



Elwyn's Philadelphia Resource List for Autism Services and Supports

This listing is compiled by a network of Philadelphia professionals and families. The purpose of this listing is to share information about resources and in no manner whatsoever supports, profits or takes responsibility for the agencies, services, and individuals noted herein. This listing is updated annually by Karen Krivit, at Philadelphia Elwyn; please submit new or updated information to krivitk@elwyn.org, call 267-784-2009, or mail: 4025 Chestnut Street, 2nd Floor Philadelphia PA 19104. If you are looking for information or resources and you can't find it in here please contact us.

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You can find this listing on line at <http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/> under Resources

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Medical

(Elwyn does not endorse any of the individuals and agencies listed here. Agencies provided here are for information only. Please be sure to ask all providers about fees and insurance coverage before hand as Elwyn does not assume any financial responsibility for the agencies.)

- **The Center for Autism**
*** Accepts MA → child psychiatrists and psychologists
Headquarters: 3905 Ford Road, Suite 6 Philadelphia, PA 19131
Northeast: 2801 Grant Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19114
Phone: 215-878-3400 <http://www.thecenterforautism.org/>
E-mail: info@thecenterforautism.org
- **Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia/Children’s Seashore House**
*** Accepts MA → over one year waiting list
34th Street and Civic Center Boulevard
Philadelphia, Pa 19104
Phone: 215-590-7500
 - **Autism/PDD ,Developmental Evaluations, Behavioral/ADHD**
 - **Department of Child Psychiatry: 215-590-7555**
 - **Department of Neurology: 215-590-1719**
- **Einstein Hospital Multidisciplinary Assessment Program**
*** Accepts MA → Spanish speaking staff available
Dr. Wendy Ross, (developmental pediatrician, psychologists and CRNP on staff)
Developmental Medicine Department The Levy Building, 5501 Old York Rd,
Philadelphia, PA 19141
Phone: 215-456-6786
- **Einstein Hospital Outpatient Child and Adolescent Psychiatry**
**** Accepts MA → Outpatient treatment, **NOT** diagnostic
1200 W. Tabor Road, Philadelphia
Phone: 215-456-9850
- **Drexel Autism Center at Friends—**
*** Accepts MA
Richard Malone, M.D. and Dr. Manely Ghaffari (child psychiatrists)
Susan Hyman, Ph.D, (psychologist)
Scattergood Building, 4641 Roosevelt Boulevard Philadelphia, PA 19124
Phone: 215- 831-4058
- **Northwestern Human Services Child Development Center** (formerly Child Psychiatry Center)
**** ACCEPTS MA → Child psychiatrists, and psychologists,
Spanish speaking staff available
265 E. Lehigh Ave
Philadelphia, PA 19135
Phone: 215-427-1500

- **SPIN Behavioral & Developmental Services Department**
 ***ACCEPTS MA
 Anne Marie Clarke, Ph.D, (psychologist), Anna Baumgaertel, M.D. (developmental pediatrician), Margaret Souders, CRNP(nurse practitioner)
 10521 Drummond Road Philadelphia, PA 19154
 Phone: 215-612-7625 www.spininc.org
- **St. Christopher's Hospital**
 ***ACCEPTS MA → over one year waiting list
 Drs. Maureen Fee and Beth Parrish (developmental pediatricians)
 Erie Avenue at Front Street, Philadelphia, PA 19134
 Phone: 215- 427-5531

 - Department of Neuropsychology- Dr. Grant 215-427-5081
- **Tree of Life Behavioral Services**
 ***ACCEPTS MA → Spanish speaking staff available
 Child psychologists and psychiatrists on staff-outpatient community mental health center
 6404 Roosevelt Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19149
 Phone: 215-533-5433
- **Elwyn SEEDS** (for children ages 2.5-5 years old who are in Elwyn SEEDS evaluation process **only**)
 Michele McIntyre, Ph.D. Lisa Dissinger, Ph.D
 (provides one time diagnostic evaluation **if recommended**, not continuous care)
 4025 Chestnut Street, 3rd floor
 Philadelphia PA 19104
 Phone: 215-222-8054
- **Dr. Anna Baumgaertel- Developmental Pediatrician**
 31 North Narberth Ave "The Bridge"
 Narberth, Pa 19072
 Phone: 484-439-1266 drbaumgaertel@gmail.com
- **Eric Berger, M.D. Developmental Pediatrician**
 Accepts MA on a limited basis
 Center City Pediatrics
 1740 South Street,
 Phone: 214-735-5600
 Email: info@centercitypediatrics.com
- **Dr. James Coplan- Developmental Pediatrician**
 Neurodevelopmental Pediatrics of the Main Line
 919 Conestoga Road, Building 1, Suite 100
 Rosemont, PA 19010
 Phone: 610-520-2130, info@NDPeds.com
- **Dr. Thomas Casey –Developmental Pediatrician**
 937 E. Haverford Rd Suite 103
 Bryn Mawr, PA 19010
 Phone: 610-527-0147 (only accepts Aetna)

**For Psychiatric
Emergencies:**

**Einstein Crisis Response at
Germantown Hospital
(CRC)—**
 Chew Rd and Olney Ave
 Philadelphia, PA 19144
 215-951-8300
 -Angela Cantwell-Director
 -Rebecca Lincoln-social worker
 -24 hours, all insurance, city wide
 assessments of children in
 emergency psychiatric situations.

