

Southwest Missouri Provider Directory For Autism

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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 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.mo-feat.org.

Missouri Families for Effective Autism Treatment (MO-FEAT)
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www.mo-feat.org

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ABA CONSULTANTS AND BEHAVIOR THERAPISTS

Behavioral Intervention Solutions, LLC

Kristy Parker, Manager
Amy Reese, Consultant
825 E Stanford
Springfield MO 65807
Phone: 417- 234-3455
Web: behavioralinterventionsolutions.com
Email: Kristy.Parker@behavioralinterventionsolutions.com
Amy.Reese@behavioralinterventionsolutions.com

Specializing in services for children and families with behavioral, academic and social challenges through the utilization of assessments, interventions and data collection procedures based on the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis.

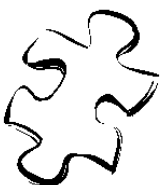
Burrell Autism Center

Ginger Crabtree, BCaBA
1300 Bradford Pkwy
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-761-5330
Fax: 417-761-5331
Web: burrellautismcenter.com
E-mail: ginger.crabtree@burrellcenter.com

The Burrell Autism Center provides outpatient behavior consultation services that are founded on evidence based practices. A Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA) provides evaluation and consultative services, including direct services in Behavior Day Treatment, First Steps consultation and treatment as well as consultation with public school districts.

Nelson, Anita, BCaBA

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



AUTISM QUICK FACT

There is no medical detection or cure for autism

Rivendale Institute of Learning

Kerri Duncan, Ed S, BCaBA, Director
1613 W Elfindale
Springfield MO 65807
Phone: 417-864-7921
Fax: 417-864-6024
Web: rivendaleinstitute.com
Email: kduncan@rivendaleinstitute.com

We are a private school accredited by the Missouri Department of Education. We provide families an alternative to public education and allow traditional students and students with Learning Disabilities, including Autism, to achieve their full capabilities.

TouchPoint Autism Services

Southwest Missouri Office
Christine Breig, Director
1740 S Glenstone, Ste S
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-890-1399
Fax: 417-890-1775
Web: touchpointautism.org
E-mail: christine.breig@touchpointautism.org

Services Available at TouchPoint's Southwest Office:

- Assessment (for eligibility purposes only; we do not diagnose)
- Community Inclusion
- Consultative Services
- Specialized Groups
- Parent Training
- Music Therapy
- Family Support Services
- Family Connection

ADULT SERVICES - COMMUNITY LIVING SUPPORTS

ARC

1501 E Pythian
Springfield MO 65802
Phone: 417-864-7887
Fax: 417-864-4307
Web: thearcoftheozarks.org
Email: 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.

NOVA Center of the Ozarks

524 S Union Ave
Springfield MO 65802
Phone: 417-889-3121
Fax: 417-881-2214
Web: 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 its nature.

Southwest Center for Independent Living

2864 S Nettleton Ave
Springfield MO 65807
Phone: 417-886-1188
Fax: 417-886-3619
Web: swcil.org
E-mail: 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.

Vocational Rehabilitation DESE

613 E Kearney
Springfield MO 65803
Phone: 417-895-5863
Fax: 417-895-5869
Web: dese.mo.gov/vr

ADVOCACY

Missouri Autism Coalition

PO Box 1431
Jefferson City MO 65102
Web: missouriautismcoalition.com
E-mail: missouriautism@gmail.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.

Missouri Protection & Advocacy Services

925 S Country Club Dr
Jefferson City MO 65109
Phone: 800-392-8667
573-659-0678

Web: moadvocacy.org
Email: 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 through legally-based advocacy.

MPACT: Missouri Parents Act

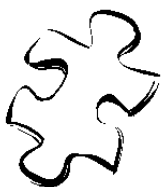
8301 State Line Rd, Ste 204
Kansas City MO 64114
Phone: 800-743-7634
Fax: 816-531-4777
Web: ptimpact.org

MPACT is a statewide parent training and information center that serves parents of children with all disabilities. Our primary goal is to assist parents in their effort to effectively advocate for their children's educational rights and services. MPACT staff and volunteers are located throughout Missouri and work with public and private agencies, parent groups, professional organizations and advocacy groups to achieve that goal.

