

# **Southwest Missouri Provider Directory For Autism**

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**Friends of the  
Burrell Autism Center**

## **ABOUT US:**

The Friends of the Burrell Autism Center is a not-for-profit 501(c) 3 organization. We are dedicated to increasing community awareness of autism and developing, as well as providing, resources and support to families affected by autism. This is an organization made up of concerned parents and professionals who volunteer their time and expertise to serve this population of children.

Please check the Burrell Autism Center website [www.burrellautismcenter.com](http://www.burrellautismcenter.com) for calendar information concerning activities sponsored by the Friends of the Burrell Autism Center.

## **ABOUT THIS RESOURCE DIRECTORY:**

The majority of the resources in this directory are parent-referred. Our hope is that the Directory will evolve over time to include all services in the Southwest Missouri area that are available for people with ASD. If you are aware of services in Southwest Missouri that haven't been included in this directory please contact us.

We would like to give a special THANK YOU to MO-FEAT (Missouri Families for Effective Autism Treatment). They allowed us to use information from their directory to include in this area directory. For an extensive listing of statewide resources please see the online Statewide Resource Directory at: [www.mofeat.org](http://www.mofeat.org).

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St. Louis, MO 63146  
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[www.mofeat.org](http://www.mofeat.org)

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# **ABA CONSULTANTS AND BEHAVIOR THERAPISTS**

## **Behavioral Intervention Solutions, LLC**

Kristy Parker, Manager Consultant  
Amy Reese, Consultant  
825 E Stanford  
Springfield MO 65807  
Phone: (417) 234-3455  
Web: [behavioralinterventionsolutions.com](http://behavioralinterventionsolutions.com)  
Email: [Kristy.Parker@behavioralinterventionsolutions.com](mailto:Kristy.Parker@behavioralinterventionsolutions.com)  
[Amy.Reese@behavioralinterventionsolutions.com](mailto:Amy.Reese@behavioralinterventionsolutions.com)

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## **Burrell Autism Center**

Ginger Crabtree, BCaBA  
1300 Bradford Pkwy  
Springfield MO 65804  
Phone: 417-269-5400  
E-mail: [ginger.crabtree@coxhealth.com](mailto:ginger.crabtree@coxhealth.com)

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## **Judevine Center- Outreach (SW MO)**

Southwest Missouri Autism Project  
1740 S Glenstone, Ste S  
Springfield MO 65804  
Phone: 417-890-1399  
Fax: 417-890-1775  
Web: [judevine.org](http://judevine.org)  
E-mail: [cbreig@judevine.org](mailto:cbreig@judevine.org)

Serves SW Missouri and NW Arkansas

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## **Nelson, Anita, BCaBA**

1404 Southern Hills PMB262  
West Plains MO 65775  
Phone: 417-293-3446  
E-mail: [aba@centurytel.net](mailto:aba@centurytel.net)

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## **Rivendale Institute of Learning**

Angela Fitzpatrick, BA, BCaBA  
Kerri Duncan, Ed S, BCaBA  
1613 W Elfindale  
Springfield MO 65807  
Phone: 417-864-7921  
Web: [rivendaleinstitute.com](http://rivendaleinstitute.com)

# **ADULT SERVICES - COMMUNITY LIVING SUPPORTS**

## **ARC**

1501 E Pythian  
Springfield MO 65802  
Phone: 417-864-7887  
Fax: 417-864-4307  
Web: [thearcoftheozarks.org](http://thearcoftheozarks.org)  
Email: [info@thearcoftheozarks.org](mailto:info@thearcoftheozarks.org)

Our mission at The ARC of the Ozarks is to support individuals with disabilities in directing their own lives as valued members of the community. The ARC believes every person should have the opportunity to achieve the highest level of independence. We, at The Arc, are committed to assisting you or your loved one in reaching that level.

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## **NOVA Center of the Ozarks**

524 S Union Ave  
Springfield MO 65802  
Phone: 417-889-3121  
Fax: 417-881-2214  
Web: [novacenteroftheozarks.org](http://novacenteroftheozarks.org)

Nova Center of the Ozarks strives to make possible the potential for positive change in the quality of life for every individual with a developmental disability, regardless of it's nature. NOVA offers ISL residential group homes and community integration supports for adults.

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## **Southwest Center for Independent Living**

2864 S Nettleton Ave  
Springfield MO 65807  
Phone: 417-886-1188  
Fax: 417-886-3619  
Web: [swcil.org](http://swcil.org)  
E-mail: [scil@swcil.org](mailto:scil@swcil.org)

The Southwest Center for Independent Living (SCIL) is a private, not-for-profit agency which was established in 1985 in Springfield MO to provide services, advocacy, and resources for people with any disability in Southwest Missouri. People with disabilities serve on our board of directors and make up much of our staff.

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## **Vocational Rehabilitation DESE**

Jennifer Emory, Senior Counselor  
613 E Kearney  
Springfield MO 65803  
Phone: 417-895-5866  
E-mail: [jennifer.emory@vr.dese.mo.gov](mailto:jennifer.emory@vr.dese.mo.gov)

# **ADVOCACY**

## **Missouri Autism Coalition**

PO Box 1431  
Jefferson City, MO 65102  
Web: [missouriautismcoalition.com](http://missouriautismcoalition.com)

The Missouri Autism Coalition is an alliance of individuals concerned about statewide autism issues who collaborate to improve the lives of individuals and their families with autism spectrum disorders.

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## **Missouri Protection & Advocacy Services**

925 S Country Club Dr  
Jefferson City, MO 65109  
Phone: 800-392-8667  
573-659-0678  
Web: [moadvocacy.org](http://moadvocacy.org)  
Email: [app.unit@mo-pa.org](mailto:app.unit@mo-pa.org)

MO P&A is a federally mandated system in the state of Missouri which provides protection of the rights of persons with disabilities by providing advocacy and legal services. Persons with disabilities, or persons who care for a person with disabilities, may call MO P&A for services that include information and referral, self advocacy coaching to assist in resolution of a problem, or for an advocate to participate in meetings to assist in resolution of a problem. Advocates are located in offices throughout the state, but all initial requests for services are processed by the Application Unit in the Jefferson City office. Non-legal advocacy services are free. Legal services are also available and the cost is determined by a sliding scale fee based on income.

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## **MPACT: Missouri Parents Act**

8301 State Line Rd, Ste 204  
Kansas City MO 64114  
Phone: (800) 743-7634  
Web: [ptimpact.com](http://ptimpact.com)

Parent Training and Information Center offering individual assistance, IEP support, and training for communication and legal rights in special education for Missouri families of children with disabilities. Services are free.

MPACT serves parents of children with all disabilities and works with public and private agencies, parent groups, professional organizations and advocacy groups. They provide up-to-date information online, as well as through their toll-free telephone numbers and training sessions throughout the state. Their new training session on autism is entitled “*Understanding the IEP Process for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders.*” You can request a training session in your area of the state if you can organize a group of 5 or more parents to attend and provide a space to meet.

## **SSEPTA**

Springfield Special Education PTA  
Lisa Slattery  
639 W Chestnut Expy  
Springfield MO 65802  
Phone: 417-882-4063  
Web: [springfieldsepta.org](http://springfieldsepta.org)  
E-mail: [springfieldsepta@aol.com](mailto:springfieldsepta@aol.com)

Springfield Special Education Parent Teacher Association is committed to the pursuit of effective communication and cooperative partnership in order to assist in providing the best educational environment for all children with special needs.

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## **CHILDCARE**

### **Child Care Resources & Referral**

Council of Churches Project  
Sarah Camp, Inclusion Specialist  
1910 E Meadowmere  
Springfield MO 65804  
Phone: 417-887-3545 x215  
800-743-8497  
Fax: 417-823-9459  
Web: [ccochildcare.org](http://ccochildcare.org)  
E-mail: [scamp@ccochildcare.org](mailto:scamp@ccochildcare.org)

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### **Missouri Child Care Resource and Referral Network**

4236 Lindell Blvd, Ste 202  
St. Louis MO 63108  
Phone: 314-535-1458  
1-800-200-9017  
Fax: 314-754-0330  
Web: [moccrrn.org](http://moccrrn.org)  
Email: [info@moccrrn.org](mailto:info@moccrrn.org)

Missouri Child Care Resources and Referral Network provides coordinated, statewide child care resource and referral services that promote a high quality child care system. MOCCRRN also employs inclusion coordinators to consult with daycare providers on including children with disabilities in their setting.

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## **COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND AWARENESS SPEAKERS**

### **Burrell Autism Center**

Susan Henderson, Psychologist, Director  
Amy Vaughan, OTR/L  
Ginger Crabtree, BCaBA  
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Phone: 417-269-0244  
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### **Judevine Center-Outreach (SW MO)**

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1740 S Glenstone, Ste S  
Springfield MO 65804  
Phone: 417-890-1399  
Fax: 417-890-1775  
Web: [judevine.org](http://judevine.org)  
E-mail: [cbreig@judevine.org](mailto:cbreig@judevine.org)

Judevine Center for Autism offers in-home parent training for any age person with an autism spectrum disorder. A Judevine specialist works in the home to understand particular family needs and then responds to the family's concern with issue-specific behavior training. Judevine also offers an intensive three-week parent training program where behavior therapy techniques are taught.