- **Dr. Eric Mitchell, Ph.D. --Psychologist**
6810 Emlen Street, Philadelphia, PA 19119
Phone: 215-844-6482 ericmpsy@yahoo.com
- **Robert Naseef and Cindy N. Ariel, PhDs--Psychologists**
514 South 4th St. , Philadelphia, PA 19147
Phone: 215-592-1333 www.alternativechoices.com
- **Rob Rosenthal, Ph.D.-- Psychologist**
Growth Opportunities Center, also on staff: Trish Miron, Psy.D. and Cathy Kovatch, Ph.D.
2910 Franks Road Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006
Phone: 215-947-8654 ,ext 254 rjrpsych@gmail.com www.gocenter.net
-also have psychiatric consultants , individual and family therapy, and social skills groups
- **Dr. Annie Steinberg—Child Psychiatrist**
31 North Narberth Avenue, Narberth, PA 19072
Phone: 610-639-2667 drannie@mail.med.upenn.edu
- **Dr. Jutta Vogt-Child Psychiatrist**
131 West Wayne Avenue, Wayne PA 19087
Phone: 484-919-0050 www.mainlineautism.com juvogt@comcast.net
- **West Chester University/SPARC** (Southeastern Pennsylvania Autism Resource Center)
Dr. Jennifer Dawson, PhD (formerly of Johns Hopkins University/Kennedy Krieger Institute specializing in feeding problems)
413 Mitchell Hall, Westchester University, West Chester, PA 19383
Phone: 610-430-5678 <http://www.wcupa.edu/SPARC> sparc@wcupca.edu
- **Dupont Hospital**
Accepts Keystone Mercy MA
1600 Rockland Road Wilmington, DE 49803
Phone: 302-651-4511
- **South Jersey**
For diagnostic and developmental professionals in New Jersey please refer to the following:
<http://www.autismnj.org/>

Neurologists

- **Dr. Charles Brill**
****ACCEPT SOME MA
Jefferson Hospital in partnership with DuPont (Nemours.org)
Bryn Mawr Hospital: 610-581-7570, Newtown Square 610-557-4800
A.I. duPont Hospital for Children 302-651-4200
- **Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia**
The Neurology Department at CHOP refers all their children with Autism to the Regional Autism Center
- **Dupont at Jefferson**
Department of Child Neurology
833 Chestnut Street East Philadelphia, PA
Phone: 215-955-6000, call 800-416-4441 to schedule an appointment
- **St. Christopher’s Hospital Department of Neurology –**
****ACCEPTS MA
Dr. Hardison and Dr. Legido
Phone: 215-427-5470
- **Douglas L. Wilkerson** Bryn Mawr, PA 610-527-8290

Dentists

- Please refer to the CAP4KIDS.ORG website (<http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/>) where you will find up to date listings for dentists as well as by calling the number on the back of your child’s insurance card.
- **Elwyn Dental Clinic (accepts MA)**
Media Campus 610-891-2320
Philadelphia Campus: 4040 Market Street Philadelphia 19104, free parking

Education/Therapy

There are three agencies that provide early intervention and special education services for children in the city of Philadelphia, they are as follows:

- **Childlink: Serves children ages 0-3 years**
260 South Broad Street, 18th floor
Philadelphia PA 19102
Phone: 215-731-2110
 - Early intervention services for developmentally at risk preschool children ages 0-3years old, funded by the Dept. of Public Welfare

- **Elwyn SEEDS** (Special Education for Early Developmental Success):**Serves children ages 3-5 years**
4025 Chestnut St.
Philadelphia PA 19104
Phone: 215-222-8054 for intake, referral and service coordination
 - Early intervention services for children 2yrs 10 months to 5 years old, funded by Dept. of Education, contracts with many providers (for example Ken Crest and SPIN) to offer a variety of services to support the education of children with Autism
 - **Philadelphia Interagency Coordinating Council (PICC)** is a collaborative partnership between families and Philadelphia Early Intervention Providers offering support, information, trainings special events and advocacy for the families of children 0-5 years old.
 - Phone: 215-731-2464 philadelphiaicc.org or philadelphiaicc@yahoo.com (to get on mailing list)

- **Philadelphia School District: Serves children ages 5-21 years**
Office of Specialized Services
440 N. Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19130
Phone 215-400-4170
 - Children with Autism are often referred to the “Low Incidence” Coordinator for the region of Philadelphia that you live in
 - **The Philadelphia Right to Education Task Force** is the parent-liaison organization for School District age families.
 - Phone: 215-400-5151 www.philadelphiartf.org
 - **The Parent Resource Center:** open 7:30-6; ;m-f 215-400-6447
Offers all sorts of advice, guidance, support and trainings for parents even business training, legal training and GED trainings. For a list of trainings and other activities call the center or look on line at their website. To access this, go to:www.philasd.org, click on “site map”, click on the letter “p”, click on “Parent, Family, Community Engagement and Faith Based Partnerships”, click on “Parent Community Resource Center”, and finally click onto “Workshop Schedule”