SEPTA

Springfield Special Education PTA
c/o SPS Special Education Office
639 W Chestnut Expy
Springfield MO 65802
Phone: 417-882-4063
Web: springfieldsepta.org
E-mail: lslattery@springfieldsepta.org

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.



AUTISM QUICK FACT

Boys are four times more likely than girls to have autism

AUDIOLOGY

Missouri State Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic

609 E Cherry
Springfield MO 65806
Phone: 417-836-5275
Fax: 417- 836-7662
Web: 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.

CHILDCARE

Child Care Aware of Southern Missouri

Council of Churches Project
Sarah Camp, Inclusion Specialist
1910 E Meadowmere
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-887-3545
800-743-8497
Fax: 417-823-9459
Web: ccozarks.org
E-mail: scamp@ccochildcare.org

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
Email: 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.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND AWARENESS SPEAKERS

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Web: touchpointautism.org
E-mail: christine.breig@touchpointautism.org

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

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.

Missouri Department of Mental Health Division of Psychiatric Services

Phone: 573-751-8017
Web: dmh.mo.gov/cps/cpsindex.htm
Email: cpsmail@dmh.mo.gov

Burrell Behavioral Health

1300 Bradford Pkwy
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-761-5000
Web: burrellcenter.com

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

Clark Community Mental Health Center

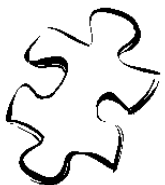
104 W Main
Pierce City MO 65723
Phone: 417-476-1036
Web: clarkmentalhealth.com

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

Pathways Community Behavioral Healthcare

1800 Community Dr
Clinton MO 64735
Phone: 660-890-8054
Web: 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



AUTISM QUICK FACT
1 in 110 children is diagnosed with autism

Ozark Center

3006 McClelland
Joplin MO 64803
Phone: 417-781-2410
Web: freemanhealth.com/ozarkcenter

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.

Carter, Maria, MD

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

Does not accept Medicaid

Dyer, Curtis, MD

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

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

Smith, James D., DC

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

Sultan, Tipu, MD

11585 W Florissant Ave
Florissant MO 63033
Phone: 314-921-5600
Fax: 314-921-8273

Wright, Amy, MD

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

DENTISTS

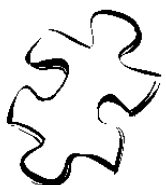
Buzbee Dental

1244 E Lark
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-881-1388
Fax: 417-889-1209
Web: buzbeedental.com
Email: info@buzbeedental.com

Giving Back Dental

3259 E Sunshine, Ste K
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-882-2444
Web: givingbackdental.com

Accepts Medicaid



AUTISM QUICK FACT
1 in 70 boys is on the autism spectrum

Jordan Valley Community Health Center

440 E Tampa St
Springfield MO 65806
Phone: 417-831-0150
Web: jvchc.com

Parkcrest Dental Group

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

Spring View Dental Care

5133 S Campbell, Ste 202
Springfield MO 65810
Phone: 417-886-1010
Fax: 417-886-1216
Web: springviewdentalcare.com

Wehner, Ronald

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

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
E-mail: 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.

DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATIONS - OTHER RESOURCES

Burrell Autism Center

Susan Henderson, Psychologist, Director
1300 Bradford Pkwy
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-761-5330
Fax: 417-761-5331
Web: burrellautismcenter.com

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.