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## **COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS**

### *Mental Health in Missouri*

*The Missouri Department of Mental Health is divided into three main areas:*

- *Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (DD)*
- *Division of Comprehensive Psychiatric Services (CPS)*
- *Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse (ADA)*

*Services through the Regional Offices are part of the Division of DD. If mental health is also a significant issue, you may want to call the local community mental health center and request an assessment to see if you may qualify for services through that division, as well.*

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### **Missouri Department of Mental Health Division of Psychiatric Services**

Phone: 573-751-8017  
Web: [dmh.mo.gov/cps/cpsindex.htm](http://dmh.mo.gov/cps/cpsindex.htm)  
Email: [cpsmail@dmh.mo.gov](mailto:cpsmail@dmh.mo.gov)

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**Burrell Behavioral Health**

1300 Bradford Pkwy  
Springfield MO 65804  
Phone: 417-269-5400

Additional Locations: Springfield, Branson, Bolivar and Marshfield

Certified Programs: Comprehensive Psychiatric Rehabilitation for Adults/Children and Youth, Outpatient Mental Health

Additional Services: Burrell Autism Center, Children's Day Treatment, Outpatient, Residential Crisis Stabilization Unit, Inpatient, Family Focus Program and Pharmacy

Counties Served: Christian, Dallas, Greene, Polk, Stone, Taney and Webster

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**Clark Community Mental Health Center**

104 W Main  
Pierce City MO 65723  
Phone: 417-476-1036  
Web: [clarkmentalhealth.com](http://clarkmentalhealth.com)

Certified Programs: Comprehensive Psychiatric Rehabilitation for Adults/Children and Youth, Outpatient Mental Health

Additional Services: Case Management, Intensive In-Home Services

Counties Served: Barry, Dade and Lawrence

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**Pathways Community Behavioral Healthcare**

1800 Community Dr  
Clinton MO 64735  
Phone: 660-890-8054  
Web: [pathwaysonline.org](http://pathwaysonline.org)

Additional Locations: Belton, Butler, Camdenton, Cuba, Eldon, El Dorado Springs, Harrisonville, Hermann, Higginsville, Jefferson City, Lebanon, Lexington, Nevada, Odessa, Osage Beach, Owensville, Raymore, Rolla, Salem, Sedalia, Warrensburg, Warsaw, Waynesville

Certified Programs: Comprehensive Psychiatric Rehabilitation for Adults/Children and Youth, Outpatient Mental Health

Counties Served: Bates, Benton, Cedar, Henry, Hickory, St. Clair and Vernon

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**Ozark Center**

3006 McClelland  
Joplin MO 64803  
Phone: 417-781-2410

Additional Locations: Joplin, Neosho and Carthage

Certified Programs: Comprehensive Psychiatric Rehabilitation for Adults/Children and Youth, Outpatient Mental Health

Additional Services: Pharmacy, Youth Residential Services

Counties Served: Barton, Jasper, McDonald and Newton

## **DAN! DOCTOR DIRECTORY**

*Resources listed in this directory are parent-referred and provided for information only. The resources listed do not reflect the opinions or endorsement of Burrell Autism Center or Friends of the Autism Center.*

*Therefore, parents are encouraged to thoroughly research and evaluate the interventions they use and maintain open communication with all providers involved in the care of their child, in order to best monitor the safety of interventions and effectiveness.*

*The following are practitioners listed by the American Research Institute as providing Defeat Autism Now! interventions for patients with autism.*

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### **Carter, Maria, MD**

725 W Battlefield  
Springfield MO 65807  
Phone: 417-889-7444

Does not accept Medicaid

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### **Dyer, Curtis, MD**

407 E Russell, Ste C  
Warrensburg MO 64093  
Phone: 660-747-5114  
Fax: 660-747-5684

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### **Salas, Alain, DC**

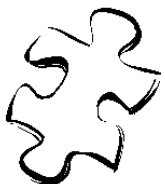
Pain and Stress Elimination Center  
405 E 19th Ave, Ste 205  
North Kansas City MO 64116  
Phone: 816-842-7246  
Fax: 816-842-7246

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### **Smith, James D., DC**

1802 N Woodbine  
St. Joseph MO 64506  
Phone: 816-232-5113  
Fax: 816-232-0453

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**AUTISM QUICK FACT**  
**67 children are diagnosed per day**

**Sultan, Tipu, MD**

11585 W Florissant Ave  
Florissant MO 63033  
Phone: 314-921-5600  
Fax: 314-921-8273  
Web: [ehacstl.com](http://ehacstl.com)

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**Wright, Amy, MD**

Crossing Back to Health  
1008 Rock Creek Elementary Dr  
O' Fallon MO 63366  
Phone: 636-281-4410  
Fax: 636-281-4412

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**DENTISTS****Buzbee Dental**

1244 E Lark  
Springfield MO 65804  
Phone: 417-881-1388  
Fax: 417-889-1209  
Web: [buzbeedental.com](http://buzbeedental.com)  
Email: [info@buzbeedental.com](mailto:info@buzbeedental.com)

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**Giving Back Dental**

3259 E Sunshine, Ste K  
Springfield MO 65804  
Phone: 417-882-2444  
Web: [givingbackdental.com](http://givingbackdental.com)

Accepts Medicaid

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**Jordan Valley Community Health Center**

618 N Benton Ave  
Springfield MO 65804  
Phone: 417-831-0150  
Web: [jvchc.com](http://jvchc.com)

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**Parkcrest Dental Group**

Stuart W. Scott, DDS  
540 W LaSalle St  
Springfield MO 65807  
Phone: 417-887-1220  
800-798-0112  
Web: [parkcrestdental.com](http://parkcrestdental.com)

Pediatric Dentist

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**Spring View Dental Care**

5133 S Campbell, Ste 202  
Springfield MO 65810  
Phone: 417-886-1010  
Fax: 417-886-1216  
Web: [springviewdentalcare.com](http://springviewdentalcare.com)

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**Wehner, Ronald**

1722-P S Glenstone  
Springfield MO 6584  
Phone: 417-883-7374

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**DEVELOPMENTAL THERAPISTS****Ability Network**

Leslie Elpers  
284 Merchant St  
Ste. Genevieve MO 63670  
Phone: 573-883-8181  
866-483-3555  
Fax: 573-883-8182  
Web: [abilitynetwork.org](http://abilitynetwork.org)  
E-mail: [info@abilitynetwork.org](mailto:info@abilitynetwork.org)

Ability Network is located in Ste. Genevieve but provides developmental, speech, occupational and physical therapists, dieticians, and social workers throughout Missouri. Services are provided in natural, inclusive environments such as homes, schools, and community.

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## **DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATIONS - OTHER RESOURCES**

### **Burrell Autism Center**

Susan Henderson, Psychologist, Director  
1300 Bradford Pkwy  
Springfield MO 65804  
Phone: 417-269-0244  
Fax: 417-269-0262

The Burrell Autism Center provides a comprehensive multidisciplinary evaluation for individuals who may have an autism spectrum disorder. Using a variety of formal and informal evaluation and assessment measures, the team identifies specific neuro-developmental cognitive processes that are affecting a child's ability to function within his/her daily routine.

The Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Evaluation includes:

- Psychological Evaluation
- Medical Evaluation by the Developmental Pediatrician
- Occupational Therapy Evaluation
- Speech Language Evaluation

After the comprehensive multidisciplinary evaluation is completed, the Autism Center Diagnostic Team discusses the evaluations and determines the diagnosis for the child. The team then makes recommendations for treatment. Based on the Diagnostic Team's recommendations, the Psychologist completes a Multidisciplinary Diagnostic Summary.

Individual evaluations, such as Occupational Therapy or Speech Language Therapy are also available for children who have an established ASD diagnosis. Appropriate avenues for those specific evaluations are determined during the multi-disciplinary screening.

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1740 S. Glenstone, Ste S  
Springfield MO 65804  
Phone: 417-890-1399  
Fax: 417-890-1775  
Web: [judevine.org](http://judevine.org)  
E-mail: [cbreig@judevine.org](mailto:cbreig@judevine.org)

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## **EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES**

*See also, Local School District Special Education Departments*

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### **Developmental Center of the Ozarks**

1545 E Pythian  
Springfield MO 65802  
Phone: 417-831-1545  
Fax: 417-831-7539  
Web: [DCOonline.com](http://DCOonline.com)

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### **First Steps: Infant-Toddler Early Intervention**

Diana Patten, Director  
Jennifer Larson, Intake Coordinator  
300 S. John Q. Hammons Pkwy, Ste. 102  
Springfield MO 65806  
Phone: (417) 886-0404  
Fax: (417) 886-0405  
Web: [gcbdd.org/spoe.html](http://gcbdd.org/spoe.html)  
Email: [Diana@gcbdd.org](mailto:Diana@gcbdd.org);  
Email: [Jennifer@gcbdd.org](mailto:Jennifer@gcbdd.org)

Missouri's First Steps program is administered by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). First Steps offers coordinated services and assistance to young children with special needs and their families. First Steps is designed for children, birth to age 3, who have delayed development or diagnosed conditions that are associated with developmental disabilities. The goal of First Steps is to make sure that families have the necessary supports, services, and resources that they need to raise healthy, happy and successful children. Autism Spectrum Disorders, including Pervasive Developmental Disorder, fall under the category of diagnosed conditions that automatically qualify a child for First Steps services. Participation in First Steps is voluntary and is intended to help families of children with disabilities.

### **State Information on First Steps**

Where to start, eligibility criteria, and parental rights at <http://dese.mo.gov/divspeced/FirstSteps/>

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### **The Next Step**

500 W Battlefield, Ste B  
Springfield MO 65807  
Phone: 417-886-0407  
Fax: 417-886-0405  
Web: [gcbdd.org](http://gcbdd.org)

Provides support, advocacy, funding, and coordination to individuals and families with developmental disabilities to help enhance their lives, empower their voices, and achieve their dreams. Provides services for ages 3 and up.