Additional Educational Resources/Trainings

- **The Center for Autism**
3905 Ford Road, Suite 6 Philadelphia, PA 19131 and
2801 Grant Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19114
Phone: 215-878-3400 <http://www.thecenterforautism.org/> info@thecenterforautism.org
 - Treatment Program for children 2-5 yrs. old (M-F, 9am-2pm); Social Competency Program for children 6-15 yrs. old (M-Th, 5-7pm).
- **NHS School**
2900 Southampton Road, Philadelphia PA 19154 Phone: 215-671-5155
 - Director is: Laura Bupp lbupp@nhsonline.org www.nhsonline.org
 - A licensed private academic school for children with Autism grades k-12 ages 5-21
- **PATTAN** (Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network) 800-441-3215
 - Offers free ongoing training and resources on all aspects related to education and Autism and is open to parents and professionals. Training events and publications can be accessed at www.pattan.net
 - Early Intervention Technical Assistance (EITA)- Susan Kershman ext. 7248 skershman@pattan.net
 - School age and older Technical Assistance- Donna Salkin ext. 7267 dsalkin@pattan.net
- **Pennsylvania's Initiative on Assistive Technology (PIAT) –**
 - 800-204-7428 (voice); 866-268-0579 (TTY); ATinfo@temple.edu (email). PIAT offers information and referral about Assistive Technology (AT), device demonstrations, and awareness-level presentations.
 - PIAT operates Pennsylvania's AT Lending Library, a free program that loans AT devices. This program allows you to try a device for a limited time to be sure it meets your needs. PIAT also operates the Recycled and Exchanged Equipment Partnership (REEP) that is a network of programs offering ways for people to obtain, donate, or sell AT equipment. For more information, please contact us or visit our website at <http://disabilities.temple.edu/programs/assistive>.
- **Elwyn Parent Friendly Workshops**
 - Free professional trainings open to families who have children in the 0-5 Early Intervention system. Trainings are held during the day, childcare is NOT available. For complete listing of topics contact Wendy Schmid wendy_schmid@elwyn.org 215-222-3708
- **Bancroft Neurohealth**
 - in Haddonfield, NJ 856-429-5637 ext: 371 or 257 www.bancroftneurohealth.org
 - Free monthly workshops for families and professionals on a wide range of practical topics
- **Autism Sharing and Parenting**
 - offers monthly trainings for families and professionals on a variety of topics
 - autismsharingandparenting.org: Renee Henderson- 215-413-7106 Nasya06@msn.com
- **Philadelphia Autism Network**
 - Offers monthly trainings for families and professionals on a variety of topics
 - Contact krivitk@elwyn.org for more information

After School Programs

- **The Center for Autism**
3905 Ford Road, Suite 6 Philadelphia, PA 19131
215-878-3400 <http://www.thecenterforautism.org/> info@thecenterforautism.org
Social Competency Program for children 6-15 yrs. old (M-Th, 5-7pm).
- **The Philadelphia Mental Health Center (PMHC)**
 - Serenity After School Autism Program located at JCC / Klein Branch, 10100 Jamison Ave, Phila., Pa. 19116
Phone:215.677.2281 Contact→ Anthony Russo or Jamilla Lawry
 - An after school program offered at PMHC providing an additional learning and treatment environment for children ages 6-12 who have been diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder or Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD). The goal of the Program is to enhance and the potential of each child so that they may function more independently and effectively in their home, school and community. 3:1 child to adult ratio, sports including swimming funded by Medical Assistance
- **The Variety Club**
 - For children with disabilities ages 6-21 from 3-6 p.m. Located at sites throughout the city (see below) Phone: Kiana Berry 215- 735-0803 for information.

Bok Technical High School
8th & Mifflin Streets
1901 South 9th Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19148

Carousel House
Belmont Avenue & North Concourse Dr
West Fairmount Park
Philadelphia, Pa. 19131

Furness High School George
1900 South 3rd Street
Philadelphia, Pa 19148

Washington High School
10175 Bustleton Avenue
Philadelphia, Pa. 19116

Lincoln High School
3201 Ryan Avenue
Philadelphia, Pa 19136

Widener Memorial
1450 West Olney Avenue
Philadelphia, Pa. 19141

Kensington High School
2501 Coral Street
Philadelphia, PA 19125

Olney High School
100 West Duncannon St.
Philadelphia, Pa 19120

University City High School
3601 Filbert St
Philadelphia, Pa 19104

- **The Kinney Center of St. Joseph's University**
 - The Afterschool Social Skills Program -1 hour classes that meet twice a week, there is a fee for this service
 - Contact the Kinney Center at kinneyautism@sju.edu or 610-660-2170

Information/Resources

(Elwyn does not endorse any of the groups or agencies listed herein.
The purpose of this listing is to provide information about resources in the community only)