Ozark Center for Autism

2411 S Jackson Ave
Joplin MO 64804
Phone: 417-347-7850
Fax: 417-347-7859
Web: freemanhealth.com/ozarkcenterforautism

The Autism Diagnostic Team provides evaluations and helps families with concerns about an autism spectrum disorder. The team, trained in collaboration with the University of Kansas Child Center for Health and Development, provides families with an evaluation for autism spectrum disorders, as well as guidance on available resources and community support.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES

See also, *Local School District Special Education Departments*

Developmental Center of the Ozarks

1545 E Pythian
Springfield MO 65802
Phone: 417-831-1545
Fax: 417-831-7539
Web: DCOonline.com

First Steps: Infant-Toddler Early Intervention

Diana Patten, Director
1370 E Primrose St, Ste A
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: (417) 886-0404
Fax: (417) 863-9889
Web: dese.mo.gov/divspeced/FirstSteps/
Email: diane@abilitiesfirst.net

First Steps is Missouri's Early Intervention system for infants and toddlers, birth to age 3, who have delayed development or diagnosed conditions that are associated with developmental disabilities.

Families play an integral role in their child's development. The First Steps system provides families the tools they need to help their child be successful.

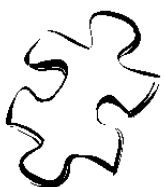
The Next Step

1370 E Primrose St, Ste A
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-886-0407
Fax: 417-886-0405
Web: abilitiesfirst.net/about-next-step-program

The goal of The Next Step is to facilitate a trusting, caring relationship between the Service Coordinator and the individual, which will lead to better planning and achievement of the goals set by the individual and the family.

AUTISM QUICK FACT

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



Ozark Center for Autism

2411 S Jackson Ave
Joplin MO 64804
Phone: 417-347-7850
Fax: 417-347-7859
Web: freemanhealth.com/ozarkcenterforautism

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.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS AND RESOURCES

Behavior Based Learning

Brooke Allen, MS, BCBA
Web: behaviorbasedlearning.com
Email: behavioral_educator@yahoo.com

Burrell Autism Center

Susan Henderson, Psychologist, Director
1300 Bradford Pkwy
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-761-5330
Fax: 417-761-5331
Web: burrellautismcenter.com

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

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

E-mail: 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.

FUNDING SOURCES

See also, Regional Offices in Additional Resources

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

Autism Speaks – Autism Grant

Colleen Dolnick, Midwest Autism Response Team

Coordinator

Phone: 888-AUTISM-2

Web: autismspeaks.org

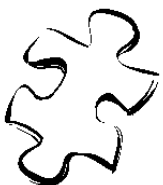
E-mail: cdolnick@autismspeaks.org

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

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Web: cms.hhs.gov/center/People.asp

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



AUTISM QUICK FACT

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

Children's Miracle Network

Heather Fesperman, Executive Director

Phone: 417-269-5437

Web: childrensmiraclenetwork.org
coxhealth.com

E-mail: 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.

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

Midwest Special Needs Trust

1500 Vandiver, Ste 100

Columbia MO 65202

Phone: 573-882-3388

888-671-1069

Web: midwestspecialneedstrust.org

E-mail: mftbt@aol.com

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

Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Services (MACDDS)

Web: 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.

Missouri Health Net Coverage for People with Disabilities

Phone: 800-735-2466

Web: dss.mo.gov/fsd/massist.htm

Missouri Health Net for Kids

Phone: 888-275-5908 to request an application

Web: dss.mo.gov/mhk/index.htm

Missouri Health Net Participant Handbook

Web: dss.mo.gov//mhd/participants/pdf/hndbk_ffs.pdf

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

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

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

Email: dmhmail@dmh.mo.gov

National Autism Association

Rita Sheffler

1330 W Schatz Ln

Nixa MO 65714

Phone: 417-725-9544

Web: nationalautismassociation.org

E-mail: rita@nationalautismassociation.org

The mission of the National Autism Association is to respond to the most urgent needs of the autism community, providing real help and hope so that all affected can reach their full potential.

Regional Office - Springfield

1515 E Pythian

Springfield MO 65801

Phone: 417-895-7400

888-549-6635

Web: <http://dmh.mo.gov/springfield/>

Regional Office - Joplin

3600 E Newman Rd

Joplin MO 64802

Phone: 417-629-3020

888-549-6634

Web: <http://dmh.mo.gov/joplin/index.htm>

The Missouri Division 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. In general, regional offices do not provide paid services. However, regional offices purchase services from contracted agencies licensed by the Department of Mental Health or other national accrediting agencies.