## **Ozark Center for Autism**

Jennifer Long, Clinical Director  
2411 S Jackson Ave  
Joplin MO 64804  
Phone: 417-347-7850  
Fax: 417-347-7859  
Web: [freemanhealth.com/body.cfm?id=1351](http://freemanhealth.com/body.cfm?id=1351)

The foundational philosophy of the Ozark Center for Autism is the science of Applied Behavior Analysis imbedded in the principals of child development. This program offers early intensive behavior intervention to toddlers and preschoolers with autism spectrum disorders.

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## **EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS AND RESOURCES**

### **Behavior Based Learning**

Brooke Allen, MS, BCBA  
Web: [behaviorbasedlearning.com](http://behaviorbasedlearning.com)  
Email: [behavioral\\_educator@yahoo.com](mailto:behavioral_educator@yahoo.com)

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1300 Bradford Pkwy  
Springfield MO 65804  
Phone: 417-269-0244  
Fax: 417-269-0262

Given the complexity of Autism Spectrum Disorders and the ongoing evolution of our understanding about ASD, it is critical that a repository of knowledge be available to families, caregivers, teachers, and providers. The Center seeks to fill this need through:

- Family and caregiver education and training, including information on best practices in diagnosis, treatment, and management of children with autism.
- Interdisciplinary training for current professional and professionals-in-training, including behavior health professionals, physicians, nurses, therapists, teachers, and others.

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### **Missouri Autism Consultants**

Web: [education.missouristate.edu/access/FactSheet19.htm](http://education.missouristate.edu/access/FactSheet19.htm)

On-site child specific consultations can be arranged through the use of Missouri Autism Consultants from Project ACCESS. District staff can be trained to be in-district autism consultants.

## **Project ACCESS**

Missouri State University  
901 N National Ave  
Springfield MO 65897  
Phone: 417-895-5575  
866-481-3841  
Fax: 417-895-5576  
Web: [education.missouristate.edu/access](http://education.missouristate.edu/access)  
E-mail: [projectACCESS@missouristate.edu](mailto:projectACCESS@missouristate.edu)

Project ACCESS is funded by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and provides autism resource information to public schools in the form of onsite and telephone consultations, as well as support via internet. Local autism-specific trainings are offered through the Regional Professional Development Centers (RPDCs) to Missouri school district staff and educators who work with youngsters age 0-21 years, who experience Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and related disabilities.

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## **FUNDING SOURCES**

*See also, Regional Offices in Additional Resources*

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*See also, Senate Bill 40 (SB40) Board in Additional Resources*

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### **Autism Speaks – Autism Grant**

Colleen Dolnick, Midwest Autism Response Team  
Coordinator  
Phone: 888-AUTISM-2  
Web: [autismspeaks.org](http://autismspeaks.org)  
E-mail: [cdolnick@autismspeaks.org](mailto:cdolnick@autismspeaks.org)

Grant may provide up to \$1,500 in emergency funding.

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### **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services**

Web: [cms.hhs.gov/center/People.asp](http://cms.hhs.gov/center/People.asp)

Information for people who utilize Medicaid, including info on eligibility and providers.

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### **Children's Miracle Network**

Heather Fesperman, Executive Director

Phone: 417-269-5437

Web: [childrensmiraclenetwork.org](http://childrensmiraclenetwork.org)  
[coxhealth.com](http://coxhealth.com)

E-mail: [heather.fesperman@coxhealth.com](mailto:heather.fesperman@coxhealth.com)

In Springfield, children receiving PT, OT and Speech Therapies through Cox Health Systems may apply for a family care grant for possible assistance with the services.

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### **Greene County Board for Developmentally Disabled**

300 S John Q Hammons Pkwy, Ste 112

Springfield MO 65806

Phone: 417-831-0007

Fax: 417-863-9889

Web: [gcbdd.org](http://gcbdd.org)

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### **Midwest Special Needs Trust**

1500 Vandiver, Ste 100

Columbia MO 65202

Phone: 573-882-3388

888-671-1069

Web: [midwestspecialneedstrust.org](http://midwestspecialneedstrust.org)

E-mail: [mftbt@aol.com](mailto:mftbt@aol.com)

A program that provides small financial assistance grants to persons with disabilities who meet the eligibility criteria for disability and income.

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### **Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Services (MACDDS)**

Web: [macdds.org/about\\_us.html](http://macdds.org/about_us.html)

In the state of Missouri there are 47 member county SB40 boards (See Senate Bill 40 Boards), related private organizations, and affiliated agencies to share information, discuss common problems, and act cohesively in areas of concern. Each year MACDDS sponsors a fall conference, seeks to bring together technical assistance and innovative ideas to broaden the perspective of member counties, related private organizations, and affiliated public agencies as they endeavor to serve people of Missouri with developmental disabilities.

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### **AUTISM QUICK FACT**

**There is no medical detection or cure for autism**

### **Missouri Health Net Coverage for People with Disabilities**

Phone: 800-735-2466

Web: [dss.mo.gov/fsd/massist.htm](http://dss.mo.gov/fsd/massist.htm)

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### **Missouri Health Net for Kids**

Phone: 888-275-5908 to request an application

Web: [dss.mo.gov/mhk/index.htm](http://dss.mo.gov/mhk/index.htm)

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### **Missouri Health Net Participant Handbook**

Web: [dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pdf/hndbk\\_ffs.pdf](http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pdf/hndbk_ffs.pdf)

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### **Missouri Medicaid**

MO HealthNet Division

615 Howerton Ct

PO Box 6500

Jefferson City MO 65102-6500

Phone: (573) 751-3425

Web: [dss.mo.gov/mhd](http://dss.mo.gov/mhd)

Medicaid assists people with disabilities in meeting the costs of medical services. Benefits are distributed according to income and medical need.

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### **Missouri's Office of Autism Services**

Missouri Department of Mental Health

Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities

Julia Kaufmann, Director

PO Box 687

Jefferson City MO 65102

Phone: 573-751-4054

573-526-1201 (TT)

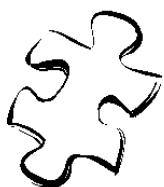
800-207-9329

Web: [dmh.mo.gov](http://dmh.mo.gov)

[dmh.mo.gov/opa/pubs/AutismFacts08.pdf](http://dmh.mo.gov/opa/pubs/AutismFacts08.pdf)

Email: [dmhmail@dmh.mo.gov](mailto:dmhmail@dmh.mo.gov)

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### **AUTISM QUICK FACT**

**More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than AIDS, diabetes and cancer, combined.**

## **National Autism Association**

Rita Shreffler  
1330 W Schatz Ln  
Nixa MO 65714  
Phone: 417-725-9544  
Web: [nationalautismassociation.org](http://nationalautismassociation.org)  
E-mail: [rita@nationalautismassociation.org](mailto:rita@nationalautismassociation.org)

The mission of the National Autism Association is to educate and empower families affected by autism and other neurological disorders, while advocating on behalf of those who cannot fight for their own rights. We will educate society that autism is not a lifelong incurable genetic disorder but one that is bio-medically definable and treatable. We will raise public and professional awareness of environmental toxins as causative factors in neurological damage that often results in an autism or related diagnosis. We will encourage those in the autism community to never give up in their search to help their loved ones reach their full potential, funding efforts toward this end through appropriate research for finding a cure for the neurological damage from which so many affected by autism suffer.

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## **Regional Office - Joplin**

3600 E Newman Rd  
Joplin MO 64802  
Phone: 417-629-3020  
888-549-6634  
Web: [joplin.mo.networkofcare.org/dd/](http://joplin.mo.networkofcare.org/dd/)

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## **Regional Office - Springfield**

1515 E Pythian  
Springfield MO 65801  
Phone: 417-895-7400  
888-549-6635  
Web: [springfield.mo.networkofcare.org/dd/](http://springfield.mo.networkofcare.org/dd/)

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## **Social Security Administration - Disability Starter Kits**

Web: [ssa.gov/disabilitystarterkits.htm](http://ssa.gov/disabilitystarterkits.htm)

These Social Security Administration (SSA) kits are designed to help individuals prepare for a disability interview and/or complete an online benefits application. Kits are available for adults and for children under age 18, and provide information about the specific documents and the information that is required in order to apply.

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**Social Security Administration - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)**

Phone: 800-772-1213 (to apply)

Web: [ssa.gov/disability](http://ssa.gov/disability)

The Social Security Administration (SSA) is responsible for the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. The SSI program pays benefits to adults and children with disabilities who have limited income and resources. You can contact your local Social Security office to make an appointment to complete the SSI application form in person or over the phone.

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**Southwest Missouri Autism Project**

1740 S Glenstone, Ste S

Springfield MO 65804

Phone: 417-890-1399

800-420-7410

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**Statewide Missouri Autism Project Committee**

Nikki Straw

Phone: 417-624-2521

E-mail: [nastraw@cableone.net](mailto:nastraw@cableone.net)

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**United Healthcare Children's Foundation**

MN012-S286

PO BOX 41

Minneapolis MN 55440-0041

Phone: 952-992-4459

Web: [uhccf.org](http://uhccf.org)

National grant that offers medical assistance grants of up to \$5,000 for medical services or equipment not fully covered by health insurance. Includes Speech, PT, and psychological therapies; equipment such as wheelchairs, braces, hearing aids and eyeglasses, orthodontia and dental and other needs.

