children over 4, family therapy and support, medication management, do not evaluate for autism, no wrap around, family therapy, anger management, art therapy
43	<b>Steven Glazier</b> , Psychologist 201 N. Presidential Blvd 215-782-3160	19004	Insurance: MA, private pay, sliding scale Children of all ages, does not evaluate for autism, nor medication, does not do diagnostic evals, no wrap around. Specializes in Floortime/DIR <a href="http://www.stevenglazier.com">www.stevenglazier.com</a>
44	<b>Arlene Wallace</b> , Ed.D 215-407-3442	City Wide	MA. Children all ages, no wrap around, no medications. Community, school and home based behavior consulting only. <a href="mailto:Mylene78@verizon.net">Mylene78@verizon.net</a>
<b>AUTISM OR BEHAVIOR EVALUATIONS/PRIVATE INSURANCE OR PAY</b>			
45	<b>Manely Ghaffari</b> Child Psychiatrist 129 N. 4 <sup>th</sup> Street 267-702-0543	19106	Private pay. C4children of all ages, <u>evaluates for Autism</u> , evaluates for medication, no wrap around. Also has an office in Haverford. <a href="http://www.centercitypsychiatry.com">www.centercitypsychiatry.com</a>
46	<b>Melissa Brand</b> , Child Psychologist. 1601 Walnut St. 215-514-4610	19102	Private Pay (also treats children at NET who have MA)., sliding scale : Children of all ages, <u>comprehensive evaluation for autism</u> , family coaching, behavioral assessment, treatment plans, Independent Educational Evaluations, does not evaluate for medication, no wrap around.
47	<b>SPARC</b> Southeastern PA Autism Resources at West Chester University 610-430-5678	City Wide	Most private accepted! Children of all ages, <u>comprehensive evaluation for all behavioral needs including autism</u> , psycho-ed testing, social skills, provide behavioral training and consultation at home or school, specialize in feeding issues and self injury, social skills <b>Dr. Jennifer Dawson Psychologist</b> <a href="mailto:sparc@wcupa.edu">sparc@wcupa.edu</a>
48	<b>Margot Burke</b> Child Psychologist 215-275-8710	Ardmore 19003	Private Pay, sliding fee. Children of all ages, comprehensive <u>evaluation for autism</u> , behavioral assessments, Independent Educational Evaluations, no medication evaluations, no wrap-around, parent workshops
49	<b>Chestnut Hill College Psychological Services Ciinic</b> 1107 Bethlehem Pike Flourtown, PA 215-233-1914	19031	Private Pay and very reasonable Sliding Fee. Children ages 6 and up, <u>comprehensive evaluation for autism</u> , psycho-ed testing and evaluations, do not evaluate for medication, no wrap around. Dr. Rosemary Manfredi, Clinical Director
50	<b>Rosemary Manfredi</b> Child psychologist 14500 Bustleton Ave Suite 1A 215-515-2388	19116	Private pay and Tricare. All ages, Autism and all other mental health evaluation. <a href="http://www.neuroassessconsult.com">www.neuroassessconsult.com</a>

51	<b>Ilona Naroditsky</b> , Licensed Counselor 267*270-5527	NorthEast	Private pay and sliding scale fee. Children of all ages, supports and guides, families regarding evaluation for autism, does not evaluation for autism or medication, parent counseling an advocacy, no wrap around. <a href="mailto:info@sostherapyservices.com">info@sostherapyservices.com</a> DIR/Floortime. Russian Speaking
52	<b>Eric Mitchell</b> Psychologist 6810 Emlen St 215-844-6482	19119	Private pay, sliding fee. People of all ages, <u>evaluates for autism</u> , family counseling around Autism issues , no medication, no wraparound ericmpsync@yahoo.com
<b>AUTISM EVALUATION /NO HOME SUPPORT OR WRAP AROUND/ LONG WAITING LIST</b>			
53	<b>CHOP Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics</b> 3550 Market St 215-590-7500	19104	MA and private insurances Children ages 0-7, <u>evaluation for autism and other developmental disabilities</u> , evaluate for medication, no wrap around <b>1-2 year waiting list</b>
54	<b>CHOP Outpatient Psychiatry</b> 3440 Market St 215-590-7555	19104	Private insurance and SOME MA. Children of all ages, <u>evaluate for autism and other disorders</u> , evaluate for medication, no wrap around.
55	<b>St. Christopher's Hosp. Developmental Peds</b> 160 E. Erie Ave 215-427-5531	19134	MA and all insurances. Children of all ages, <u>evaluation for autism and other developmental disabilities</u> , evaluates for medication, no wrap around. <b>1 year waiting list.</b>

### Behavioral Health/Mental Health Crisis Info

**Community Behavioral Health (CBH)** 215-413-3100 24/7 Behavioral Health Referrals and Information for any resident of Philadelphia who has Medical Assistant insurance. <http://dbhids.org/about/organization/epic/ebps/>

**Einstein Crisis Response Unit at Germantown Hospital Chew @ Olney Ave 19144**

24 hour emergency psychiatric assessment for children. 215-951-8300

**Philadelphia Behavioral Health Hotline 215-685-6440**

**Philadelphia Office of Intellectual Disabilities Service**

**Emergency: 215-829-5709** (Hall-Mercer 24 Hour Adult Unit, they take people ages 18 and up)

**Behavioral Health Therapeutic Preschool Programs**

The Center for Autism [www.thecenterforautism.org](http://www.thecenterforautism.org) [info@thecenterforautism.org](mailto:info@thecenterforautism.org) 215-878-3400  
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.

Children's Crisis Treatment Center (CCTC) - 215-496-0707 (Ages 2 ½-5 with significant social/emotional behavioral challenges, no Autism)

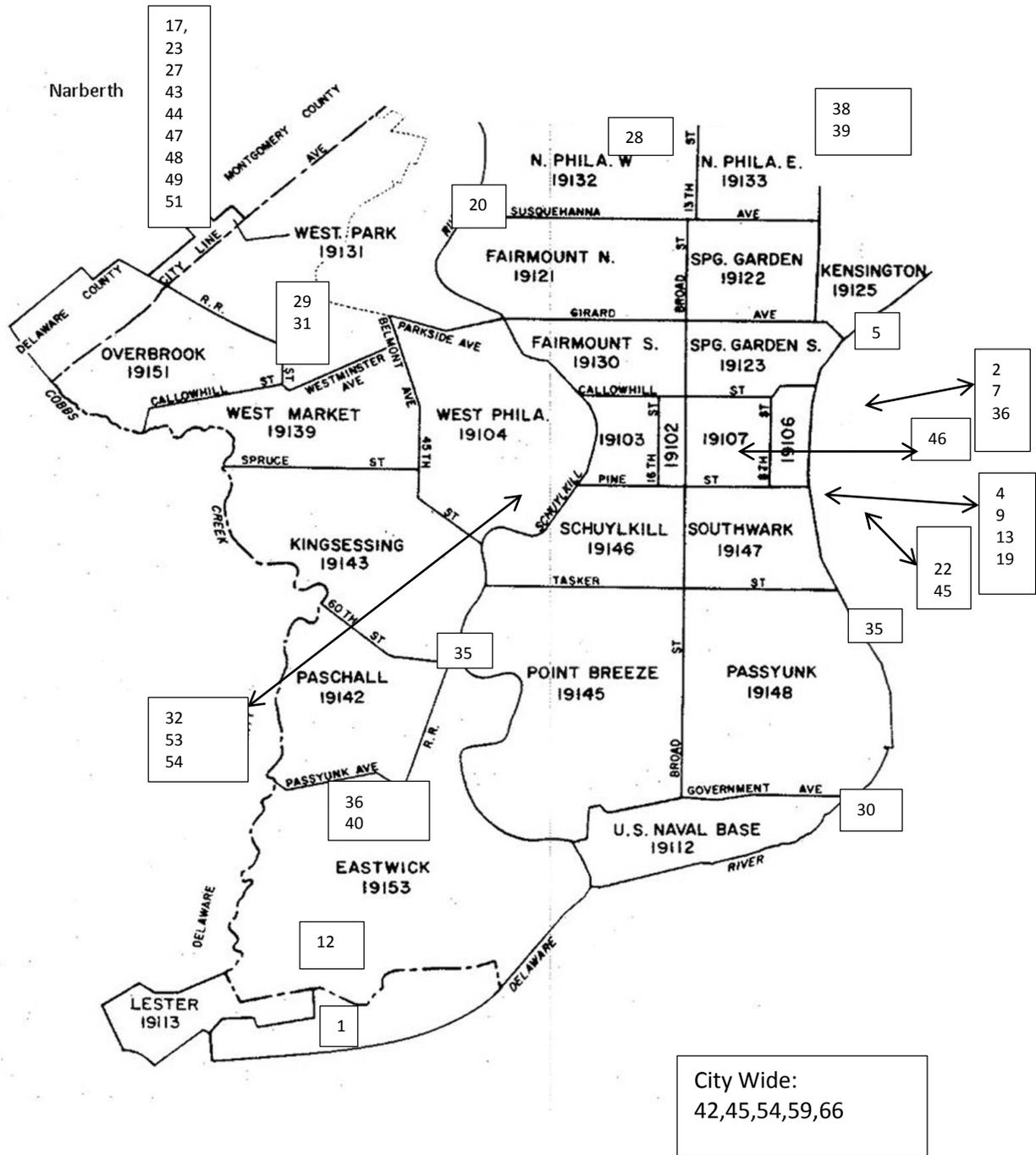
Community Council Therapeutic Preschool (PFI) - 215-473-7033 (Ages 2.9 -5 with significant social/emotional and behavioral needs, no Autism)