- **Greater Philadelphia Chapter ASA (Autism Society of America)**
ASA, Greater Philadelphia Chapter, 1036 Nash Ave, Lansdale, PA, 19446
www.asaphilly.org asa-info@comcast.net <http://asaphilly.org/index.php>
24 hour information and support phone line: 610-358-5256
 - To enroll on the ASA list serve go to:
 - <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/asaphilly> -- information, resources and current news in the autism community –open to anyone
 - <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/TALKASAPhilly> -- specifically for families
- **ASCEND**
Phone: 610-449-6776 www.ascendgroup.org info@ascendgroup.org
 - Support, information, and advocacy for Aspergers Syndrome
- **Autism Sharing and Parenting Listserve:** crocmei@yahoogroups.com Listserve compiled by Cathy Roccia-Meier gives weekly up- to- date info on local and state Autism events.
- **Bureau of Autism Services, PA Department of Public Welfare**
www.autisminpa.org 1-866-497-6898
 - Excellent website re: benefits and legal issues related to Autism in the state such as information about ACT 62
 - Also provide annual Mini-grants (see page 29)
- **Next Steps Trainings from CHOP/Variety Club**
 - Very low cost one-day trainings held twice a year geared toward newly diagnosed families to increase the knowledge and skills of family members regarding Autism. Presenters include professionals from the fields of developmental and behavioral pediatrics, speech and occupational therapy, education, and special education. There is also a panel of parents who have made the next steps with their children. Participants receive a binder of information to take home and use as a reference. Contact Gail Stein at 267-426-4910 or steing1@email.chop.edu.
- **Autism Speaks**—www.autismspeaks.org
 - Look for “The First 100 Days” a wonderful guide to coping with a new diagnosis
- **About Autism** - <http://autism.about.com/>
- **University of Penn Autism Resource Guide** www.paautism.org
- **www.kylestreehouse.org** A website for the whole family related to many aspects of Autism, a resource for online support and information, this is **not** a medical or scientific site
- **Special Kids Network**
1-800-986-4550 www.helpinpa.state.pa.us
 - Provides information, referrals to families with children with special needs in PA

- **www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia**
 - A comprehensive listing of local resources for families in Philadelphia including camps, childcare and dentists
- **Metro Kids/Special Kids**
 - <http://metrokids.com/specialkids05/skmainpage05.html>
 - Delaware Valley Publication that has a wonderful website for Special Needs Kids, including resources, schools, family articles and events for families and siblings
- **Variety Club Autism Resource Center**
 - <http://www.varietyphila.org/serve/autism-initiative/>
 - Marissa Tabak marissatabak@varietyphila.org (267) 261-2113
 - information, workshops, after school and summer activities, ongoing recreational and educational activities, events calendar that lists all things pertaining to Autism in Philadelphia and nearby counties.
- **Pa Families Inc (PFI)**
 - 431 Dever Hollow Road Templeton Pa 16259
 - 1-800-947-4941 pafamilies@comcast.net www.pafamiliesinc.com
 - PFI is an organization where families/youths can turn to for help in finding answers.
 - PFI is funded by SAMHSA the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration; their primary function is to be an information and referral resource for residents of Pennsylvania who have children with special needs.

Family Supports / Groups

(Please refer to comprehensive listing of areas support groups on the Philadelphia Variety Club webpage under Programs For Children/Autism Initiative at <http://www.varietyphila.org/>)

- **Philadelphia Autism Network**—
 - Contact: Karen Krivit 215-222-7344 or krivitk@elwyn.org
 - meets once a month, free open to all: presentations on many issues related to Autism.
- **Parents of Autistic Children**—West Philadelphia
 - Contact: Roberta Belamy 215-472-2764 or rbell1@verizon.net (that's three 'L's and the # 1!)
 - meets once a month
- **Surviving and Thriving After Diagnosis:** Free monthly Grandparents Support Group
 - Contact: Sonia Voynow 215-247-5832 www.survivingthriving.com
- **Special Parents of Exceptional Children Group**—Chestnut Hill, Mt. Airy, Germantown
 - Contact: Jean McCoubry 215-913-9027 @ jfmccou@aol.com
 - Meets: One Saturday a month at Chestnut Hill Library
 - www.specialparents-exceptionalchildren.blogspot.com
- **Fathers Group** facilitated by Robert Naseef contact: 215-592-1333 alternativechoices.com
Currently not active, however there is a weekly resource open house that's free
- **Autism Sharing and Parenting**-- Center City (at CBH)and Wynnefield (at Center for Autism)
 - autismsharingandparenting.org
 - Contact: Renee Henderson- 215-413-7106 @ Nasya06@msn.com
 - Meets: Meets once a month, rotating locations
 - To be added to the listserve, email: crocmei11@gmail.com
- **heARTS for Autism** has a monthly support group for parents at the Norcom Center contact: www.HeartsforAutism.org or robin@heartsforautism.org or 267-231-7585
- **PA Mentor Parent Support Group**--Northeast
 - Contact: Michelle Schmidbauer at 215-801-7550 meets once a month
- **Variety Club Norristown Autism Support Groups**
<http://www.varietyphila.org/serve/autism-initiative/>
Marissa Tabak marissatabak@varietyphila.org (267) 261-2113
- **Best Nest Special Needs Parent Support Group** -- Germantown
 - Contact Dina Mitchell @ 215-546-8060 meets monthly
- **Penn Early Childhood Center/Fairmount Center**
 - Contact Damina Durham @ 215-382-3171 ext. 18 or ddurham@fssinc.org
- **UCP Sibling Group** -- Contact Jodi Miscannon at 215-248-7605 ucpjodi@aol.com **Free
- **KidsClub at PAN/Variety**- Marissa Tabak marissatabak@varietyphila.org (267) 261-2113 for children 6-15 meets during Elwyn PAN trainings **Free
- **CHOP Sibshops**-- Contact Lenore Stern at 215-590-7443 small fee