Social Security Administration - Disability Starter Kits

Web: 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.

Social Security Administration - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Phone: 800-772-1213 (to apply)

Web: 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.

Southwest Missouri Autism Project

1740 S Glenstone, Ste S

Springfield MO 65804

Phone: 417-890-1399

800-420-7410

Statewide Missouri Autism Project Committee

Nikki Straw

Phone: 417-624-2521

E-mail: nastraw@cableone.net

United Healthcare Children's Foundation

MN012-S286

PO BOX 41

Minneapolis MN 55440-0041

Phone: 952-992-4459

Web: uhccf.org

National grant that offers medical assistance grants 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.

HORSEBACK RIDING -HIPPO THERAPY

Dynamic Strides

10175 W Farm Rd 156

Republic MO 65738

Phone: 417-732-9298

Web: dynamicstrides.org

Email: mcheesman@dishmail.net

Horses of Hope – Missouri, Inc

55 Kelly Rd

Buffalo MO 65662

Phone: 417-345-5210

Web: horsesofhope.com

Magic Moments Riding Therapy

272 County Ln 125

Diamond MO 64840

Phone: 417-325-4490

Web: ridingtherapy.com

Email: magic-moments@yahoo.com

Sac River Stables

5798 N Farm Rd 125

Springfield MO 65803

Phone: 417-742-4200

Web: sacriverstables.com

Email: dawn@sacriverstables.com

Therapeutic Riding of the Ozarks

Kent Crumpley Director
627 N Glenstone
Springfield MO 65802
Phone: 417-862-3586 ext 230
Web: ccozarks.org/Group/Group.aspx?ID=1000047387
E-mail: kcrumpley@ccozarks.org

LENDING LIBRARIES

Friends of the Autism Center

Burrell Behavioral Health
Melissa Davenport, Contact
1300 Bradford Pkwy
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-761-5333
Web: burrellautismcenter.com/education/friends.aspx
Email: melissa.davenport@burrellcenter.com

TouchPoint Autism Services - Outreach (SW MO)

Christine Breig, Contact
Southwest Missouri Autism Project
1740 S Glenstone, Ste S
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-890-1399
Web: touchpointautism.org
E-mail: christine.breig@touchpointautism.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

Branson Public Schools

400 Cedar Ridge Dr
Branson MO 65616
Phone: 417-334-6541
Fax: 417-334-6619
Web: branson.k12.mo.us

Logan-Rogersville R-VIII Special Services

100 E Front Street
Rogersville MO 65742
Phone: 417-753-2891
Fax: 417-753-3063
Web: logrog.net

Marshfield R-I Schools

170 State Hwy DD
Marshfield MO 65706
Phone: 417-859-2120
Fax: 417-859-2193
Web: mr1.k12.mo.us

Nixa Public Schools Special Services

205 North St
Nixa MO 65714
Phone: 417-875-5410
Web: nixapublicschools.net

Ozark R-VI Schools

302 N 4th Ave.
Ozark MO 65721
Phone: 417-582-5900
Fax: 417-582-5960
Web: ozark.k12.mo.us

Republic Public Schools Special Services

234 E Anderson
Republic MO 65738
Phone: 417-735-3715
Fax: 417-732-3699
Web: republicschools.org

Springfield Public Schools Special Education

639 W Chestnut Expwy
Springfield MO 65802
Phone: 417-523-7700
Fax: 417-523-7595
Web: springfieldpublicschoolsмо.org

Willard R-2 Schools

460 E Kime
Willard MO 65781
Phone: 417-742-2584
Web: willard.k12.mo.us

NEUROLOGISTS**Pediatric Neurology of the Ozarks CoxHealth**

Dr. Arie Ashkenasi, MD
Dr. Gene Tenario, MD
1000 E Primrose St, Ste 200
Springfield MO 65807
Phone: 417-269-1010
Fax: 417-269-6755
Web: coxhealth.com

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: stjohns.com

St. John's Clinic –Pediatric Neurology

Dr Bernardo Flasterstein, MD
2115 S Fremont Ave, Ste 2200
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-820-9055
Fax: 417-820-9056
Web: stjohns.com

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Burrell Autism Center

1300 Bradford Pkwy
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-761-5330
Fax: 417-761-5331
E-mail: amy.vaughan@burrellcenter.com
Web: burrellautismcenter.com

Occupational Therapist- Amy Vaughan, OTR/L, Board Certified in Pediatrics; Katie Parrigon, OTR/L

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 – 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.