Hall Mercer Therapeutic Preschool - 215-829-5557 (Ages 3-5 with behavioral disorders and emotional and social difficulties, no Autism)

Northwestern Human Services (NHS/Parent and Children Together (PACT)/Children's Reach - 215-427-1500 (Ages 2 ½-5 with significant social/emotional behavioral challenges, no Autism)

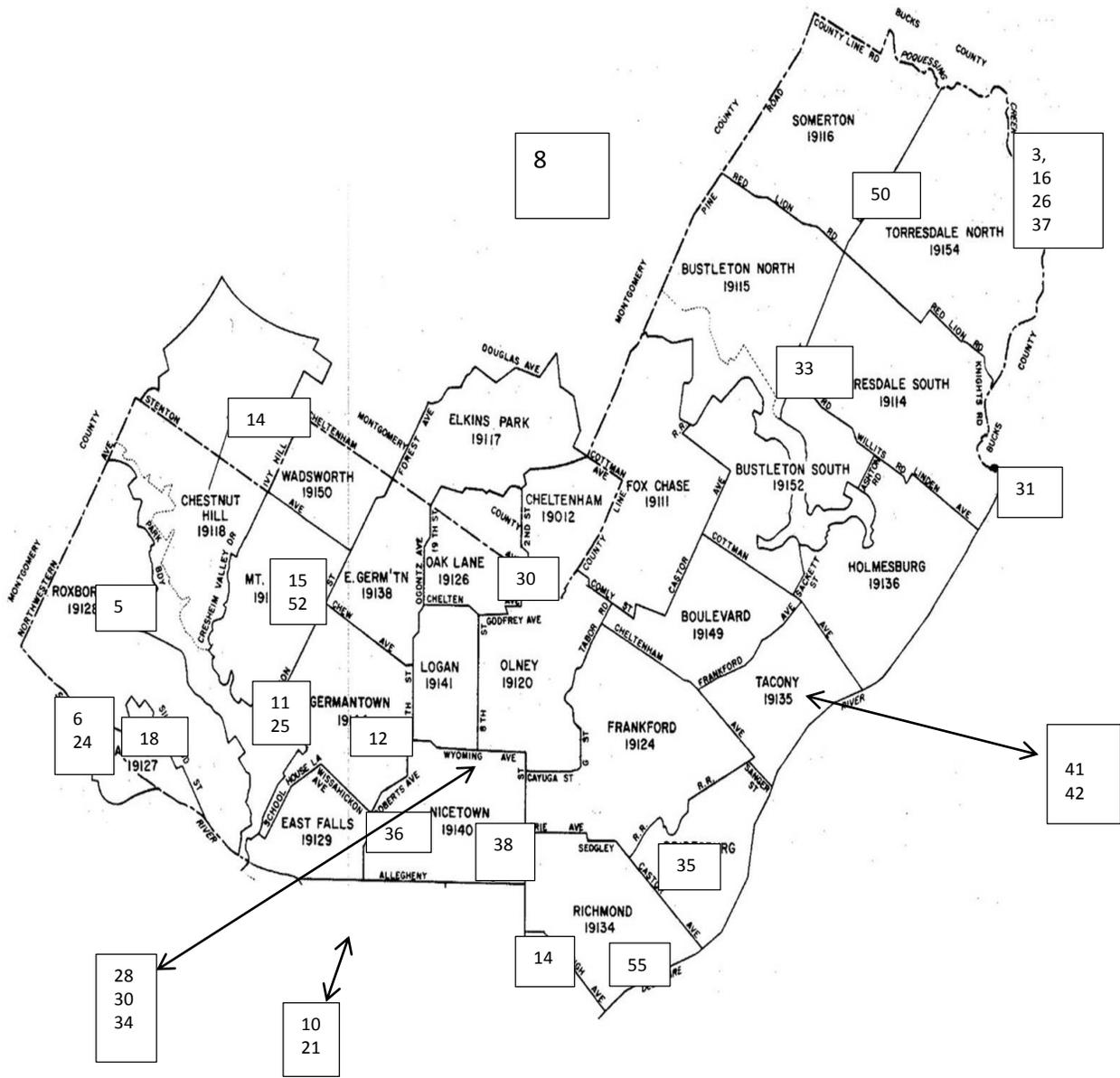
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## **Education – Early Intervention – Therapy**

For children outside of Philadelphia, call CONNECT at 1-800-692-7288 (7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.)

***FACT: With a family's permission, professionals can start a referral to Early Intervention on behalf of a child.***

### **AGES 0-3. Philadelphia Infant Toddler Early Intervention**

**Intake:** 215-685-4646 [birthto3ei@phila.gov](mailto:birthto3ei@phila.gov)

**Services:** **Childlink:** 215- 731- 2100 [www.childlinkphila.org](http://www.childlinkphila.org)

### **AGES 3-5. Elwyn SEEDS:**

<https://www.elwyn.org/services/children-3-21/seeds-preschool-early-intervention-services/>

**Intake, evaluations, assessments and meetings:** 4025 Chestnut Street 19104: **215-222-8054**

**Service Coordination/Administration:** 4040 Market Street: 215-921-7164.

**Parent Partners** 215-222-4181 : parents who have children in the Elwyn system who can provide guidance and support to other parents.

***FACT: Elwyn evaluation teams do not determine medical or developmental diagnoses. They asses all areas of development and make recommendations for special education supports ONLY. If you are seeking a diagnostic or behavioral assessment please see pages 2-6***

**Ages 5-21 years: Philadelphia School District:** <http://www.phila.k12.pa.us/>

440 N. Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19130, 215-400-4000

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).

Autism Coordinator: Judy Anderson 215-400-6310

Charter Schools: Michael Andrews 215-400- 6086.