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**HORSEBACK RIDING -HIPPO THERAPY****Horses of Hope – Missouri, Inc**

55 Kelly Rd

Buffalo MO 65662

Phone: 417-345-5210

Web: [horsesofhope.com](http://horsesofhope.com)

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**Magic Moments Riding Therapy**

272 County Ln 125  
Diamond MO 64840  
Phone: 417-325-4490  
Web: [ridingtherapy.com](http://ridingtherapy.com)  
Email: [magic-moments@yahoo.com](mailto:magic-moments@yahoo.com)

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**Sac River Stables**

5798 N Farm Rd 125  
Springfield MO 65803  
Phone: 417-742-4200  
Web: [sacriverstables.com](http://sacriverstables.com)  
Email: [dawn@sacriverstables.com](mailto:dawn@sacriverstables.com)

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**Therapeutic Riding of the Ozarks**

Kent Crumpley Director  
627 N Glenstone  
Springfield MO 65802  
Phone: 417-862-3586 ext 230  
Web: [ccozarks.org/TRO.htm](http://ccozarks.org/TRO.htm)  
E-mail: [kcrumpley@ccozarks.org](mailto:kcrumpley@ccozarks.org)

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**LENDING LIBRARIES****Friends of the Autism Center**

Burrell Behavioral Health  
Melissa Davenport, Contact  
1300 Bradford Pkwy  
Springfield MO 65804  
Phone: 417-269-0304

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**Judevine Center- Outreach (SW MO)**

Christine Breig, Contact  
Southwest Missouri Autism Project  
1740 S Glenstone, Ste S  
Springfield MO 65804  
Phone: 417-890-1399  
Web: [judevine.org](http://judevine.org)  
E-mail: [cbreig@judevine.org](mailto:cbreig@judevine.org)  
Joplin Office  
1211 S Illinois  
Joplin MO 64804  
Phone: 417-781-3616

# **Local School Districts Special Education Departments**

## **Bolivar R-I Schools**

524 W Madison St  
Bolivar MO 65613  
Phone: 417-326-5291  
Web: [bolivarschools.org](http://bolivarschools.org)

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## **Branson Public Schools**

400 Cedar Ridge Dr  
Branson MO 65616  
Phone: 417-334-6541  
Fax: 417-334-6619  
Web: [www.branson.k12.mo.us](http://www.branson.k12.mo.us)

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## **Logan-Rogersville R-VIII Special Services**

100 E Front Street  
Rogersville MO 65742  
Phone: 417-753-2891  
Fax: 417-753-3063  
Web: [logrog.net](http://logrog.net)

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## **Marshfield R-I Schools**

170 State Hwy DD  
Marshfield MO 65706  
Phone: 417-859-2120  
Fax: 417-859-2193  
Web: [www.mrl.k12.mo.us](http://www.mrl.k12.mo.us)

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## **Nixa Public Schools Special Services**

205 North St  
Nixa MO 65714  
Phone: 417-875-5410  
Web: [www.nixa.k12.mo.us/district/specialservices.htm](http://www.nixa.k12.mo.us/district/specialservices.htm)

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## **Ozark R-VI Schools**

302 N 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Ozark MO 65721  
Phone: 417-582-5900  
Fax: 417-582-5960  
Web: [www.ozark.k12.mo.us](http://www.ozark.k12.mo.us)

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**Republic Public Schools Special Services**

234 E Anderson  
Republic MO 65738  
Phone: 417-735-3715  
Fax: 417-732-3699  
Web: [www.republic.k12.mo.us](http://www.republic.k12.mo.us)

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**Springfield Public Schools Special Education**

639 W Chestnut Expwy  
Springfield MO 65802  
Phone: 417-523-7700  
Fax: 417-523-7595  
Web: [springfieldpublicschools.mo.org](http://springfieldpublicschools.mo.org)

Early Childhood Special Education is a program provided by the public school system which provides services to preschool children age 3-5 with significant delays.

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**Willard R-2 Schools**

460 E Kime  
Willard MO 65781  
Phone: 417-742-2584  
Web: [www.willard.k12.mo.us](http://www.willard.k12.mo.us)

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## **NEUROLOGISTS**

**Pediatric Neurology of the Ozarks CoxHealth**

Dr. Arie Ashkenasi, MD  
Dr. Gene Tenorio, MD  
1000 E Primrose St, Ste 200  
Springfield MO 65807  
Phone: 417-269-1010  
Fax: 417-269-6755  
Web: [coxhealth.com](http://coxhealth.com)

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**St. John's Clinic of Neurology**

Dr Tim Frederick, MD  
2115 S Fremont Ave, Ste 3000  
Springfield MO 65804  
Phone: 417-820-9123  
Fax: 417-820-3935  
Web: [searchdocs.stjohns.com/default.asp](http://searchdocs.stjohns.com/default.asp)

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## **St. John's Clinic –Pediatric Neurology Whiteside**

Dr Bernardo Flasterstein, MD

2115 S Fremont Ave, Ste 2200

Springfield MO 65804

Phone: 417-820-9055

Fax: 417-820-9056

Web: [searchdocs.stjohns.com/default.asp](http://searchdocs.stjohns.com/default.asp)

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## **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

### **Burrell Autism Center**

1300 Bradford Pkwy

Springfield MO 65804

Phone: 417-269-0244

E-mail: [amy.vaughan@coxhealth.com](mailto:amy.vaughan@coxhealth.com)

*Occupational Therapist- Amy Vaughan, OTR/L; Katie Parrigon, OTR/L; Patricia Leavell, COTA*

Burrell offers:

- **Evaluation** by a therapist certified in Sensory Integration and Praxis.
  - **Treatment** that focuses on parent training and interaction between the child and family as well as individual skills.
  - **Interactive Metronome** Certified site: Interactive Metronome is a tool used by therapists to improve motor planning, self-regulation, sequencing, and rhythmicity. It is particularly recommended for those children who have completed sensory integration individual therapy.
  - **Therapeutic Listening** intervention – New in 2009! Therapeutic listening is a technique that utilizes music to activate the limbic system and targets skills such as self-regulation and areas including the visual, auditory, and balance systems.
  - **Me In Motion:** An 8 week group program led by the occupational therapy staff with fun games and activities chosen to enhance a child's ability to take in information and respond in a more coordinated way. MIM provides the opportunity to improve skills, learn skills, or maintain skills. It also gives a child the chance to engage his/her peers, learn to take turns, follow directions, and learn fundamental movement skills – all while having fun!
  - **Pre-Handwriting Lab:** A 6 week group that meets 2 times per week to focus on pre-handwriting skills preparing the child for handwriting within the school environment. This program targets developmental skills using multi-sensory techniques.
  - **Handwriting Lab:** A 6 week group that meets 2 times per week that focuses on positioning, grasp, shoulder and wrist stability, and core strengthening/reflex integration. Specific skills targeted include: letter formation, orientation skills during handwriting, line placement, letter sizing, spacing and pressure used on the pencil.
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### **Citizen's Memorial Hospital**

1500 N Oakland  
Bolivar MO 65613  
Phone: 417-326-6000  
Web: [citizensmemorial.com](http://citizensmemorial.com)

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### **CoxHealth Outpatient Rehabilitation – The Meyer Center**

3545 S National Ave  
Springfield MO 65807  
Phone: 417-269-5500

*Occupational Therapist* - Michelle McCoy; Sapna Chakraborty  
*Physical Therapist* - Jean Knapp; Sarah Jones  
*Speech Language Pathologist* - Debbie Foster; Terri Myers; Carol Chalfant;  
Kelly Beckham (feeding & swallowing)

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### **Missouri State University Perceptual Motor Development Lab**

Department of HPER  
901 S National Ave  
Springfield MO 65897  
Phone: 417-836-6234  
Fax: 417-836-5371  
Web: [missouristate.edu/pmdl/](http://missouristate.edu/pmdl/)  
Email: [JohnDowning@missouristate.edu](mailto:JohnDowning@missouristate.edu)

The Missouri State University Perceptual-Motor Development Program is dedicated to the remediation of both psychomotor and academic readiness skills for younger at-risk children in the greater Springfield region. At-risk children in this context are typically those who

- demonstrate difficulty running, jumping, hopping, throwing and catching
  - have trouble with balance and stumble over objects
  - have problems cutting out shapes, using crayons or pencils
  - often spill drinks and/or drop objects
  - lack the ability to discriminate left from right
  - exhibit inability or inconsistency in tracking objects moving in space, e.g., visually following the flight of a ball
  - display overall clumsiness and/or lack of coordination
  - may or may not exhibit any or all of the above characteristics in conjunction with academic difficulties.
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### **Outpatient Rehab Therapies - Cox North**

1423 N Jefferson Ave, Ste K-200  
Springfield MO 65802  
Phone: 417-269-3177

*Occupational Therapist - Brenda Stevens-Ricci, OTR/L, IMC*  
*Physical Therapist - Crystal Warren, PT*  
*Speech Language Pathologist - Linda Terry, MA, CCC-SLP, IMC*  
*Audiologists - Kara Novinger, Au D, CCC-A; Jaime Lanois, Au D, CCC-A*

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### **Ozark Therapy Institute**

4560 S Campbell, Ste N  
Springfield MO 65810  
Phone: 417-881-9500  
Web: [ozarktherapy.com](http://ozarktherapy.com)

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### **St. John's Therapy Services**

Outpatient Pediatrics  
1235 E Cherokee  
Springfield MO 65804  
Phone: 417-820-4069  
Fax: 417-820-3499  
Web: [stjohns.com](http://stjohns.com)