Family and Sibling Support

- **Parent to Parent 1888-727-2700** www.parenttoparent.org
 - A free phone or email support system connecting parents who have children with similar disabilities with each other within their community, a great resource for families who feel alone and can't get out to a group
- **Alternative Choices**-Drs. Cindy Ariel and Robert Naseef and staff
 - 319 Vine Street, 19105, 215-592-1333 www.alternativechoices.com
 - 2 free open hours per week and optional ½ hour \$20.00 individual appointment with a resource clinician re: guidance on navigating the system, treatment options, and understanding the diagnosis
- **FACES** (Families for Autistic Children Education & Support)
 - 609-412-3750 www.faces-autismsupport.org facesgroup@comcast.net
 - support for families in the South Jersey but open to families from Philadelphia. Trainings as well as fun activities for families, sign up for their list serve
- **Surviving and Thriving After Diagnosis:** Sonia Voynow, LCSW
 - 114 Forrest Avenue, Narberth PA 19072
 - support for individuals, couples, families, (special GRANDPARENTS GROUPS) and groups run by therapist who has a child with ASD
 - Contact: Sonia Voynow 215-247-5832 www.survivingthriving.com
- **www.AutismSiblings.org** -- Offers wonderful on- line support and information for kids and families
- **Jewish Family and Children's Service**
10133 Verree Road, Philadelphia PA 215-698-9950
Lisa Ney , Director of Special Needs Iney@jfcspilly.org
Support to Jewish as well as non-Jewish families, including counseling, individual, child and family therapy, social skills groups, psycho-educational seminars, financial assistance, advocacy, consultation in the community

Supports for Asian Families

- **SEAMAAC: Southeast Asian Mutual Assistant Associations Coalition**
 - 1711 South Broad Street 215-467-0690 www.seamaac.org
 - multi service center offering social supports and activities for many Asian families
- **Intercultural Family Services**
 - 4225 Chestnut Street Philadelphia, PA 19104 (215) 386-1298 ifsi@ifsinc.org
 - multiservice Center offering social supports for many Asian families
- **CHINESE AUTISM Link**
 - http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/mhcs/publication_pdfs/6965/BHC-6965-CHI.pdf
 - This link is from an Autism Center in Australia! However it offers a very fine review of the basics of Autism (diagnosis/etiology) as well as information about how parents can assist with addressing their child's behaviors as well as language issues. The problem with this link is the community references at the end of the article are for Australia. We hope to develop better resources over this year for Philadelphia.

Supports for Latino Families

- **HUNE (Hispanos Unidos Para Ninos Excepcionals)**
2200 N. 2nd St Philadelphia, PA 19133
Contact: Yovana Bustamante 215-425-6203 Hotline: 215-425-5112 www.huneinc.org
 - Provide advocacy and support for Latino families with children with disabilities
- **PIN of PA: Bilingual Support Group for Families of Children with Behavior Problems**
 - Contact: Héctor M. Lugardo at 215-751-1800 Ext. 239, Michelle Sánchez, Ext 353 or Becky Español, Ext 214 Hotline: 215-751-1800 ext.513
 - Meets at the Free Library of Philadelphia, Lillian Marrero Branch, 601 W. Lehigh Ave, Philadelphia, Pa 19133 from 10:00am-12:00pm
- **CONCILIO, INC. (Council of Spanish Speaking Organizations)**
 - 705-09 North Franklin Street Philadelphia, PA 19123
 - 215-627-3100 concilio@elconcilio.net
- El Autism, hoja informativa de NICHCY. www.nichcy.org/pubs/spanish/fs1stxt.htm . This is a general definition of Autism/PDD
- Visite la Asociación Nuevo Horizonte. www.autismo.com It has articles, a forum for families to discuss issues, press coverage of Autism as well as other useful sites.
- Cortesía de Autism Society of America. www.autism-society.org/site/PageServer
- AutismOnline www.autisonline.org/bookspan.htm Spanish books related to ASD, PECS, etc.
- www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/spanish/ency/article/001526.htm
- www.exploringautism.org/spanish/

Research/Treatment

There are thousands of theories and techniques regarding Autism. The following sites may be helpful in exploring the best treatment options for your child. There are many things on the Internet. The following sites can help guide you through making decisions about your child's treatments and therapies.