### **The School District of Philadelphia Office of Family and Community Engagement**

Student placement, 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. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 215-400-4180 <http://webgui.phila.k12.pa.us/offices/p/publicengagement>

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

877-231-4244 [info@paaautism.org](mailto:info@paaautism.org) FREE information, training, and support to individuals with autism and their families throughout the Commonwealth

**FAQ: Who can sign forms?** As per the City of Philadelphia, the Child Protective Services Law and IDEA P.L. 105-17 614(b)(3)(A)(ii):

**Special Educational Services:** Kinship or foster parents may consent to special educational services if the parent's rights have been limited or if the parent is not attempting to act on the child's behalf. Kinship and foster parents can sign for educational screenings, evaluations and services for children who reside with them if the parent is not attempting to act on the child's behalf.

**Psychological or Psychiatric Services:** Kinship and foster parents are able to BRING a child to obtain psychological or psychiatric services and therapy however only the biological parent or the DHS or CUA(Community Umbrella Agency) staff are authorized to consent to standard outpatient, non-educational psychological or psychiatric evaluations and treatment for a child.

**Psychiatric Medications:** Kinship or foster parents are NOT authorized to consent to prescription medications for a child without the biological parent's consent or permission from the court.

**Medical Services:** DHS or CUA case managers are authorized to obtain non-invasive routine medical care or emergency care for a child, however any non-routine and/or invasive care requiring consent must be authorized by the parent or a court order. Kinship and foster parents are able to BRING a child to obtain care. Unless otherwise specified, parents should be notified of all treatments, evaluations, and services.

### **Hearing (Audiology) and Vision (Ophthalmology) Evaluations**

**CHOP:** No wait list, all ages, Insurance: MA and Private Insurance (no Health Partners!)

Hearing: 215-590-7100 Vision: 215-590-2791

**St. Chris:** ages 0 and up, MA and private

Hearing: 215-427-5469 (no wait) Vision: 215-427-8120 (3 month wait)

**DuPont/Jefferson** 833 Chestnut Street 19107 No wait, ages 0-21, Medical Assistance, Aetna, AmeriHealth, First Health, Health Partners, Keystone First, Independence Blue Cross (no United)

Hearing: 215-861-8830 no vision Dept., see Will's Eye.

**Einstein Hospital** 2 month wait, ages 5 and up, MA and private (except Aetna) Vision 215-456-7150

**Einstein Audiology** (NOT AFFILIATED WITH HOSPITAL) 3142 Knights Road Bensalem 19020 (MA and private) no wait, 5 years and up 215- 638-3677

**Temple Abington** hearing only, (Head and Neck Department). No wait, ages 0-18, all insurances except Aetna Better Health 215-707-3663, option 4

**Will's Eye** 877-289-4557

## **Philadelphia Special Needs/Autism Resources and Trainings**

**Pennsylvania Early Intervention Technical Assistance, EITA** 1800-441-3215 <http://www.eita-pa.org/>

Helpful links to information for providers and families about supporting children with special needs.

**Temple Institute on Disabilities** [www.disabilities.temple.edu](http://www.disabilities.temple.edu)

Free trainings for any PA resident on a variety of topics: parent advocacy, assistive tech( see PIAT), criminal justice and disabilities, employment . See **Families First**: <http://disabilities.temple.edu/programs/leadership/families.shtml>

**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](mailto:ATinfo@temple.edu).

**ABOARD Autism Connection of PA** [www.autism-support.org](http://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, and resources about all sorts of things, even 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](http://www.paedforall.org) 267-232-0570 [info@paedforall.org](mailto:info@paedforall.org)

Free consultation for schools, programs and families related to inclusion options for children with disabilities.

**Social Signals** <https://socialsignalled.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 texting and internet issues. Created by Nancy Nowell (215-836-1111/[nknowell@gmail.com](mailto:nknowell@gmail.com)) who also does trainings for schools and the community.

**Philadelphia Autism Network and ELWYN SEEDS TRAININGS** <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 [krivitk@elwyn.org](mailto:krivitk@elwyn.org)

Other Elwyn trainings (most open to the public, FREE with ACT 48 credits): [www.solutionwhere.com/elwyn](http://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. Next Steps for Professionals. Workshops are intended for family and professionals. [autism@email.chop.edu](mailto:autism@email.chop.edu)  
<http://www.centerforautismresearch.com/community/training/>

**SPARC** 610-430-5678 <http://www.wcupa.edu/sparc/> provide consultation for staff or individuals on difficult issues such as self injury, toileting, feeding. Workshops available. There is a fee for these services.

### **Intellectual DisAbilities Services (IDS)**

(Formerly Mental Retardation Services/MR services)

<http://dbhids.org/providers-seeking-information/intellectual-disability-services-ids/>

(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.**

## **Websites for Free Educational and Therapy Tools (Autism and beyond!)**

**Real Look Autism:** [www.reallookautism.com/other-videos/](http://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, not just Autism!

**Understood:** <https://www.understood.org/en/about> Sign up, it's FREE! Family-friendly easy-to-use resources on how families can help their child who may struggle with behavior, learning problems or other special needs.

**Trainland :** <http://trainland.tripod.com/pecs.htm> - Links to FREE picture cards and shows you how to make your own pictures, visual schedules and social stories.

**Speaking of Speech:** [www.speakingofspeech.com](http://www.speakingofspeech.com) - Free downloads for communication books, social skills, social stories and IEP goals. Great for teachers, families and therapists! Check out the "bag of tricks" for some great ideas!

**Sensory Smarts:** <http://sensorysmarts.com> - Ideas on how to develop sensory routines/activities within your household without buying things. Great tips on issues such as managing haircuts, winter weather activities, etc.

**Do 2 Learn:** [www.do2learn.com](http://www.do2learn.com) Free picture schedules and activity ideas for social skills and behavior management.

**Cindy's:** [www.cindysautisticsupport.com](http://www.cindysautisticsupport.com) - Tons of free stuff to download for both clinicians and families

**Jill Kuzma:** <http://jillkuzma.wordpress.com/> A great place to find tips on improving social or emotional skills.

**Snagglebox:** [www.snagglebox.com](http://www.snagglebox.com) - wonderful website for families and professionals with useful tools and articles addressing with everyday things that are affected by living with Autism, check it out!!

**One Place For Special Needs** [www.oneplaceforspecialneeds.com](http://www.oneplaceforspecialneeds.com) Excellent site for advice about a variety of special needs for parents and professionals. Tips on best apps, homework, vacation, how to make picture schedules at home cheaply, and even how to manage haircuts! Great social stories for all situations, monthly newsletter Signing on is required, but otherwise, it's FREE.

**Autism Speaks App Finder:** [www.autismspeaks.org/autism-apps](http://www.autismspeaks.org/autism-apps)

No matter what the disability is, the best place to find out about apps is on this Autism Speaks site.

**The Watson Institute :** <https://www.thewatsoninstitute.org/resources/behavior-stories/>

Free social stories on a wide range of topics including dressing, going to school, making friends and toileting!

**Sesame Street :** <http://autism.sesamestreet.org/> Great resources for the entire family on Autism.

**smallWORLD Video Library:** <http://smallworldspecialneeds.org/> Coming soon! Videos and tips for families and professionals in a variety of languages.

## **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](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.

**PA Regional Keys 267-773-4400** [www.seregionalkey.org](http://www.seregionalkey.org) Request a behavior or special needs consultant to assist your child's center for FREE! \_ Help to find childcare centers by zip code that are registered and rated!

**Prekindergarten Head Start and Bright Futures** 215-400-4270 (3-5 year olds)

[www.phila.k12.pa.us](http://www.phila.k12.pa.us) (search: "headstart" or "early childhood")

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)** search [www.phila.k12.pa.us](http://www.phila.k12.pa.us) ("Head start partners")

### **Early Head Start ( for 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 Head Start:** 267-425-9900 (home-based)

**So Love Autistic Center for Childcare** (Drexel Hill , PA) 610-446-3680 [www.solovecenter.org](http://www.solovecenter.org) , accepts CCIS!

Follows the Early Start Denver Model and other behaviorally based strategies. The only Autism-specific day care!