Citizen's Memorial Hospital

1500 N Oakland
Bolivar MO 65613
Phone: 417-326-6000
Web: citizensmemorial.com

Cox Monett

700 E Cleveland
Monett MO 65708
Phone: 417-326-2480

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)

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/
Email: 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.

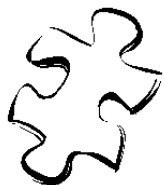
Outpatient Rehab Therapies - Cox North

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

Ozark Therapy Institute

4560 S Campbell, Ste N
Springfield MO 65810
Phone: 417-881-9500
Web: ozarktherapy.com



AUTISM QUICK FACT

Autism receives less than 5% of the research funding of many less prevalent childhood diseases

St. John's Therapy Services

Outpatient Pediatrics
1235 E Cherokee
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-820-4069
Fax: 417-820-3499
Web: 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

OPTOMETRISTS

Family Eye Care

Dr Wes Kemp, OD
325 S Main
Bolivar MO 65613
Phone: 417-777-9000
Web: visionsource-drwes Kemp.com
E-mail: drkemp@drwes Kemp.com

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

ORTHOTICS

Scott-Larson Orthotics

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

PARENT TRAINING

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Web: burrellautismcenter.com

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Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-890-1399
Fax: 417-890-1775
Web: touchpointautism.org
Email: christine.breig@touchpointautism.org

TouchPoint Autism Services 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 Training for Professionals
 - Workshops and Seminars
 - Clinical Therapies
 - Autism Projects in Out-State Missouri
 - Adult Programs and Support, including Supported Employment
 - Specialized Parent Training
 - Training and Consultation
 - Family Support
 - Transitional Treatment
 - Residential Services
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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
E-mail: info@mo-feat.org

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MPACT: Missouri Parents Act - Statewide

Debby Stewart, Regional Coordinator

Phone: 417-781-1478

877-466-6236

Web: ptimpact.com

ptimpact.org

E-mail: 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.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

1701 S Campbell Ave

Springfield MO 65807

Phone: 417-864-7119

Web: namiswmo.com

Email: 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.

ParentLink – Statewide

1205 University Ave, Ste 1100

Columbia MO 65211

Phone: 573-882-7321

800-552-8522

Web: outreach.missouri.edu/parentlink

E-mail: mertensmeyerc@missouri.edu

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 - Springfield

1423 W Atlantic

Springfield MO 65803

Phone: 417-523-1160

Web: springfieldpublicschools.org/earlychildhood/

E-mail: 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.

Parents as Teachers – Statewide

2228 Ball Dr
St. Louis MO 63146
Phone: 314-432-4330
866-PAT4YOU
Web: parentsasteachers.org
E-mail: info@parentsasteachers.org

Partners in Policymaking – Statewide

Vicky Davidson, Missouri Planning Council on DD
Jefferson City MO
Phone: 573-751-8611
800-500-7878
Web: mpcdd.com
E-mail: vdavidson@mpcdd.com

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

STOMP (Specialized Training of Military Parents) – Statewide

6316 S 12th St.
Tacoma WA 98465
Phone: 800-5PARENT
Web: stompproject.org

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

PEDIATRICIANS

CoxHealth Center Nixa

Lora Shauer, MD
411 N McCroskey
Nixa MO 65714
Phone: 417-269-2227
Fax: 417-269-2235
Web: coxhealth.com

Northside Pediatrics & Adolescents

Louis Hakan, DO
1443 N Robberson, Ste 200
Springfield MO 65802
Phone: 417-269-8061
Fax: 417-269-8087
Web: coxhealth.com