*Occupational Therapist - Stacey Anderson OTR/L*  
*Physical Therapist - Kesia Danner-Bowman PT; Michelle Crouse MPT, ATP*  
*Speech Language Pathologist - Marilyn Kemper, MA, CCC-SLP; Lori Pyle MS, CCC-SLP*

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## **OPTOMETRISTS**

### **Family Eye Care**

Dr Wes Kemp, OD  
325 S Main  
Bolivar MO 65613  
Phone: 417-777-9000  
Web: [visionsource-drwes Kemp.com](http://visionsource-drwes Kemp.com)  
E-mail: [drkemp@drwes Kemp.com](mailto:drkemp@drwes Kemp.com)

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**AUTISM QUICK FACT**  
**1 in 150 children is diagnosed with autism**

### **Vision Enhancement Clinic**

Dr David Pierce, OD  
Dr Carol Scott, OD, FCOVD  
1426 E Bradford Pkwy  
Springfield MO 65804  
Phone: 417-887-7151  
Fax: 417-887-7153  
Web: [visionenhancementclinic.com](http://visionenhancementclinic.com)

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## **ORTHOTICS**

### **Scott-Larson Orthotics**

3525 S National, Ste 104  
Springfield MO 65807  
Phone: 417-269-4549  
Fax: 417-269-5089

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## **PARENT TRAINING**

### **Judevine Outreach Services**

Christine Breig, Contact  
1740 S Glenstone, Ste S  
Springfield MO 65804  
Phone: 417-890-1399  
Fax: 417-890-1775  
Web: [judevine.org](http://judevine.org)  
Email: [cbreig@judevine.org](mailto:cbreig@judevine.org)

Judevine Center for Autism offers a full range of services and supports to children and adults with autism and their families. Our broad range of services includes:

- Evaluations and Assessments
  - Specialized Parent Training
  - Specialized Training for Professionals
  - Training and Consultation
  - Workshops and Seminars
  - Family Support
  - Clinical Therapies
  - Transitional Treatment
  - Adult Programs and Support, including Supported Employment
  - Residential Services
  - Autism Projects in Out-State Missouri
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### **MO-FEAT: Missouri Families for Effective Autism Treatment – Statewide**

2388 Schuetz Rd, Ste A-49  
St. Louis MO 63146  
Phone: 314-993-0806  
877-275-8988  
Web: [mofeat.org](http://mofeat.org)  
E-mail: [info@mofeat.org](mailto:info@mofeat.org)

MO-FEAT is an independent organization of parents and professionals throughout Missouri with headquarters in St. Louis. MO-FEAT's mission is to provide advocacy, education, and support for families and the autism community, and to support early diagnosis and effective autism treatment. Resources include: autism information and resources, parent meetings and family outings, a lending library, and a parent mentor program.

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### **MPACT: Missouri Parents Act - Statewide**

Debby Stewart, Regional Coordinator  
Phone: 417-781-1478  
877-466-6236  
Web: [ptimpact.com](http://ptimpact.com)  
[ptimpact.org](http://ptimpact.org)  
E-mail: [dstewart@ptimpact.com](mailto:dstewart@ptimpact.com)

MPACT is a statewide parent training and information center serving all disabilities. Our mission is to ensure that all children with special needs receive an education that allows them to achieve their personal goals.

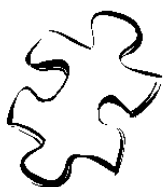
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### **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)**

1701 S Campbell Ave  
Springfield MO 65807  
Phone: 417-864-7119  
Web: [namiswmo.org](http://namiswmo.org)  
Email: [nami@namiswmo.com](mailto:nami@namiswmo.com)

Resources, information, and supports for families dealing with mental illness. Offers a free, 12-week class for families dealing with severe mental illness in the home. Contact the state office for local chapter information.

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### **AUTISM QUICK FACT**

**Autism costs the nation over \$35 billion per year, which is expected to significantly increase in the next decade**

**ParentLink – Statewide**

1205 University Ave, Ste 1100

Columbia MO 65211

Phone: 573-882-7321

800-552-8522

Web: [outreach.missouri.edu/parentlink](http://outreach.missouri.edu/parentlink)

E-mail: [mertensmeyerc@missouri.edu](mailto:mertensmeyerc@missouri.edu)

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Library with over 1000 titles in its collection available to Missouri residents for loan, free of charge. Patrons are responsible for postage/insurance to return borrowed items.

**Parents as Teachers – PAT – Statewide**

2228 Ball Dr

St. Louis MO 63146

Phone: 314-432-4330

866-PAT4YOU

Web: [parentsasteachers.org](http://parentsasteachers.org)

E-mail: [info@parentsasteachers.org](mailto:info@parentsasteachers.org)

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**Parents as Teachers - Springfield**

1423 W Atlantic

Springfield MO 65803

Phone: 417-523-1160

Web: [springfieldpublicschoolsмо.org/earlychildhood/](http://springfieldpublicschoolsмо.org/earlychildhood/)

E-mail: [mriley@spsmail.org](mailto:mriley@spsmail.org)

The Parents as Teachers program helps parents promote a child's learning at an early age so that the child can begin kindergarten ready to succeed. Parent educators meet with families in their homes from the time of pregnancy until their child enters kindergarten. Free developmental screenings are also available to children aged 1-5 who live in the SPS attendance area. Families need not be enrolled in Parents as Teachers to take advantage of screening services.

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**Partners in Policymaking – Statewide**

Vicky Davidson, Missouri Planning Council on DD

Jefferson City MO

Phone: 573-751-8611

800-500-7878

Web: [mpcdd.com](http://mpcdd.com)

E-mail: [vdavidson@mpcdd.com](mailto:vdavidson@mpcdd.com)

Partners is an innovative leadership training program for adults with disabilities and parents of young children with developmental disabilities.

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**The Special Place, Inc**

Nicholas Gaither, MA, PLPC, CEO  
Phone: 417-773-7079  
Web: [thespecialplaceinc.com](http://thespecialplaceinc.com)  
E-mail: [thespecialplaceinc@gmail.com](mailto:thespecialplaceinc@gmail.com)

Offers support groups with a special focus on preserving marital relationships, and professional counseling services. Classes on parenting, financial management, stress and personal wellness.

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**STOMP (Specialized Training of Military Parents) – Statewide**

6316 S 12<sup>th</sup> St.  
Tacoma WA 98465  
Phone: 800-5PARENT  
Web: [stompproject.org](http://stompproject.org)

Federally funded Parent Training and Information Center established to assist military families who have children with special education or health needs.

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**PHYSICAL THERAPY****Ability Network- Statewide**

Leslie Elpers  
284 Merchant St  
Ste. Genevieve MO 63670  
Phone: 573-883-8181  
866-483-3555  
Fax: 573-883-81812  
Web: [abilitynetwork.org](http://abilitynetwork.org)  
E-mail: [info@abilitynetwork.org](mailto:info@abilitynetwork.org)

Ability Network is located in Ste. Genevieve but provides developmental, speech, occupational and physical therapists, dieticians, and social workers throughout Missouri. Services are provided in natural, inclusive environments such as homes, schools, and community.

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*Audiologists - Kara Novinger, Au D, CCC-A; Jaime Lanois, Au D, CCC-A*

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## **RECREATION**

### **ARC**

1501 E Pythian  
Springfield MO 65802  
Phone: 417-864-7887  
Fax: 417-864-4307  
Web: [thearcoftheozarks.org](http://thearcoftheozarks.org)  
Email: [info@thearcoftheozarks.org](mailto:info@thearcoftheozarks.org)

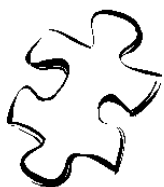
Our mission at The ARC of the Ozarks is to support individuals with disabilities in directing their own lives as valued members of the community. The ARC believes every person should have the opportunity to achieve the highest level of independence. We, at The Arc, are committed to assisting you or your loved one in reaching that level.

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### **Camp Barnabas**

901 Private Rd 2060  
Purdy MO 65734  
Phone: 417-476-2565 (Camp office)  
417-886-9800 (Springfield office)  
Web: [campbarnabas.org](http://campbarnabas.org)  
E-mail: [info@campbarnabas.org](mailto:info@campbarnabas.org)

Camp located in southwest Missouri and serves the whole state and all disabilities.



**AUTISM QUICK FACT**  
**1 in 94 boys is on the autism spectrum**

**Camp Encourage-**

PO Box 10433  
Kansas City MO 64171  
Phone: 816-830-7171  
Web: [campencourage.com](http://campencourage.com)  
E-mail: [camp.encourage@sbcglobal.net](mailto:camp.encourage@sbcglobal.net)

Non-profit, overnight camp for ages 8-18 in Kansas City. Founded by staff from the former Camp Determination. Specializes in campers with autism. Priority to Missouri and Kansas residents.

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**Champion Athletes**

Susan Miles  
3433-O S Campbell Ave  
Springfield MO 65807  
Phone: 417-890-1599  
Web: [championathletes.org](http://championathletes.org)  
E-mail: [sqmiles@championathletes.org](mailto:sqmiles@championathletes.org)

To build self-esteem, self-confidence and everyday life skills therefore enhancing the lives of children and adults with disabilities through sports competition and new opportunities.

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**Missouri Access Recreation Online**

Web: [moaccessrec.com](http://moaccessrec.com)

This organization increases access to inclusive recreational opportunities for kids with disabilities in their communities and schools.