**Frankie's World** [www.frankiesworlddaycare.com](http://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.pediatricc.com](http://www.pediatricc.com) 1318 West Clearfield St., 19132 (888) 340-9430

Child care for medically fragile children ages 0-21, open 7am-7pm Monday-Saturday.

**Pediatrica** [www.pediatricakids.com](http://www.pediatricakids.com) 215-376-6801 8101 Washington Lane Wyncote 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.

SPIN – 215-612-7625. Located at Northeast: 10980 Norcom Rd., 19154 or Northwest: 6200 Crittenden St, 19138

NET (Northeast Treatment Center) – 215-238-1426 ext: 1. 458 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (near Spring Garden) 19123

Child Guidance Resource Center - 267-713-4100. Located at 2901 Island Ave, 19153

### **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.

### **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.pmhc.org](http://www.pmhc.org)

For children ages 6-12 with Autism - 3:1 child to adult ratio, sports including swimming. Located at 10100 Jamison Ave, 19116. Call 215-677-2281

### **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

### **YMCA** <http://www.philaymca.org/>

Columbia North:1400 N. Broad St. 19121, 215-235-6440

Roxborough:7201 Ridge Ave 19128215-482-3900

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**

Located at 6050 Market St. Contact Roberta Bellamy 267-231-4120 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

### **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.

## Information and Resources

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**AUTISM "Warm" LINES ( with a warm-line you will be called back within 24 hours!)**

**Autism Society of America/Philadelphia:** 610-358-5256

**PA ASERT (Autism Resource Specialist:** 877-231-4244

**Autism Speaks Autism Response:** 888-288-4762

**Phillyautismproject Support Group Map and Calendar!!**, find (or list) a group in your neighborhood!

<http://www.paautism.org/phillyautismproject/Support-Groups-Map>

**Autism Society of America/ Greater Philadelphia Chapter ASA**

[www.asaphilly.org](http://www.asaphilly.org)    [asa-info@comcast.net](mailto:asa-info@comcast.net)    [asaphilly.org/index.php](http://asaphilly.org/index.php)

A resource for local and national events and information, GET CONNECTED, SIGN UP FOR THEIR FB OR LISTSERVE!

**(ASERT) Autism Services, Education, Resources, & Training Collaborative**

[www.paautism.org](http://www.paautism.org) Resource Center Phone: 877-231-4244    [info@paautism.org](mailto:info@paautism.org) FREE Statewide Resource Center provides families, individuals with autism, and professionals the opportunity to contact a live person for resources, information and news. Hours are Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. English or Spanish provided.

**The Philadelphia Autism Project: Video Series for Families** <http://www.paautism.org/phillyautismproject/About-the-Project/Project-Highlights/Video-Gallery> Culturally specific videos focusing on understanding Autism in many languages.

**La Salle University LADDER program** (LaSalle Autism and Developmental Disabilities Educational Resources)

<http://www.lasalle.edu/autismcenter/> 215-951-1042

Workshops and support for families and also college students wanting to specialize in Autism therapies.

**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

**PA Bureau of Autism Services**    [www.autisminpa.org](http://www.autisminpa.org)    1-866-539-7689    Best information about benefits and legal issues related to Autism in the state such as information about ACT 62 and the Adult Autism Waiver program.

**ASCEND**    [www.ascendgroup.org](http://www.ascendgroup.org)    610-664-6776    [info@ascendgroup.org](mailto:info@ascendgroup.org)

Support, information, resources, and advocacy for high-functioning Autism (previously "Asperger's")

**Autism Speaks** [www.autismspeaks.org](http://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**

[http://raisingchildren.net.au/children\\_with\\_autism\\_videos.html](http://raisingchildren.net.au/children_with_autism_videos.html)

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**

<http://www.kennedykrieger.org/overview/news/online-video-to-help-physicians-parents-recognize-early-signs-of-autism> Professional training series showing 1-4 year old children with and without autism.

**One Place For Special Needs** [www.oneplaceforspecialneeds.com](http://www.oneplaceforspecialneeds.com) Information on a variety of special needs, not limited to Autism: Signing on is required, but otherwise FREE.

**CAP4KIDS** [www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia](http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia) Most up-to-date listing of all 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 is available in many languages.

## 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.

### The Arc of Philadelphia 2350 W. Westmoreland St., 19140 215-229-4550 [www.arcpddc.org](http://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](http://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.

### Pennsylvania's Education for All Coalition ("PEAC") [www.paedforall.org/](http://www.paedforall.org/) [info@paedforall.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.pealcenter.org)

### Tools for Meeting Life's Challenges: [www.toolsmlc.org](http://www.toolsmlc.org) 866-594-8362 [jscullin@toolsmlc.org](mailto:jscullin@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 Sharon Duckett 215- 298-2796 [sherrilovely@gmail.com](mailto:sherrilovely@gmail.com)

Guidance, support, advocacy for families with Special Needs Children

Legal Clinic for the Disabled <http://www.lcdphila.org/how-we-can-help/> Intake Line 215-587-3350 or email at [legalinfo@lcdphila.org](mailto:legalinfo@lcdphila.org) Free legal assistance for people with physical disabilities or who are deaf or hard of hearing and who live in Delaware Valley counties and qualify as "low-income".

### Disabilities Rights Network of PA [www.drnpa.org](http://www.drnpa.org) 215-238-8070

### Pennsylvania Health Law Project [www.phlp.org](http://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](http://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)

Juvenile Law Center 215-625-0551 [info@jlc.org](mailto:info@jlc.org) Non –profit law firm advocating for the rights of children involved in government agencies such as foster care.

### Community Legal Services/Philadelphia Legal Assistance FREE legal help at locations (Spanish spoken too)

718 Arch Street 215-981-3800/ 1424 Chestnut Street 215-981-3700/ 1410 West Erie Ave 215-227-2400. Each site has different specialties, not all sites provide the same services, call first!

### PILCOP Public Interest Law Center 215-627-7100 [www.pilcop.org](http://www.pilcop.org) [general@pilcop.org](mailto:general@pilcop.org)

## 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 for Autism that have REAL science behind them?

**The Official MCHAT Website:** [www.mchatscreen.com](http://www.mchatscreen.com)

A brief 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.

**Autism Speaks Video Glossary** <http://www.autismspeaks.org/what-autism/video-glossary>

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**

<http://www.kennedykrieger.org/overview/news/online-video-to-help-physicians-parents-recognize-early-signs-of-autism> Professional training series showing 1-4 year old children with and without autism.

**First Words Project of Florida State University** <http://firstwords.fsu.edu>

Provides an early diagnosis tool called the Infant Toddler Checklist for children 6-24 months old. Available in **Spanish, Slovenian, Chinese, German and Swedish!**

**Autism Now** [www.autismnow.org](http://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/](http://www.researchautism.org/) Resources for families and professionals about Autism throughout the lifespan including information for families in the Military. Many items available in Spanish!

**University of Pennsylvania Center for Mental Health Policy and Services Research** 215-573-7081

<http://www.med.upenn.edu/cmhpsr/index.html> Research opportunities for families with children with Autism.

**A. J. Drexel Autism Institute** [www.drexel.edu/autisminstitute](http://www.drexel.edu/autisminstitute) Families can explore opportunities to participate in local research or get answers to questions about Autism 215-571-3401.

**CAR: The Center for Autism Research at CHOP** [www.centerforautismresearch.com](http://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.asaonline.org](http://www.asaonline.org)

Describes autism treatment methods and the research and evidence behind them. Great vaccination info!

**Center for Disease Control:** <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?"

**Autism Watch:** [www.autism-watch.org](http://www.autism-watch.org) A website that explains the risks and benefits of treatments and therapies for Autism.