The Pediatric Center

Mai Vo, MD
Tuyet Vo, MD
Douglas McNeil, MD
3443 S National
Springfield MO 65807
Phone: 417-269-2000
Fax: 417-269-2038
Web: coxhealth.com

Pediatric Associates

Martie Gravitt, MD
1000 E Primrose, Ste 560
Springfield MO 65807
Phone: 417-882-1600
Fax: 417-882-1302
Web: coxhealth.com

St. John's Clinic – Pediatrics - Whiteside

Robert Steele, MD
2115 S Fremont, Ste 2900
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-820-3535
Fax: 417-820-3540
Web: stjohns.com

St. John's Clinic – Pediatrics - Nixa

Tamara Fusco, MD
940 W Mt Vernon St, Ste 220
Nixa MO 65714
Phone: 417-724-5437
Fax: 417-724-5433
Web: stjohns.com

PHYSICAL THERAPY

Ability Network- Statewide

Leslie Elpers
284 Merchant St
Ste. Genevieve MO 63670
Phone: 573-883-8181
866-483-3555
Fax: 573-883-8182
Web: abilitynetwork.org
E-mail: 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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Monett MO 65708
Phone: 417-326-2480

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AUTISM QUICK FACT
Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the U.S.

RECREATION

ARC

1501 E Pythian
Springfield MO 65802
Phone: 417-864-7887
Fax: 417-864-4307
Web: thearcoftheozarks.org
Email: 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.

Camp Barnabas

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

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

Camp Encourage

PO Box 10433
Kansas City MO 64171
Phone: 816-830-7171
Web: campencourage.com
E-mail: 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.

Champion Athletes

Susan Miles
3433-O S Campbell Ave
Springfield MO 65807
Phone: 417-890-1599
Web: championathletes.org
E-mail: 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.

Missouri Access Recreation Online

Web: moaccessrec.com

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

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

E-mail: 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.

Sporting Chance

PO Box 11337

Springfield MO 65808

Phone: 417-881-7373

Fax: 417-881-2020

Web: sportingchance.net

E-mail: sportingchance@sbcglobal.net

Sunnyhill Adventures

6555 Sunlit Way

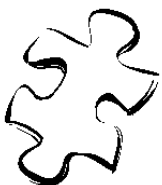
Dittmer MO 63023

Phone: 636-274-9044

Web: sunnyhilladventures.org

E-mail: dropin4fun@aol.com

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



AUTISM QUICK FACT

ASDs are “spectrum disorders.” That means ASDs affect each person in different ways, and can range from very mild to severe.

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

Autism Speaks

9378 Olive Blvd, Ste 206
St. Louis MO 63132
Phone: 866-500-6227
Web: autismspeaks.org
E-mail: Springfield@autismspeaks.org

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

IAN

Web: 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.

Missouri Department of Health

Springfield Regional Office
1515 E Pythian
Springfield MO 65801-5030
Phone: 417-895-7400
Web: 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.

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

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
E-mail: info@mo-feat.org

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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
Email: kit.glover@dmh.mo.gov

Missouri Protection & Advocacy Services

925 S Country Club Dr
Jefferson City, MO 65109
Phone: 800-392-8667
573-659-0678
Web: moadvocacy.org
Email: 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 through legally-based advocacy.

Project Linus – Springfield/Branson Chapter

2612 E Linwood

Springfield MO 65804

Phone: 417-886-0392

Web: projectlinus.org

Email: diane318@sbcglobal.net

Project Linus is a 100% volunteer non-profit organization with a two-fold mission: First, it is our mission to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, victims of natural disasters or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer 'blanketeers'. Second, it is our mission to provide a rewarding and fun service opportunity for interested individuals and groups in local communities for the benefit of children.

Project Linus, Springfield/Branson Chapter Missouri makes and donates blankets for children ages 0-18 years of age. We also make weighted blankets for the autistic/special needs children. We are here to help assist and meet needs that arise in the community.