- **Association for the Science of Autism Treatment:** www.asatonline.org describes every type of treatment method and the research behind it.
- www.autism-watch.org- A website that helps explain the risks and benefits of many treatments and therapies for Autism
- **Other helpful websites:**

<http://www.researchautism.org/resources/parents%20guide.pdf>

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

<http://www.researchautism.org>

<http://www.nichd.nih.gov/autism>

<http://www.pubmed.gov>

<http://www.scirus.com>

<http://www.eric.ed.gov>

Local opportunities for your child to participate in current research may be found by contacting:

- **University of Penn:** 1-866-506-5841 or autism@mail.med.upenn.edu
- **The Center for Autism Research at CHOP** 1-866-570-6524 or autism@email.chop.edu

Here are some examples of current research studies that families in Philadelphia may qualify to participate in:

- looking at possible causes and risks for developmental delays and autism
- looking at infant siblings of children with autism to find clues related to early detection of autism and to discover the early changes in the brain of young children with autism
- looking at the risk factors for having another child with autism in families that already have a child with autism
- looking at the obstacles and stresses associated with raising a child with autism and learning more about families' use of treatment, services and supports

Advocacy

- **Families First**

Contact: Cathy Roccia-Meier Training Coordinator 215-204-1772 cathyrm@temple.edu
Institute on Disabilities, Temple University

- Oversees and conducts FREE community based empowerment training for families with children who receive Early Intervention Services in Philadelphia. Workshops cover the basics of Early Intervention, rules, regulations, best practice, solution circle, resources, networking and more. Available in English and Spanish.

- **Parents Involved Network (PIN)**

1211 Chestnut St. Philadelphia, Pa 19107

215-751-1800 800-688-4226 about@pinofpa.org

- Organization that assists parents or caregivers of children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral disorders. PIN provides information, resources support services and advocacy they have a great website of helpful information, especially about Wrap Around Services

- **The Arc of Philadelphia**

2350 W. Westmoreland Street Philadelphia, Pa 19140

215-229-4550 www.arcpddc.org

- Advocacy organization that provides training, information and referral support to people with disabilities and their families

- **Vision For Equality, Inc**

718 Arch St. 6N Philadelphia, Pa 19106 215-923-3349 www.visionforequality.org

- Advocacy and mentorship for families of children with disabilities also provide trainings on a multitude of topics related to disabilities.

- **Disabilities Rights Network of PA**

The Philadelphia Building, 1315 Walnut Street, Suite 400,

Philadelphia PA 19107-4798 215-238-8070 <http://www.drnpa.org/>

- **Pennsylvania Health Law Project**

Corn Exchange Building Suite 400 123 Chestnut St. Philadelphia, PA 19106

1-800-274-3258 215- 625-3663 www.phlp.org

- **PA Education Law Center**

1315 Walnut Street Philadelphia, Pa 19107

1-800-692-7443 (Disabilities Rights Network) www.elc-pa.org elc@elc-pa.org

(Information only—For special education info please call Disability Rights Network)

Mental Retardation Services

Supports Coordination Organizations offer a variety of outpatient services for children with either a diagnosis of Mental Retardation of a 50% delay in cognition. If a child qualifies, s/he is eligible for Family Driven Support Funds, which can be used for a variety of things such as respite and camp. A family must apply on behalf of their child through the Central Office intake number and if s/he qualifies, then the family can receive case management services through one of the four centers listed below.

- **Philadelphia Office of Mental Retardation (OMR)**

701 Market Street, Suite 5200,
Philadelphia PA 19106

(215) 685-4677 (intake and registration), (215) 685-5900 (main number)

- Local Supports Coordination Offices:

Partnership for Community Supports www.pfcsupports.org
9360 Ashton Road, Suite 102, Philadelphia, PA 19114, 267-350-4500

Quality Progressions www.qualityprogressions.org
125 S. 9th St, 4th Fl, Philadelphia, PA 19107
Main Number 215-627-0321 or 267-765-2000

PHMC/PersonLink
260 S. Broad St, 8th floor Philadelphia, PA 19102
267-295-3800

The Consortium www.consortium-inc.org
5828 B Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19139
215-472-1707

- If you are a parent or family member of a person receiving Mental Retardation Services in Philadelphia and looking to make a connection in your area, please contact the following: **Vision for Equality** at 215-923-3349 Barbara Nattile Ext. 114, Sharon Harper-Young Ext. 132
- **The Arc of Philadelphia** (Association for Retarded Citizens)
2350 W. Westmoreland Street Philadelphia, Pa 19140
215-229-4550 www.arcpddc.org
 - Advocacy organization that provides training, information and referral support to people with disabilities and their families

Childcare/ Preschool

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- **Child Care Information Services (CCIS)**
 - This agency helps families locate preschools and childcare in their community as well as assisting with obtaining subsidized childcare (there is a long wait for subsidies at times)
 - www.philadelphiachildcare.org 1-888-461-KIDS

- **Keystone Stars Program**
 - this agency helps parents to find childcare facilities with enriched standards
 - 215-271-1267 877-660-2273
 - info@seregionalkey.org <http://www.pakeys.org>

- **Prekindergarten Head Start**

215-400-4270 <http://www.phila.k12.pa.us/offices/earlychild/PrekHeadStart/PrekindHeadStart.html>