**Autism Society :** [www.autism-society.org](http://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**

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**PA ASERT**(Autism Services Education, Resource and Training) **Autism Resource Specialist:** 877-231-4244

**Autism Speaks Autism Response:** 888-288-4762

## **Autism Specific Supports, Workshops and Groups**

**Phillyautismproject Support Group Map and Calendar!!**, find (or list) a group in your neighborhood!

<http://www.paautism.org/phillyautismproject/Support-Groups-Map>

**La Salle University LADDER program** (LaSalle Autism and Developmental Disabilities Educational Resources)

<http://www.lasalle.edu/autismladdercenter/> 215-951-1042

Workshops and support for families and also college students wanting to specialize in Autism therapies.

**Philadelphia Autism Network ("PAN Trainings")** Free monthly trainings on needs such as behavior, toileting and speech. Childcare, Act 48 . For schedule see "PAN " at: <https://www.elwyn.org/services/children-3-21/seeds-preschool-early-intervention-services/> or email [Taralee Galen@elwyn.org](mailto:Taralee.Galen@elwyn.org) or [www.solutionwhere.com/elwyn](http://www.solutionwhere.com/elwyn)

**SPIN PACE Caregiver Connection**  "PaceCaregiverConnection" FREE monthly support groups, childcare available with advance reservation. Contact Megan Riley at 215-251-8588 [mriley@spininc.org](mailto:mriley@spininc.org)  
Two locations: Northeast 10541 Drummond Road 19154 or Northwest: at Hill Freedman 6200 Crittenden Street 19138.

**Child Guidance Resource Center Parent's Group**. FREE monthly support and information at 2901 Island Ave 19153  
Contact Ms. Shari Sims [ssims@cgrc.org](mailto:ssims@cgrc.org) 267-713-4100.

**Philly Autism** [www.phillyautism.webs.com](http://www.phillyautism.webs.com) Lisbeth Little: 215-850-4197 [phillyautism@gmail.com](mailto:phillyautism@gmail.com)  
FREE! Parent support group in Northeast Philadelphia for families with children of all ages with autism.

 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/phillyautism#!/groups/neffas/>

**Guy Talk** FREE! <http://alternativechoices.com/alternativechoicesevents/> A confidential get-together for fathers, male caretakers and professionals who work in the Autism field with Dr. Robert Naseef. See website for more info!

**West Philadelphia Parents of Autistic Children** FREE! Roberta Bellamy 267-231-4120 or 215-472-2764,  
no registration required. Located at 6050 Market St. [westphilapacs@gmail.com](mailto:westphilapacs@gmail.com)

**"Nurturing The Child With Autism"** FREE! A 10-week intensive parent training for families who have a child with autism. Includes tokens, snacks and childcare. Provided through NET Call 215-408-4905

**Penn Speaks for Autism** [www.pennspeaksforautism.com](http://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.survivingthriving.com](http://www.survivingthriving.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](http://www.ascendgroup.org) 610-449-6776 [info@ascendgroup.org](mailto:info@ascendgroup.org) <http://www.meetup.com/autism-414/>  
Support for families of children with Autism. Find out about meet –up groups that are ongoing. You are not alone!

**Spectrum Parents Group** FREE! For caregivers in Holland PA. [info@sostherapysolutions.com](mailto:info@sostherapysolutions.com) hosted by Ilona Naroditsky

[www.snagglebox.com](http://www.snagglebox.com) free download **The Awesomely Big List of Ways to Help Parents of Autistic Kids**

## **Other Special Needs Family Supports and Groups**

### **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. 267-294-6065 [www.philadelphiaicc.org](http://www.philadelphiaicc.org)

### **Parent to Parent [www.parenttoparent.org](http://www.parenttoparent.org) 1888-727-2700 / Special Kids Network (800-986-4550)**

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!!!

### **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 McCoubrey at [jean.mccoubrey@gmail.com](mailto:jean.mccoubrey@gmail.com)

### **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@jfcspshilly.org](mailto:lney@jfcspshilly.org) (267)256-2269

### **Elwyn Parent Partners [www.elwyn.org/program/seeds](http://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

### **The Arc of Philadelphia 2350 W. Westmoreland St., 19140 215-229-4550 [www.arcpddc.org](http://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](mailto:ruth@ecparenting.org)

### **T21 Club of the Delaware Valley (Down Syndrome Support) [www.t21clubofthedelawarevalley.org](http://www.t21clubofthedelawarevalley.org)**

**CBH** 215-413-3100 has listings for community groups for parents needing support for a child's behavior or other mental health needs. See their fabulous website: <http://healthymindshilly.org/resources>

## **Kinship Specific Support**

### **Grand Central, Inc. Kinship Care Resource Center [www.grandcentralinc.org](http://www.grandcentralinc.org) 215-557-1554**

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](http://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**: groups for all types of disabilities. Contact Sarah Dzeidzic 215-590-7840/Jessica Mono 267-426-2329.

**Autism Speaks Toolkit, A Sibling's Guide to Autism**

[https://www.autismspeaks.org/sites/default/files/a\\_siblings\\_guide\\_to\\_autism.pdf](https://www.autismspeaks.org/sites/default/files/a_siblings_guide_to_autism.pdf)

**SPIN/PACE** has a sibling group at times. Please reach out to Megan Riley at [mriley@spininc.org](mailto:mriley@spininc.org) 215-251-8588

**www.AutismSiblings.org** -- Offers on- line support and information for kids and families.

**Kinney Center Sibshops at SJU**

Sibling support groups – autism specific. Contact Theresa McFalls [tmacfalls@sju.edu](mailto:tmacfalls@sju.edu) or 610-660-2183. Fee\*

**Sesame Street**: <http://autism.sesamestreet.org/>

## Sexuality and Relationships

**Social Signals** <https://socialsignalled.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, phone and internet issues. Created by Nancy Nowell (215-836-1111/[nknowell@gmail.com](mailto:nknowell@gmail.com)) : trainings for schools and agencies focusing on relationship concerns.

**Temple Institute on Disabilities** [www.disabilities.temple.edu](http://www.disabilities.temple.edu) Free trainings for any PA resident on a variety of topics: parent advocacy, criminal justice and disabilities, sexual health concerns

**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](mailto:CFcounselingconnections@gmail.com)

**Autism Risk Management** <http://www.autismriskmanagement.com/>

This website, of Dennis Debbaudt, is a leader in autism training for law enforcement and emergency responders. Many free downloads including the Autism Emergency Contact form. Available in Spanish, Chinese and Arabic.

[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.

## INTENSIVE FAMILY SUPPORTS

### **FES: Family Empowerment Services**

FREE HELP with your home and family, call and someone will come to your home, or walk-in! Can NOT have an open case with DHS. This service is VOLUNTARY. Help within 1 week. Families or professionals can make a referral.

- housing or landlord needs such as exterminators or repairs
- resources for help paying bills for utilities
- help with clothing, food and furniture
- support to help organize medical or school appointments
- help with private family needs such as money or counseling or advocacy

### **FIND THE FES IN YOUR ZIP CODE HERE:**

**United Community Services** 101 Ellsworth Street 19107 215-468-1645 x 313, Lauren Fein [laurenfein@ucsep.org](mailto:laurenfein@ucsep.org)  
Zip Codes: '02,'03,'06,'07,'12,'23,'30,'45,'46,'47,'48

**Family Support Services:** 5548 Chestnut Street 215-471-3251, Michelle McCoy, [mmccoy@fssinc.org](mailto:mmccoy@fssinc.org)  
Zip Codes: '22,'24,'25,'33,'34,'37,'49

**YSI (Youth Services, Inc.):** 6325 Burbridge St 19144 215-848-6200, ext 1028 Erica Makowski [emakowski@ysiphila.org](mailto:emakowski@ysiphila.org)  
 '18,'19,'20,'21,'26,'27,'28,'29,'32,'38,'40,'41,'44,'50