SOCIAL SKILLS INTERVENTION

TouchPoint Autism Services

Christine Breig, Contact

1740 S Glenstone, Ste S

Springfield MO 65804

Phone: 417-890-1399

Web: touchpointautism.org

E-mail: christine.breig@touchpointautism.org

KLASS – Kids Learning about Social Skills

Burrell Behavioral Health

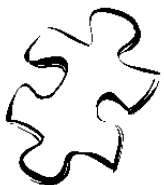
1300 Bradford Pkwy

Springfield MO 65804

Phone: 417-761-5392

Fax: 417-761-5391

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



AUTISM QUICK FACT

Children who have a sibling or parent with an ASD are at a higher risk of also having an ASD.

Rivendale Institute of Learning

Kerri Duncan, Ed S, BCaBA, Director
1613 W Elfindale
Springfield MO 65807
Phone: 417-864-7921
Fax: 417-864-6024
Web: rivendaleinstitute.com
Email: kduncan@rivendaleinstitute.com

We are a private school accredited by the Missouri Department of Education. We provide families an alternative to public education and allow traditional students and students with Learning Disabilities, including Autism, to achieve their full capabilities.

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY**Cox Monett**

700 E Cleveland
Monett MO 65708
Phone: 417-326-2480

Expressions Speech-Language Pathology, LLC

R. Christi Eads, MS, CCC-SLP
Phone: 417-300-2752
Web: consult@eadscorp.com

OCH

105 S Ridgecrest Avenue
Nixa, MO 65714
Phone: 417-724-3198
Fax: 417-725-7373

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Missouri State Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic

609 E Cherry
Springfield MO 65806
Phone: 417-836-5275
Fax: 417- 836-7662
Web: 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.

The Meyer Center

3545 S National Ave
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2105 W Kearney
Springfield MO 65803
Phone: 417-889-1836
Fax: 417-869-2908

STAFF TRAINING

Project ACCESS - Statewide

Tina Neal-Wait, Contact
Missouri State University
Phone: 866-481-3841
Web: education.missouristate.edu/access
E-mail: 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.

Southwest Missouri Regional Professional Development Center

Phone: 800-735-3702

Web: 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.

SUPPORT GROUPS

ARC

1501 E Pythian

Springfield MO 65802

Phone: 417-864-7887

Fax: 417-864-4307

Web: thearcoftheozarks.org

Email: info@thearcoftheozarks.org

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Autism Support Group- Joplin

Freeman Health Center, Business Center

3220 McCelland

Joplin MO 64804

Phone: 417-347-7850

Web: 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 from 6-8pm in the Freeman Business Center Conference Room.

Families 4 Families SW Region

c/o 937 W Webster St

Springfield MO 65802

Phone: 417-987-0811

E-mail: families4families_swregion@yahoo.com



AUTISM QUICK FACT
Autism prevalence figures are growing

Family Bridges

206 Park Central East, Ste 313
Springfield MO 65806
Phone: 417-863-1605
Web: familybridges.info/who.html
Support: 417-576-0950

Family Bridges is a non-profit, family-run, interdenominational organization that provides peer to peer (family to family) support. We provide information, education, and support to families raising children with social, emotional and behavioral challenges, developmental disabilities and/or special health care needs.

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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.

Sharing Our Strengths Mentor Matching Network

Kansas City MO
Phone: 1-800-444-0821
Web: www.moddrc.org

SouthWest Autism Network (SWAN)

Wesley United Methodist
922 W Republic Rd
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-833-9359 (Annette)
Phone: 417-209-0103 (Dayna)
E-mail: Dayna@moautismreport.com

Parent to parent cooperative support and education. Meets the second Saturday of each month at Wesley United Methodist from 1-3pm. Respite care while you attend provided by Wesley UMC Respite Care Team.

Spanish Speakers Support Group [St. Louis]

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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
- 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.

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 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

“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

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

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 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

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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

To read about the DD wait list process for services go to: macdds.org/pdfs/lutilization_waitfaq.pdf

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.

To read the legislation that enabled the county boards to form, go to: macdds.org/senate_bill.html

ACRONYMS

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

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