 - Prekindergarten Head Start provides three and four year olds with educational, health and nutritional services to ensure optimal school readiness. This program is federally- funded and free to eligible families. Head Starts are staffed with Special Needs Coordinators to assist with the educational needs of disabled children in this setting.
 - The following agencies also have Head Start programs:
 - **Learning Tree Head Start**, contact Carol King 215-748-2422,ext 241 or CKing@hslt.org
 - **North Philadelphia Head Start**, contact Dawn Nock: 267-278-9033 or DNock@philaymca.org
 - **PPC Head Start**: Shola Oyemola: 215-684-2620

- **Bright Futures Preschools**

215-400-4270 <http://www.phila.k12.pa.us/offices/earlychild/FocusonFour/FocusonFours.html>

 - Bright Futures Prekindergartens follow the school day and school year schedule and provide educational, health and nutritional services to ensure school readiness for those children who are three or four years old by September 1st. There are 38 programs held in community elementary schools, (formerly Parent Co-Op Nurseries).

- **Frankie's World**

Linda Hesson --215-763-0151 1011 Poplar Street , Philadelphia 19123

 - Child care for medically fragile children who have skilled nursing needs
www.frankiesworlddaycare.com

- **Lauren's House**
 - 1318 West Clearfield Street □ Philadelphia, PA 19132 □ (888) 340-9430
 - child care for medically or developmentally complicated children up to age 8
 - www.laurenshouse.com

Respite

Youth Service, Inc. (YSI)—respite for preschoolers

- free 24 hour emergency care for children ages 0-5 in two family style sites (see below). These centers offer a warm, loving home environment with trained and seasoned staff. Care can be for a few hours or a few days or overnight. Telephone intake process includes proof of your child's immunizations. Free
 - The Sally Watson Center, 5128 Wayne Avenue (Germantown)
(215)844-6931
 - Baring House, 3401 Baring Street (West Philly)
(215) 386-0251

• **The Variety Club: Weekend Retreats**

- Children and young adults, ages 8 to 21 are invited to participate in "Weekend Retreats" at the Variety Camp & Developmental Center Applications can be accessed by calling (610) 584-4366 x1044. Or 215-735-0803. An interview is scheduled to determine if the resources at Variety meet your child's needs. A non-refundable fee of \$100.00 is due upon acceptance to the program.

• **Temple University Family Friends www.philafamilyfriends.org**

Contact Angelo Hardy, program coordinator at 215-204-3199 aahardy@temple.edu

- National program in which older adults provide in-home support to families of children with special needs, families are matched with volunteers. Free

• **St. Joseph's University Kinney Center for Autism**

- 5600 City Avenue 19131 610-660-2170 kinneyautism.sju.edu
- "Kids Night Out", one Friday each month, \$20.00 for three hours. Fun activities in a safe and structured environment.

• **The Friendship Circle**

215.574-1765 www.phillyfriendship.com

Weekly in-home respite for Jewish families with children with special needs . Free

• **Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health**

- <http://www.dbhmrs.org> 215-685-4734 or 4747
- three different types of respite are available for children who are receiving services from the Department of Behavioral Health(Medical Assistance is required)
- Saturday afternoon Respite , Boys and Girls Club Spring Break programs and Wordsworth weekend Respite
- Respite Mini Grant : \$300.00 per child to pay for Wordsworth or to pay an qualifying family member or trusted person of their choosing who meets DBH criteria.

****The DBH Respite Services are not an entitlement and availability is limited and on a first come fist serve basis until June 30th 2010 or earlier if funding is exhausted prior to this date.*

• **Home health aides and nursing services**

- In exceptional cases where a child with autism has other medical issues or skilled nursing needs and the parent works, some families have been able to obtain home health aide services for their child from a home-nursing agency
 - **Bayada Nursing** 215-413-5000
 - **Infinite Care** 267-987-1716 infinitecare2@aol.com
 - **Pediatric Services of America**-215-887-4009 www.psakids.com
 - **RP Homecare** 215-643-1200
 - **Visiting Nurse Group** 215-829-8888 info@visitingnursegroup.com

Recreation/Arts

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- **Variety Club**
 - Marissa Tabak Director, Autism Resource Center (267) 261-2113
 - marissatabak@varietyphila.org www.varietyautism.org
 - provides many recreational events for the entire family including Autism Day at Sesame Place, Autism Day at Please Touch Museum ,an exclusive holiday party at the Sheraton in Society Hill, Family Fun Days

- **City of Philadelphia Recreation Department**
 - <http://www.phila.gov/recreation/> or call 683-3600
 - After school and weekend activities for children ages 5-13, low cost, fees vary

- **HeARTS for AUTISM**
www.HeartsforAutism.org or robin@heartsforautism.org or 267-231-7585
 - A wonderful monthly workshop for families with children with Autism to use art as means of expression. Located at the Norcom Center in Northeast Philadelphia with activities for caretakers and siblings as well. Pre-registration is required, the workshop is FREE

- **Free Library of Philadelphia**
 - 215-685-5322 or website: <http://libwww.library.phila.gov>
 - Many branches throughout the city have free story and craft hours for children, call or look on the website for the closest location/hours FREE