**Intercultural Family Services:** 4225 Chestnut St. 19142 215-386-1298, ext 240 Jeanel Tillman [jeanel.tillman@ifsinc.org](mailto:jeanel.tillman@ifsinc.org)  
 '04,'31,'39,'42,'43,'51,'53

**The Village:** 6517 Chester Ave 19142 215-730-2249 Danaya Lewis [dlewis@village1877.org](mailto:dlewis@village1877.org)  
 '04,'31,'39,'42,'43,'51,'53

**Lutheran Child & Family Services:** 5401 Rising Sun Ave 19120 215-424-3741 ext 216 Suzanne Isenberg  
[suzannei@lcfsinpa.org](mailto:suzannei@lcfsinpa.org)  
 '11,'14,'15,'16,'20,'36,'41,'52,'54

**Congreso:** 216 West Somerset 215-763-8870 ext 1432 Doris Acevedo [acevedod@congreso.net](mailto:acevedod@congreso.net)  
 '22, 24,25,33,34,35,37, '49

### **HIP Health Intervention Program**

[www.phila.gov/health/MCFH/HIPFamilies.html](http://www.phila.gov/health/MCFH/HIPFamilies.html)

**FREE!** Voluntary. Not emergency services, takes a 3 to 6 weeks for a family to be assigned. Home support for families with children with Special Needs ages 0-12. Families or professionals can call to make a referral. Teams include nurses, social workers and family advocates.

- Support and advocacy with doctors and schools and other agencies
- help with things at home (or shelter)
- help for families who may not read or speak English
- help with medical equipment needs
- This is NOT an emergency program, this program does not help with housing.

**Health Promotions Council** – LaMia Bryant – 267-765-2307 [labryant@phmc.org](mailto:labryant@phmc.org)

**LaSalle Neighborhood Nursing Center** - Sharon Starr – 215-951-5034 [starr@lasalle.edu](mailto:starr@lasalle.edu)

**Congreso**– Carmen Ramirez 215-763-8870 ext 1311 [arroyoc@congreso.net](mailto:arroyoc@congreso.net) (Serves families speaking all languages not just Spanish)

## **INTENSIVE FAMILY SUPPORTS, Continued**

**PA Elks**      <http://www.paelkshomeservice.org/>

FREE home based medical and special needs case management support, advocacy and navigation for people of any age with a disability living at home. Families below Erie Ave: Robyn Knox 267-422-3670 ; Families above Erie Avenue: Jeanne Edwards 267-666-8066.

**The School District of Philadelphia Office of Family and Community Engagement**

Multiple supports for families, ESL classes, GED programs, information and referrals for supports, and emergency family needs, all services are free, coordinators can meet families at their local school. Located at 440 N. Broad St. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, or call 215-400-4180 <http://webgui.phila.k12.pa.us/offices/p/publicengagement>

**“Nurturing The Child With Autism”**

Free! A 10-week intensive parent training for families who have a child with autism. Includes tokens, snacks and childcare. Provided through NET Centers for Autism Excellence. Call 215-408-4905.

**Parenting Collaborative**      [pcreferrals@phmc.org](mailto:pcreferrals@phmc.org)      215-825-8259

FREE! Referral to local community based parent support and education groups in any area of the city!

**“Parenting Plus!”** Parenting support for parents who have a mental health need. Free!

Contact Gina Caruso at [gcaruso@mhasp.org](mailto:gcaruso@mhasp.org) 267-507-3872

**Center for Grieving Children** 3300 Henry Avenue, 19129    267-437-3123 <http://grievingchildren.org/> Free!

A safe and caring place where children and families who are grieving can find help .

**Philadelphia Anti Violence Partnership,** 2000 Hamilton Street, 19130    [avpphila.org](http://avpphila.org)    215-567-6776 Free!

Counseling to adult and child co-victims of homicide and victims who have been traumatized by other forms of violence.

## **Supports for Latino Families**

### **Autismo Para Familias Latinas**

<http://www.pautism.org/phillyautismproject/About-the-Project/Project-Highlights/Video-Gallery>

### **HUNE (Hispanos Unidos Para Ninos Excepcionals)** [www.huneinc.org](http://www.huneinc.org)

Provides advocacy and support and special education services for Latino families with children with disabilities FREE!  
215-425-6203/ 2215 North American St, PA 19133

### **Sociedad Americana de Autismo/Filadelfia** 24 horas de informacion y linea telefonica de apoyo 610-358-5256

<http://www.autism-society.org/espanol/>

**Programa Asociacion de Padres de Elwyn** –linea telefonica confidencial 215-222-8141 para apoyar y orientar a las familias.

### **Monarch House/ Casa Monarca** <http://casamonarca.org/> 215-253-3033 1448 S. 17th. Street, 19148.

Afterschool programs and advocacy for Latino families, as well as playgroups for children and their parents.

### **La Puerta Abierta** Multiple sites in Philadelphia Contact: 610-745-1952 <http://icfamwell.org/>

Free family counseling for undocumented and uninsured Spanish families.

### **Amparo de la Niñez, Inc. – Children’s Safe Harbor, Inc.** 215-324-2919 111 E. Luray St. 19120

<https://www.facebook.com/Amparo-de-la-Ni%C3%B1ez-Inc-Childrens-Safe-Harbor-Inc-252110894998860/>

Multicultural educational program for children including music, computer program, drama, dance, poetry, chorus.

### **CCTC Abriendo Caminos** 215-496-0707, ext 1152

Serving the Mexican community offering behavioral support and psychological services.

<http://cctckids.org/programs-services/in-the-community/abriendo-caminos/>

**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.

**Puentes de Salud Health and Wellness Center** 1700 South Street 19146 215-454-8000. <http://www.puentesdesalud.org/>

### **PEAL Center** (Parent Education Advocacy Leadership) Ana Pacheco 866-950-1040 [apacheco@pealcenter.org](mailto:apacheco@pealcenter.org)

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](http://www.pealcenter.org)

**PIN of PA** (Mental Health Association of Southeastern PA) Ilame Michelle Sanchez 267-507-3869 [msanchez@mhasp.org](mailto:msanchez@mhasp.org)

### **Autism Speaks** [www.autismspeaks.org](http://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!**

**Autism Society** : [www.autism-society.org](http://www.autism-society.org) Reviews many questions families have about the causes and treatments of Autism. Offers information in **Spanish**.

## Supports for Asian Families

**Asian Family Health Resource** Contact Kathy Houg at Chinatown Medical Center\_215-271-4286  
Workshops, parent support, information and advocacy...find us on Facebook or We Chat:  
需要加入“ASD父母互助群”的朋友，可以加我微信。微信号：mandylin323, 并注明“互助群”。谢谢!

### Hall Mercer Outpatient Mental Health

Chinese (Mandarin) child psychiatrist, Dr. Zheya (“Jenny”) Yu - 215-829-5554. Case management for Families with Children who are Mandarin and Fujianese speaking families.

Adult Case management available in Cambodian (Khmer), Laotian, Fujianese, Vietnamese and Cantonese. Contact Helen Lu at 215-829-5529. Located at 8<sup>th</sup> and Spruce St, 19107.

### Intercultural Family Services [ifsi@ifsinc.org](mailto:ifsi@ifsinc.org) or contact [Jack.trieu@ifsinc.org](mailto:Jack.trieu@ifsinc.org)

Home, community based case management and outpatient mental health services. Located at 4225 Chestnut Street 19104, (215)-386-8490 or 2317 South 23rd Street 19145, (215)-468-4673.

### 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

**The Wedge:** 1939 South Juniper Street, 19148 Counseling and therapy available in Vietnamese and Khmer (Cambodian) 215-329-3200/ 215-271-5822

### Cambodian Association of Greater Philadelphia [cagp.org/programs.html](http://cagp.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

### Jaisohn Center [www.jaisohn.org](http://www.jaisohn.org) 215-224-2000

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.