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**Special Olympics Missouri**

Chris Lindsey, Associate Area Director  
901 E St Louis St, Ste 200-17  
Springfield MO 65806  
Phone: 417-887-7766  
Web: [somo.org](http://somo.org)  
E-mail: [Lindsey@somo.org](mailto:Lindsey@somo.org)

Our Mission is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with mental disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

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**Sporting Chance**

PO Box 11337  
Springfield MO 65808  
Phone: 417-881-7373  
Fax: 417-881-2020  
Web: [sportingchance.net](http://sportingchance.net)  
E-mail: [sportingchance@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sportingchance@sbcglobal.net)

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**Sunnyhill Adventures**

6555 Sunlit Way  
Dittmer MO 63023  
Phone: 636-274-9044  
Web: [sunnyhilladventures.org](http://sunnyhilladventures.org)  
E-mail: [dropin4fun@aol.com](mailto:dropin4fun@aol.com)

Summer camp, year-round adventure programs, and travel programs for youth of all abilities and adults with developmental disabilities.

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**RESOURCE AGENCIES****Autism Society of America**

7910 Woodmont Ave, Ste 300  
Bethesda, MD 20814  
Phone: 301-657-0881  
1-800-3AUTISM  
Web: [autism-society.org](http://autism-society.org)

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**Autism Speaks**

9378 Olive Blvd, Ste 206  
St. Louis MO 63132  
Phone: 866-500-6227  
Web: [autismspeaks.org](http://autismspeaks.org)  
[walknowforautism.org/springfield](http://walknowforautism.org/springfield)  
E-mail: [Springfield@autismspeaks.org](mailto:Springfield@autismspeaks.org)

The Autism Speaks website provides information on national initiative including community serve grants, a video glossary, IEP video, autism everyday video, national online database of resource and a federal legal aid appeals project. Opportunity to serve on local volunteer committees.

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## **IAN**

Web: [ianproject.org/](http://ianproject.org/)

IAN, the Interactive Autism Network, was established in January 2006 at Kennedy Krieger Institute and is funded by a grant from Autism Speaks. IAN's goal is to facilitate research that will lead to advancements in understanding and treating autism spectrum disorders (ASDs). To accomplish this goal, we created the IAN Community and IAN Research.

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## **Missouri Department of Health**

Springfield Regional Office  
1515 E Pythian  
Springfield MO 65801-5030  
Phone: 417-895-7400  
Web: [networkofcare.org](http://networkofcare.org)

This Web site is a resource for individuals, families and agencies concerned with developmental disabilities. It provides information about developmental disabilities services, laws, and related news, as well as communication tools and other features. Regardless of where you begin your search for assistance with developmental disabilities issues, the Network of Care helps you find what you need - it helps ensure that there is "No Wrong Door" for those who need services.

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## **Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)**

PO Box 480  
Jefferson City MO 65102  
Phone: 573-751-4212  
Fax: 573-751-8613  
Web: [dese.mo.gov](http://dese.mo.gov)

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## **MO-FEAT: Missouri Families for Effective Autism Treatment – Statewide**

2388 Schuetz Rd, Ste A-49  
St. Louis MO 63146  
Phone: 314-993-0806  
877-275-8988  
Web: [mo-feat.org](http://mo-feat.org)  
E-mail: [info@mofeat.org](mailto:info@mofeat.org)

MO-FEAT is an independent organization of parents and professionals throughout Missouri with headquarters in St. Louis. MO-FEAT's mission is to provide advocacy, education, and support for families and the autism community, and to support early diagnosis and effective autism treatment. Resources include: autism information and resources, parent meetings and family outings, a lending library, and a parent mentor program.

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**Missouri's Office of Autism Services  
Missouri Department of Mental Health  
Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities**

Kit Glove, Coordinator  
PO Box 687  
Jefferson City MO 65102  
Phone: 573-751-4054  
573-526-1201 (TT)  
800-207-9329  
Web: [dmh.mo.gov](http://dmh.mo.gov)  
[dmh.mo.gov/opa/pubs/AutismFacts08.pdf](http://dmh.mo.gov/opa/pubs/AutismFacts08.pdf)  
Email: [kit.glover@dmh.mo.gov](mailto:kit.glover@dmh.mo.gov)

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**Missouri Protection & Advocacy Services**

925 S Country Club Dr  
Jefferson City, MO 65109  
Phone: 800-392-8667  
573-659-0678  
Web: [moadvocacy.org](http://moadvocacy.org)  
Email: [app.unit@mo-pa.org](mailto:app.unit@mo-pa.org)

MO P&A is a federally mandated system in the state of Missouri which provides protection of the rights of persons with disabilities by providing advocacy and legal services. Persons with disabilities, or persons who care for a person with disabilities, may call MO P&A for services that include information and referral, self advocacy coaching to assist in resolution of a problem, or for an advocate to participate in meetings to assist in resolution of a problem. Advocates are located in offices throughout the state, but all initial requests for services are processed by the Application Unit in the Jefferson City office. Non-legal advocacy services are free. Legal services are also available and the cost is determined by a sliding scale fee based on income.

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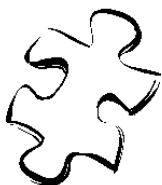
**SOCIAL SKILLS INTERVENTION**

**Judevine Outreach Services**

Christine Breig, Contact  
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Springfield MO 65804  
Phone: 417-890-1399  
E-mail: [cbreig@judevine.org](mailto:cbreig@judevine.org)

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**AUTISM QUICK FACT**



**Boys are four times more likely than girls to have autism**

## **KLASS – Kids Learning about Social Skills**

Burrell Behavioral Health  
Michelle Houghton, Coordinator  
Sally Miller, Facilitator  
1300 Bradford Pkwy  
Springfield MO 65804  
Phone: 417-269-0214  
417-269-0219  
Fax: 417-269-0369

Children must be receiving CPRC services through Burrell Behavioral Health in order to qualify for KLASS.

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## **Rivendale Institute of Learning**

Kerri Duncan, Ed S, Director  
1613 W Elfindale Dr  
Springfield MO 65807  
Phone: 417-864-7921  
Fax: 417-864-6024  
Web: [rivendaleinstitute.com](http://rivendaleinstitute.com)  
Email: [kduncan@rivendaleinstitute.com](mailto:kduncan@rivendaleinstitute.com)

We provide year round schooling for children with learning disabilities, language delays and autism. We have an ABA program for children ages 3-10 years with a ratio of 4 students to 3 adults. We are an approved private agency through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. We are a provider of TriCare Military Insurance which will pay for ABA therapy through Rivendale. We will soon be an approved provider through the Department of Mental Health allowing us to provide ABA therapy after school hours. Be looking for "After Hours" ABA Therapy to be coming soon!

Our goal is to get our students back into the public school system as soon as possible. The average length of stay is 2 years.

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## **SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY**

### **CoxHealth Outpatient Rehabilitation – The Meyer Center**

3545 S National Ave  
Springfield MO 65807  
Phone: 417-269-5500

*Occupational Therapist* - Michelle McCoy; Sapna Chakraborty  
*Physical Therapist* - Jean Knapp; Sarah Jones  
*Speech Language Pathologist* - Debbie Foster; Terri Myers; Carol Chalfant;  
Kelly Beckham (feeding & swallowing)

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**Expressions Speech-Language Pathology, LLC**

R. Christi Eads, MS, CCC-SLP

Phone: 417-300-2752

Web: [consult@eadscorp.com](mailto:consult@eadscorp.com)

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**OCH**

105 S Ridgecrest Avenue

Nixa, MO 65714

Phone: 417-724-3198

Fax: 417-725-7373

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**Outpatient Rehab Therapies - Cox North**

1423 N Jefferson Ave, Ste K-200

Springfield MO 65802

Phone: 417-269-3177

*Occupational Therapist* - Brenda Stevens-Ricci, OTR/L, IMC

*Physical Therapist* - Crystal Warren, PT

*Speech Language Pathologist* - Linda Terry, MA, CCC-SLP, IMC

*Audiologists* - Kara Novinger, Au D, CCC-A; Jaime Lanois, Au D, CCC-A

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**Missouri State Speech and Language Clinic**

901 S National Ave

Springfield MO 65897

Phone: 417-836-5275

Fax: 417-836-7662

Web: [clinic.missouristate.edu](http://clinic.missouristate.edu)

The Clinic provides evaluation and treatment for all ages in the areas of Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Early Intervention for children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

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**Northside Pediatrics**

2105 W Kearney

Springfield MO 65803

Phone: 417-889-1836

Fax: 417-869-2908

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## **STAFF TRAINING**

### **Missouri Autism Consultants – Statewide**

Web: [education.missouristate.edu/access/FactSheet19.htm](http://education.missouristate.edu/access/FactSheet19.htm)

On-site child specific consultations can be arranged through the use of Missouri Autism Consultants from Project Access. District staff can be trained to be in-district autism consultants.

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### **Project ACCESS - Statewide**

Tina Neal-Wait, Contact

Missouri State University

Phone: 866-481-3841

Web: [education.missouristate.edu/access](http://education.missouristate.edu/access)

E-mail: [ProjectACCESS@missouristate.edu](mailto:ProjectACCESS@missouristate.edu)

Project ACCESS is funded by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and provides autism resource information to public schools in the form of onsite and telephone consultations, as well as support via internet. Local autism-specific trainings are offered through the Regional Professional Development Centers (RPDCs) to Missouri school district staff and educators who work with youngsters age 0-21 years, who experience Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and related disabilities.

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### **Southwest Missouri Regional Professional Development Center**

Phone: 800-735-3702

Web: [education.missouristate.edu/rpdc](http://education.missouristate.edu/rpdc)

One of nine RPDCS funded by DESE in the state of Missouri located on the Missouri State University campus in Springfield. Provides teacher training on various issues including autism.