**Autism for Asian families VIDEO!** In Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese, Korean, Khmer (Cambodian), Nepali, Indonesian and English. <http://www.paautism.org/phillyautismproject/About-the-Project/Project-Highlights/Video-Gallery>

## Supports for African Families

### **AFRICOM-Philly** <http://www.africom-philly.org/> 5133 Baltimore Avenue 19143

The Coalition of African and Caribbean Communities

Health, social services, immigration, legal assistance, housing, employment, case management  
215-667-8853 many languages spoken here!! Just call!

### **AFAHO** <http://www.afaho.net/> African Family Health Organization 4415 Chestnut Street 19104

Health and wellness, supports for new moms and children, social services, immigration, ESL, employment skills, case management, wellness, community groups 215-546-1232 Many languages spoken here! Just call!

### **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](mailto:lanfia.waritay@cctckids.org)

## **Respite – “A PLACE FOR A BREAK!”**

### **Crisis Nurseries and Respite Services [ysiphilly.org](http://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.

**So Love Autistic Center for Childcare** (Drexel Hill , PA) 610-446-3680 [www.solovecenter.org](http://www.solovecenter.org) , accepts CCIS! Follows the Early Start Denver Model and other behaviorally based strategies.

### **The Variety Club: Weekend Retreats [www.varietyphila.org](http://www.varietyphila.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.templeigc.org/Family-Friends](http://www.templeigc.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](http://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](http://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 <http://dbhids.org/children-s-services/respite/> 215-685-4746**

For children ages 6-15. **Child must be receiving services from CBH and child must have Medical Assistance.**

Saturday afternoon Respite and Boys and Girls Club Spring and Winter Break programs **or** \$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

Pediatrics: 215-376-6576 pediatriakids.com

Caregivers America: 866-586-4394 caregiversamerica.com

### **Jewish Family & Children's Service [www.jfcsphilly.org](http://www.jfcsphilly.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@jfcsphilly.org](mailto:lney@jfcsphilly.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**

**Tops Soccer/Topsports**

FREE sports and recreations opportunities including bowling for children with special needs. Call Steve Milligan at 215.579.2656 or email [sa.milligan@verizon.net](mailto:sa.milligan@verizon.net). (Best through email)

**Holy Terror Stars** [www.holyterrorstars.webs.com](http://www.holyterrorstars.webs.com) All seasons - no age limit. FREE. NEW: teen basketball!

Weekly sports, including bowling for children significant special need. Lots of additional activities such as holiday parties. Northeast Philadelphia at New Foundations Charter School (Rhawn and Torresdale) and surrounding area. Contact: Cyndi Hinchey at 215-331-9876 [cyndistars@verizon.net](mailto:cyndistars@verizon.net) or Aimee Boothman at 215-847-4422/[alrb1021@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:info@foxchasechampions.com).

**Philly Autism Lego Club**: Torresdale Library 3079 Holme Ave 19136 FREE, contact to find out schedule and sign up for this group.

 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/phillyautism/> Lisbeth Little 215-850-4197 [phillyautism@gmail.com](mailto:phillyautism@gmail.com)

**Penn Speaks for Autism**: FREE! Tutoring, after school programs, monthly fun outings in the community such as apple picking, bowling, mini-golf, care giver support, tennis lessons! Check out their website and sign up! [www.pennspeaksforautism.com](http://www.pennspeaksforautism.com)

**HeARTS for AUTISM** [www.HeartforAutism.org](http://www.HeartforAutism.org)

Monthly workshops for families with children with Autism, using art as means of expression at Norcom Center in Northeast Philadelphia with activities for caretakers and siblings as well. Pre-registration is required and workshop are FREE! For more information call 267-231-7585 or email [robin@heartforautism.org](mailto:robin@heartforautism.org)

**PEEA Project Elijah Empowering Autism** . <http://www.peea.org/> FREE! Autism information and Community outings for children with Autism and their families to fun events like basketball games, bowling and roller skating. Fun for the whole family. Contact Eric Williams, Sr. at 267-258-8687 or [Elijah@peea.org](mailto:Elijah@peea.org)

**Special Olympics PA** [www.sopaphilly.org](http://www.sopaphilly.org) 215-671-5063

Sports program for children 2-7 with IDS. FREE! Contact Britt Kleine at [bkleine@specialolympicspa.org](mailto:bkleine@specialolympicspa.org)

**Free Library of Philadelphia** [www.freelibrary.org](http://www.freelibrary.org) Many FREE performances for kids throughout the year!

FREE story and FREE craft hours for children, call 215-685-5322 or check the website for location/hours.

**Art-Reach Museum Partners** [www.art-reach.org](http://www.art-reach.org) ACCESS to museums and facilities (Please Touch, Franklin Institute, 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 is not participating in this). Check website for all facilities!

**Settlement Music School** [www.smsmusic.org](http://www.smsmusic.org) 215-320-2625

**Main Site**: 3745 Clarendon Avenue, 19114 Four 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 Wynnefield Avenue | Philadelphia, PA 19131

Germantown Branch: 6128 Germantown Avenue | Philadelphia, PA 19144

**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)

**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 "Giant Slide". Free story and craft hours. 215-765-4325

## RECREATION AND COMMUNITY, CONTINUED

**Norcom Community Center** [www.nccfun.org](http://www.nccfun.org) 215-698-3060/ 215- 613-1070

Offers year-round recreational activities for children with special needs. Located at 10980 Norcom Rd 19154

**Variety Club Autism Resource Center** [www.varietyphila.org/serve/autism-initiative/](http://www.varietyphila.org/serve/autism-initiative/)

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** Contact Jean Merkl at 610-584-4366.

**Saturday Arts Program:** ages 6-21. Art, dancing, music, and theater. Every Saturday from 9AM-3PM for 10 weeks.

**Parent to Child** [www.parent2child.net](http://www.parent2child.net) Kathryn Snyder: 215-450-5271 or [kathrynsnyder@comcast.net](mailto:kathrynsnyder@comcast.net)

This center offers art and music therapies to promote growth, development and social skills; parent training and sibling club. Sliding fee\*. 1226 South Broad Street 19146

**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.ifcsphilly.org](http://www.ifcsphilly.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@ifcsphilly.org/](mailto:lney@ifcsphilly.org) (267)256-2269

**YMCA** [www.philaymca.org/](http://www.philaymca.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!!**

**Discovery Garden State Museum**

Free! Open to families with children with ASD. Opportunity to socialize in a safe and interactive environment. 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.

**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.

**We Rock the Spectrum Kids Gym** , Northeast Philadelphia , classes, playgroups, parties Find them on Facebook

## Camps

### Autism Centers of Excellence (“STAP” Programs):

**SPIN** – 215-612-7625. Three locations: Northeast: 10521 Drummond Road 19154 / Frankford: 1642 Orthodox Street 19124 / Northwest: 6200 Crittenden Street 19138

**NET** (Northeast Treatment Center) – 215-238-1426 ext221. Located at 458 N Second St., 19123

**Child Guidance Resource Center** - 267-713-4100. Located at 2901 Island Ave, 19153

**The City of Philadelphia Summer Program Guide** Neighborhood Day Camps: 215-683-3600. Ages 5-12

<http://www.phila.gov/ParksandRecreation/programsandactivities/Pages/Camps.aspx>

**Norcom Community Center** 10980 Norcom Rd 19154 215- 613-1070 [www.nccfun.org](http://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:** Youth with disabilities ages 5-21, siblings may attend too! Transportation is available, but limited to a pick-up point in Northeast Philadelphia and Bucks County. FEE \$\$

**Overnight Camp:** (610) 584-4366. For youth with disabilities ages 7-21. Stay over from Sunday to the next Saturday.

**Vocational Program** Jean Merkl 610-584-4366 x1101. For youth with disabilities ages 14 and up. Summer program to learn job skills in various work-related activities including landscaping, cooking, office duties, camp store, etc.