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## **SUPPORT GROUPS**

### **Autism Spectrum Disorder Parent Support Group**

Mary Hines, Facilitator

Phone: 417-988-0061

Email: [mmhines1995@hotmail.com](mailto:mmhines1995@hotmail.com)

Springfield-area support group meets on second Saturday from 1-3pm at Cox Hospital South Cafeteria Room "A".

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### **Autism Support Group- Joplin**

Freeman Health Center, Business Center  
Del Camp, Contact  
3220 McClland  
Joplin MO 64804  
Phone: 417-347-7600  
Web: [freemanhealth.com](http://freemanhealth.com)  
E-mail: [tdcamp@freemanhealth.com](mailto:tdcamp@freemanhealth.com)

The group is led by a mental health professional from Ozark Center. Special speakers on a wide variety of topics relevant to parents are often invited. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at the address above in Conference Room I. Participants are encouraged to pre-register by phone or email.

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### **Disabilities Advocacy & Support Network**

3250 S National Ave  
Springfield MO 65807  
Phone: 417-890-1820  
Fax: 417-877-8355  
Web: [dasnetwork.org](http://dasnetwork.org)  
Email: [jason@dasnetwork.org](mailto:jason@dasnetwork.org)

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### **Families 4 Families**

c/o Lynn Prince  
937 W Webster St  
Springfield MO 65802  
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Web: [families4families.org](http://families4families.org)  
E-mail: [families4families\\_swregion@yahoo.com](mailto:families4families_swregion@yahoo.com)

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### **Family Bridges** (parent support network)

Sonya Messenger  
Phone: 417-863-1605  
Web: [familybridges.info](http://familybridges.info)  
E-mail: [thefamilybridges@aol.com](mailto:thefamilybridges@aol.com)

Family Bridges mission is to empower families to create and engage in a system of care that enables all families whose children have severe emotional disorders and co-occurring diagnoses to form strong positive bonds with each other, their community and with service providers. We bring "our family perspective" to the process of creating a system of care that respects and supports everyone involved. Family Bridges will strive towards an end result of positive team building, family-friendly services and healthy, empowered youth and families.

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## **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) - Southwest Missouri**

1701 S Campbell  
Springfield MO 65807  
Phone: 417-864-7119  
Web: [namiswmo.com](http://namiswmo.com)  
E-Mail: [nami@namiswmo.com](mailto:nami@namiswmo.com)

*HOTLINE (10am-10pm): 417-864-3027, 1-877-535-4357*

Offers educational and support groups, and mental health resources, for families dealing with mental illness. Peer Support Hotline is available 365 days a year.

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## **The Special Place, Inc.**

Nicholas Gaither, MA, PLPC, CEO  
Phone: 417-773-7079  
Web: [thespecialplaceinc.com](http://thespecialplaceinc.com)  
E-mail: [thespecialplaceinc@gmail.com](mailto:thespecialplaceinc@gmail.com)

Offers support groups with a special focus on preserving marital relationships, and professional counseling services. Classes on parenting, financial management, stress and personal wellness.

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## **Youth Standing Tall** (youth support network)

Jennifer Florence (Christian, Stone & Taney Co.)  
Jennifer Talpos (Greene Co.)  
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E-Mail: [jfrizzle512@yahoo.com](mailto:jfrizzle512@yahoo.com)

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## **ARC**

1501 E Pythian  
Springfield MO 65802  
Phone: 417-864-7887  
Fax: 417-864-4307  
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Email: [info@thearcoftheozarks.org](mailto:info@thearcoftheozarks.org)

Our mission at The ARC of the Ozarks is to support individuals with disabilities in directing their own lives as valued members of the community. The ARC believes every person should have the opportunity to achieve the highest level of independence. We, at The Arc, are committed to assisting you or your loved one in reaching that level.

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# **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

## **BASIC GUIDE TO MISSOURI STATE SYSTEMS**

### A Checklist of Recommendations for Families of Children with Autism in Missouri:

- To supplement this Resource Directory, call 1-888-AUTISM2 to get the First 100 Days Kit available from Autism Speaks. The kit is also available online at: [autismspeaks.org/community/family\\_services/100\\_day\\_kit.php](http://autismspeaks.org/community/family_services/100_day_kit.php)
- Contact a developmental disability or autism-specific support group. Talk with other families as they may have experiences from which you could benefit. The state's peer support network, Sharing Our Strengths, can match you with another parent for mentorship and support by phone.
- Contact your Regional Offices to determine your child's eligibility for services. Ask for the intake coordinator.
- Schedule educational evaluations by contacting Missouri First Steps for children younger than 3 or your local school district for children older than 3. School districts will usually allow you to schedule evaluation for early childhood special education services once the child is between 2 years, 6 months old and 2 years, 9 months old. If you are enrolled in First Steps, your case manager should assist with this process once your child turns 2 ½ years.
- Consider scheduling medical evaluations to identify your child's strengths and needs. Make an appointment with a neurologist, developmental pediatrician, physician, psychologist or neuropsychologist who is familiar with autism to receive a diagnosis or clarification of a diagnosis.
- Educate yourself on autism. Many books, websites and materials are available. Research and begin therapy/intervention as soon as possible.
- Become informed about the special education process including IEP's (Individualized Education Programs), because you are a member of your child's IEP team. Attend workshops and parent trainings on IEP planning. Go to your child's IEP with a list of your child's strengths and challenges, a list of your educational concerns and your own ideas for goals tailored to his/her needs. Advocates and other organization are also available to aid you with this process.
- Consider applying for Supplemental Security Income. Under the age of 18, eligibility is based on parents' income. Over the age of 18, eligibility is based on the income of the person who has a disability.
- Access respite care. Respite care is specialized child care in your home. Ask your case manager through your Regional Office for more information or your local SB40 board.
- Encourage your child to learn self-advocacy skills by creating decision-making and problem-solving opportunities. Plan recreational and socialization opportunities in the community to develop social interactions.
- Begin estate-planning and personal futures-planning. Explore a special needs trust. Consider your child's special needs in appointing a guardian. Keep your will and/or trust up-to-date. Make preliminary goals for supported employment, socialization and supported independent living.
- Consider the needs of other family members. Professional counseling services are available to families dealing with a child's disability as well as sibling supports.

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### **AT AGE 14 TO 16: in addition to previous recommendations**

- Attend workshops on transition. Contact MPACT, your school district or talk to your resource teacher or school counselor.
- Begin to prepare for the Transition Plan, a component of the IEP. Set specific, individual goals. The federal law (IDEA 2004) mandates that transition planning must be included in the IEP beginning age 16, but it is wise to begin planning prior to that.
- Consider community-based vocational instruction in the Transition Plan of the IEP.
- Apply for a Missouri ID card or driver's license at a Missouri License Bureau Office at age 16.
- Investigate options for summer volunteer/work and adult employment and independent or supported living opportunities.
- Research college programs that have supports for individuals with special learning needs if your child is eligible for these programs.
- Consult a lawyer about guardianship, conservatorship and other options for when your child turns 18.

### **AT AGE 18: in addition to previous recommendations**

- Apply for SSI and Medicaid if needed. Eligibility is now based on your child's income.
- Register to vote.
- Explore continuing education programs to support students with disabilities. Re-visit adult service providers to investigate new options for employment and supported living. Contact your case manager or the Productive Living Board for additional resources.
- Contact your Regional Office case manager to make sure your case is active. Discuss future plans and gather information about transition to adult life. Update future plans with your school and include work experience as a major IEP component.
- Begin applications through the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) a full year before your dependent leaves school. Determination of eligibility can take 60 days and assessments can take up to six months.
- Check on health insurance coverage for your child. Some insurance companies require an application for a dependent child with a disability before the age of 19.

### **AT AGE 20 (or year of leaving school): In addition to previous**

- Discuss with your Regional Office case manager which adult service agencies your child might utilize. Contact those agencies to begin the enrollment process.
- Contact the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR). Invite your DVR counselor to attend your child's IEP. Ask for input and discuss work options. Begin the process toward job development which can take a year or more. Brainstorm for possible job lead.
- Investigate transportation options, including transportation training, which can be addressed in the IEP. Check with your Regional Office case manager to help locate appropriate options.
- Continue to plan for future living arrangement, either supported or independent. Increase independence through socialization opportunities.

## **GUIDELINES FOR CHOOSING ABA PROVIDERS**

The following are guidelines provided for parent guidance when selecting an ABA provider. Whether you are choosing a provider for weekly services or for quarterly consultation, it is important to carefully select the most qualified provider.

- While certification and licensure for behavior analysts is currently not required in Missouri, ABA providers may voluntarily pursue certification through the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB). Certified providers must adhere to a code of ethics. You can find out if a provider is certified by searching the BACB website at [www.bacb.org](http://www.bacb.org) under Certificant Registry.
- Certification only means a person has met the minimum criteria to practice as a behavior analyst and as with any profession does not guarantee quality or effectiveness. Associate Behavior Analysts (BCABA's) are not certified to practice without supervision. Associates are required to be supervised by a fully certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). BCBA's being hired to run and supervise ABA programs should have experience and training on how to supervise others, develop appropriate curriculum, and were supervised while learning to do so. References for such work should be requested and checked.
- Request a resume and references.
- Interview the ABA provider before hiring them.
- Ask other parents/professionals for recommendations. MO-FEAT can connect you with other parents in your area, or you can pose question to parents through the A-List, an online support group for parents (if interest, contact the MO-FEAT office). See below for questions to ask other families.