**Carousel House Special Needs Day Camp** [www.carouselhousepa.com](http://www.carouselhousepa.com) 215-685-0160/61/62

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](http://www.dragonflyforest.org) 610-298-1820 Cost: \$50 deposit plus additional sliding camp fees.

Residential overnight camp for ages 7-14, in Westtown, PA (Chester County).

**YMCA** <http://www.philaymca.org/>

Columbia North:1400 N. Broad St. 19121, 215-235-6440 Roxborough:7201 Ridge Ave 19128215-482-3900

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

**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 t-shirt. 6050 Market St. (Accepts Madeline Moore grant and FDSS funds)

Contact Roberta Bellamy 267-231-4120 or 215-472-2764 or [westphilapacs@gmail.com](mailto:westphilapacs@gmail.com)

**I Think I Can:** [http://pex.tripod.com/Recreation\\_Guide\\_Jan\\_17\\_2005.pdf](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!

**Camp Pegasus** located in Rosemont PA, near Villanova and Bryn Mawr. For 6-15 year olds. From 9 a.m. -3 p.m. See website for prices and other info. [http://camppegasus.com/social\\_skills\\_day\\_camp](http://camppegasus.com/social_skills_day_camp) 610-649-1080

**Camp Courage** ages 7-12 with developmental delays in Quakertown PA Autism Support Center 215-453-5178

<https://www.pennfoundation.org/services-programs/mental-health-services/camp-courage.html>

## 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** 240 S 40<sup>th</sup> St, 19104. Ages 1-12. 215-898-8979

**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/> 877-434-6384. There is a fee\*  
A sophisticated tracking system specially designed for people who wander and may be non-verbal. See the website or call

**Autism Safety Project** [www.autismspeaks.org/family-services/autism-safety-project](http://www.autismspeaks.org/family-services/autism-safety-project) 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 Debbaudt, 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> 267-426-5000 for more information.

**Car Seat Loan Program of Pennsylvania** [www.pakidstravelsafe.org](http://www.pakidstravelsafe.org) PA car seat loan program

**E-Z On Vest** <http://www.ezonpro.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 safety vests and all other safety products

**Autism “Big Red Safety Box”** [www.nationalautismassociation.org/big-red-safety-box](http://www.nationalautismassociation.org/big-red-safety-box)  
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.

## Behavioral Support and CBH

### Community Behavioral Health (CBH)

801 Market Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, 19107

1-888-545-2600

[www.phila-bhs.org](http://www.phila-bhs.org)

Special Needs Unit: 215-413-7663

CBH is the mental health HMO for Philadelphians 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 31.

### 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 ( **see listings on pages 2-8** ) or call CBH (215-413-3100). *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 or toileting.*

**Behavioral Health Services and Act 62** Families with private insurance may be entitled to behavioral services for a child with Autism for up to \$38,200/year. To qualify for Act 62 the 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/foradults/autismservices/paautismsinsuranceact62/autismsinsuranceactfactsheet/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.

**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.

**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** LogistiCare at 1-877-835-7412 [www.logisticare.com](http://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.

### Medical Assistance Special Needs Coordinators:

For more contacts related to Special Needs Coordinators 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 (families who do not meet the poverty cut off for SSI, may obtain a “letter of rejection” 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”

**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!**

<http://www.pccy.org/resource/applying-for-chip-or-medical-assistance/>

### ...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](http://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! 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](http://www.elwyn.org/SEEDS) and click on the MA Guide tab.*

**Family Resource Guide of Allegheny County:** <http://www.familyresourceguide.org/ed-support/index.aspx> This is a comprehensive resource that is easy to use and reviews many things such as SSI, Medical Assistance and Special Needs. Although it is not from Philadelphia County, the state and federal programs are the same for Philadelphians!

## **The Diaper Program (Only for children over 3)**

If your 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 mes 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 limpia también.

### **Resources for Toilet Training**

- Maria Wheeler book: Toilet Training for Individuals with Autism and Related Disorders
- [www.clothdiaper.com/PRODUCTS/DIAPER-COERS/Gerber-Waterproof-Pants.html](http://www.clothdiaper.com/PRODUCTS/DIAPER-COERS/Gerber-Waterproof-Pants.html)
- [www.visualaidsforlearning.com/toilettraining-pack-learning.htm](http://www.visualaidsforlearning.com/toilettraining-pack-learning.htm)
- [www.childrenwithspecialneeds.com/index.php/downloads.html](http://www.childrenwithspecialneeds.com/index.php/downloads.html)
- [www.llmedico.com/g/plastic-pants/](http://www.llmedico.com/g/plastic-pants/)
- <http://www.niu.edu/ccr/resources/ToiletTraining2.pdf>
- [http://www.autismspeaks.org/docs/sciencedocs/atn/atn\\_air-p\\_toilet\\_training.pdf](http://www.autismspeaks.org/docs/sciencedocs/atn/atn_air-p_toilet_training.pdf)
- [http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/autism\\_spectrum\\_disorder](http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/autism_spectrum_disorder)
- [Kc.vanderbilt.edu/site/resources](http://Kc.vanderbilt.edu/site/resources)
- Elwyn's FREE Toilet Training Booklet in English, Spanish or Chinese  
<http://www.elwyn.org/program/seeds/>

## 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-ASaphilly**

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-ASaphilly/>

**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.kinneyautism.sju.edu/services/aspire](http://www.kinneyautism.sju.edu/services/aspire)

Kinney Center offers two College bound programs.

**GRASP Philadelphia (Global and Regional Asperger's Syndrome Partnership)** <http://www.grasp.org/>

Members range in age from 18 to 65 plus. Group meets monthly at the Easttown Library in Berwyn, PA

[http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/GRASP\\_Philadelphia\\_PA/](http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/GRASP_Philadelphia_PA/)

**Jewish Family and Children's Services – Center for Special Needs** 10125 Verree Road, 19116 [www.jfcsphilly.org](http://www.jfcsphilly.org)

Lisa Ney [lney@jfcsphilly.org](mailto:lney@jfcsphilly.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>

Connecting people with Autism or Intellectual Disabilities with supports and services in their community.

717-236-2374

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

**ASCEND Meet Ups** <http://www.meetup.com/autism-414/>

**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](mailto:CFcounselingconnections@gmail.com)

## Grants and Financial Planning

**Need help with money, budgets, benefits and housing? Check out the FES Programs on page 21!!**

**BenePhilly Centers:** <http://sharedprosperityphila.org/city-of-philadelphia-opens-benephilly-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. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148.

**Bureau of Autism Services, PA Department of Public Welfare**

[www.paautism.org](http://www.paautism.org) 1-877-231-4244. Information about Act 62 and the Autism Waiver located on website.

**ACT 62** \$38,200/ year from private insurance companies of at least 51 employees who are not self-insured. Pays for approved diagnostic and treatment needs. See web for more info.

**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@phila.gov](mailto:SummerCamp_DBHIDS@phila.gov) or see this website: <http://dbhids.us/summercamp>. Application must be submitted by a Behavioral Health Provider.

**Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia** [www.csphiladelphia.org](http://www.csphiladelphia.org) 215-670-8411

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

**SCHWALLIE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM/The Lisa Higgins Hussman Scholarship**

<http://www.researchautism.org/news/otherevents/scholarship.asp>

\$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](http://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, or other staff in similar positions, who place orders for children's items with C2C. **Parents/families cannot request directly.** Agencies must register with C2C.

**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.**

**Danny's Wish** iPads for Autism grants <https://www.dannyswish.org/images/GiveawayApplication.pdf>

**Autism Speaks iPads** for children with Autism : [ipads@autismspeaks.org](mailto:ipads@autismspeaks.org)

### Financial/Benefits Advisors

**Tools for Meeting Life's Challenges:** [www.toolsmlc.org](http://www.toolsmlc.org) 866-594-8362 [jscullin@toolsmlc.org](mailto:jscullin@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