### **What do the Credential Letters Mean?**

- BCBA – Board Certified Behavior Analyst. Same, but with a Masters Degree and additional coursework and supervised experience. This is the highest level of certification specific to ABA.
- BCABA – Board Certified Associate Behavior Analyst. Requires a Bachelors degree, specialized coursework, supervised experience and a certification exam. This is not a guarantee of quality but indicates a significant level of training and experience.

The following statement is taken from the Autism Special Interest Group (SIG) of the Association for Behavior Analysis: Website: [www.abainternational.org](http://www.abainternational.org)

*“The Autism SIG does not consider BCABA’s, or individuals with equivalent or less training and experience, to be qualified to independently design, direct and guide behavior analytic programming for individuals with autism. They may deliver behavior analytic intervention and may assist with program design, but should be adequately supervised by BCBA’s or the equivalent.”*

### **Other Resources:**

“Behavior Consultants: Who Are They and How Do I Find the Right One?” located at: [Communitygateway.org/faq/behavioral.htm](http://Communitygateway.org/faq/behavioral.htm)

## Questions to Ask Other Families

Other parents can be a great source of referrals. You may want to specifically ask these questions: Do you feel that the ABA/Behavior Consultant or organization,

- Has worked well with other children of the same age and learning style as yours?
- Accepts parental input?
- Works well with school staff and other members of the child's team?
- Is reliable and punctual?
- Responds promptly to mail or phone call?
- Handles billing and paperwork well?

Source: Saffran, 2007. Website: [rsaffran.tripod.com/link.htm](http://rsaffran.tripod.com/link.htm)

## Signs of a Good Behavior Analyst Checklist

- Can describe the exact purpose of an intervention, prerequisite skills necessary and how the intervention will be conducted whether the focus is to increase or decrease a selected behavior or skill
- Uses data collection before, during and after and intervention to measure the effects and reviews data regularly to determine whether progress was made or changes in interventions are necessary
- Only promotes interventions that are data driven and research based
- Has formal education in the field of behavior analysis, abides by the ethical code for behavior analyst and has experienced supervision/mentoring in designing, implementing and supervising behavior analytic interventions (see [www.bacb.org](http://www.bacb.org) for certification requirements)
- Attends regular professional development in the field of behavior analysis and stays current on research and literature
- Focuses on both increasing new adaptive skills (e.g., functional communication, self care, social skills, etc.) and decreasing maladaptive behaviors (e.g., noncompliance, over-selectivity, etc.) to promote individual client's quality of life
- Determines client needs or goals from data collected through an initial assessment, then breaks skills down into smaller component skills, focusing on skills necessary for basic functioning first
- Utilizes multiple instructional methods under the scope of behavior analysis based on the needs of the client (e.g., discrete trial teaching, incidental teaching, task analysis and chaining, embedding trials in ongoing activities, etc.)
- Uses clearly defined instructions, prompts and reinforcement to teach new skills
- Focuses on staff and/or family training to promote consistent implementation of interventions and generalization/maintenance of skills

**Thank you to MO-FEAT for allowing us to use their guidelines developed by MO-ABA.**

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## **Regional Offices: Missouri Department of Mental Health**

### **What is a Regional Office?**

The Missouri Division of Mental Retardation of Developmental Disabilities (DD) serves individuals with developmental disabilities such as cognitive disabilities, cerebral palsy, head injuries, autism, epilepsy and certain learning disabilities. Regional Offices are the primary points of entry into the system. They determine eligibility for state services for persons with developmental disabilities. Case manager/service coordinators are assigned to guide the person through the service system. The Regional Office partners with community provider agencies throughout our state to provide a range of services. Services include, but are not limited to person-centered-planning, in-home supports such as respite, personal assistance and/or therapies to out-of-home placement in group homes or individual supported living. Services coordinators are responsible for assisting with advocacy, linking people to services and assuring the health and safety of the individual supported.

### **Who is eligible to receive services from the Regional Office?**

Eligibility for DD services is determined by what's known as a functional assessment as opposed to linking eligibility to a specific diagnosis. A developmental disability is a disability which is attributable to mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, head injury, autism or a learning disability related to a brain dysfunction, or any other mental or physical or mental impairment which occurs before the age 22. It must be determined that this disability is likely to continue indefinitely and that it results in a substantial functional limitation in two or more of the following six areas of major life activities: self care, receptive and expressive language development and use, learning, self-direction, capacity of independent living or economic self sufficiency and mobility.

To read the state regulations for DD service eligibility go to: [sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/9csr/9c45-2.pdf](http://sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/9csr/9c45-2.pdf)

To read about the DD wait list process for services go to: [macdds.org/pdfs/utilization\\_waitfaq.pdf](http://macdds.org/pdfs/utilization_waitfaq.pdf)

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## **Senate Bill 40 (SB40) Board**

County Boards or Senate Bill (SB) 40 Boards are an additional source of funding and services at the local level for people with developmental disabilities. They are formed to distribute special tax levies that are passed to benefit people with developmental disabilities. These tax levies, sometimes called a "mill" tax, have been used to establish sheltered workshops, residential facilities, or related services, for the support, care or employment of persons who are handicapped or who have a developmental disability. Over 80 counties in Missouri currently have this tax in place. Many of those counties belong to the state organization of SB40 boards, the Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Services (MACDDS).

In some areas of the state, the county boards purchase services for residents of the county. Other county board agencies provide services directly and use the funding to establish and pay for those services. Many county board agencies also contract with their local Regional Office to provide various services including residential supports, day habilitation, personal assistant hours and job coaching. Some county board agencies also enter into "Cooperative Funding Agreements" with their local Regional Office. This enables the county to pay the state match for the Division of MR/DD's Home and Community-Based Waiver program.

Source: [dmh.mo.gov/mrdd/provider/sb40.htm](http://dmh.mo.gov/mrdd/provider/sb40.htm)

To read the legislation that enabled the county boards to form, go to: [macdds.org/senate\\_bill.html](http://macdds.org/senate_bill.html)

## **ACRONYMS**

ABA	Applied Behavior Analysis	MA	Master of Arts
ABC	Autism Behavior Checklist	M-CHAT	Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers
ABPP	American Board of Professional Psychology	Med	Masters in Education
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	MME	Masters of Music Education
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder	MOABA	Missouri Association of Behavior Analysts
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	MOACE	Missouri Autism centers of Excellence
ADI	Autism Diagnostic Interview	MODDRC	Missouri Developmental Disability Resource Center
ADOS	Autism Diagnostic Observation Scale	MO-FEAT	Missouri Families for Effective Autism Treatment
AIT	Auditory Integration Training	MOT	Masters of Occupational Therapy
ARC	Association of Retarded Citizens	MPT	Masters of Physical Therapy
ARI	Autism Research Institute	MPACT	Missouri Parents ACT
AS	Asperger's Syndrome	MR	Mental Retardation (Intellectual Disability)
ASA	Autism Society of America	MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder	MS	Master of Science
BCaBA	Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst	MSpED	Masters in Special Education
BCBA	Board Certified Behavior Analyst	MSW	masters in Social Work
BCP	Board Certified Occupation Therapist in Pediatrics	MT-BC	Music Therapist Board Certified
CARS	Childhood Autism Rating Scale	NAMI	National Alliance of Mental Illness
CCC-A	Certificate in Clinical Competence in Audiology	NCC	National Certified Counselor
CCC-SLP	Certificate in Clinical Competence in Speech Language Pathology	MICHCY	National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities
CDC	Center for Disease Control	NIH	National Institutes of Health
CIL	Center for Independent Living	NIMH	National Institutes for Mental Health
CPS	Comprehensive Psychiatric Services	NT	Neuro-typical
DAN	Defeat Autism Now (also DAN!)	NOS	Not Otherwise Specified
DC	Doctor of Chiropractic	OCD	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
DDRM	Developmental Disabilities Resource Board	OD	Doctor of Optometry
DDM	Doctor of Dental Medicine	ODD	Oppositional Defiant Disorder
DDS	Doctor of Dental Surgery	OT	Occupational Therapy/Therapist
DESE	Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	OTR/L	Occupational Therapist, Nationally Registered, State Licensed
DMH	Department of Mental Health	PAC	Parent Advisory Council
DSM-IV-R	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 4 <sup>th</sup> Ed. Revised	PAT	Parents as Teachers
DSS	Department of Social Services	PCP	Person Centered Plan
DT	Developmental Therapy/Therapist	PDD	Pervasive Development Disorder
DTT	Discrete Trial Training	PDD-NOS	Pervasive Development Disorder-Not Otherwise Specified
DVR	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation	PECS	Picture Exchange Communication System
GARS	Gilliam Autism Rating Scale	PEP-R	Psycho-Educational Profile-Revised
GFCF	Gluten Free Casein-Free Diet	PsyD	Doctor of Psychology
HFA	High-functioning Autism	PT	Physical Therapy/Therapist
ICD-10	International Classification of Diseases 10 <sup>th</sup> Ed	RPT	Registered Play Therapist
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Act	SB40	Senate Bill 40
IEP	Individualized Educational Plan	SI	Sensory Integration
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan	SIT	Sensory Integration Therapy
IHP	Individualized Habilitation Program	SLP	Speech-Language Pathologist
IPP	Individual Program Plan	SSD	Special School District
LC	Licensed Counselor	SSI	Supplemental Security Income
LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	SW MO	Southwest MO
LD	Learning Disabled	UR	Utilization Review
LLC	Limited Liability Company		
LPC	Licensed Professional Counselor		
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment		

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