- **Tops Soccer/Topsports**
 - FREE-- provides sports and recreations opportunities for children with special needs
 - www.MYTOPSPORTS.ORG Steve and Ann Marie Milligan
 - 215.579.2656 sa.milligan@verizon.net

- **Holy Terror Stars**
 - <http://www.freewebs.com/holyterrorstars/>
 - Contact: Cindy Hinchy at 215-331-9876 or Kim Wilson at 215-407-3027 or summermoon713@gmail.com
 - Location: Purzell Community Center (Northeast) from 6-8 p.m., all sports, every Friday night, no fee, no age limit, registration, parents take turns providing snacks or drinks, ANY kind of special needs, also need older typical kids as 1:1 mentors for the special needs athletes (preferably 14 years and up)! Lots of additional activities as well such as holiday parties and Phillies games, FREE

- **Fox Chases Champions**
 - Matt McDonald 215-745-2785 www.foxchasechampions.com phillylec@comcast.net
 - Special needs sports organization in the Northeast FREE
- **Vision For Equality** puts out a wonderful Resource Guide called, It's Fun to Have Fun in Philadelphia for families with young children in Philadelphia, call 215-923-2239 for a copy.
- **Smith Memorial Playground**
215-765-4325 or www.smithplayhouse.org
 - free indoor playhouse located in Fairmount Park for children 5 and under also outdoor playground for children 10 and under with the famous "Giant Slide". Also have story hours and craft hours that are free
- **Norcom Community Center**
10980 Norcom Rd Philadelphia, PA 19154 (215) 613-1070
 - Offers all sorts of year round recreational activities for children with special needs
- **Parent to Child**
 - www.parent2child.net 737 Bainbridge Street, Philadelphia, PA19147 215-450-5271
 - a parent and child therapy center using art and music to promote growth and development, social skills, music, art and movement, sliding fee
- **Fairmount Arts Center**
 - 2501 Olive Street Philadelphia, PA 19130
 - 215-756-ARTS info@fairmountartcenter.com
 - small group and individual art therapy for special needs children
 - Pre-registration meeting required before enrollment
- **HappyheARTS Yoga** –a family based movement and arts fitness program, community workshops and school based trainings contact robin@happyheartisyoga.com or 267-757-8733 there is a fee for this program
- **Settlement Music School**
Contact : 215 320-2600, smsmusic.org or Mark Bottos at 215-637-2077
 - Offers creative arts therapy through dance and music in 4 sites throughout Philadelphia, managed by Kardon
- **Kardon Institute for Music**
10700 Knights Road, Philadelphia PA 19114 215-637-2077
Special Needs contact: Christine Wineberg: at cwineberg@kardoninstitute.org.
 - Provides individual music, dance, art therapy sessions for children and adults w/ special needs, tailored to the individual
- **MusicWorks** –
 - 610-449-9669 www.MusicWorksWonders.com
 - 412 East Eagle Road, Havertown, PA 19083-1635 610-449-9669
 - a music therapy service provider for children and young adults (21+) with challenges and special needs.

- **Imagination Land Playground**
Hulmeville and State Roads in Bensalem PA 19020
 - fully handicapped accessible playground for children with special needs

- **Little Wonders Child Growth and Development Center**
 - 100 West Germantown Pike, East Norriton, PA 19401
 - social skills, therapies and playgroups and camps for special needs children
 - www.littlewonderscenter.com 610-275-KIDS

- **Quinn Developmental Services**
Ambler PA 215-654-7577 www.BehaviorExcellence.com
 - offers gymnastics classes for special needs children

- **Kix & Giggles Children's Playland**
9356 Old Bustleton Ave, Philadelphia, Pa 19115 215-677-4140 www.kixandgiggles.com
 - Indoor and outdoor play land for ages1-10
 - On Mondays the entry fee is waived for children with disabilities

- **Horse Riding**
 - **Pegasus:** 8297 Bustleton Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19152 215-742-1500
 - **One Step At a Time:** P. O. Box 125, Bristol, PA 215-945-4499
 - **Special Equestrians:** 2800 Street Rd. PO Box 1001, Warrington, PA 18976 215-918-1001

- **Chang's School of Martial Arts**
 - KAFA (Karate Adapted for Autism)
 - 499 South Henderson Road , King of Prussia 610-277-2919
info@changsschoolofmartialarts.org.

Camps

- **The City of Philadelphia Summer Program Guide**
 - -dial “311” <http://philly311.phila.gov>
 - The Recreation Department: 215-683-3600
 - The Police Athletic League: 215-291-9000
 - Fairmount Park: 215-683-0200
 - Free Library of Philadelphia 215-686-5372

- **PA Mentor**

10601 Decatur Road, Suite 400, Philadelphia, PA 19164
215-612-8200 www.thementornetwork.com

 - Summer camp for children with ASD ages 5-15. Children must have MA, 2 sites in Northeast, 1 site in South Philly. Register EARLY, this camp fills up fast!

- **SPIN, Inc**
 - 10521 Drummond Rd, Philadelphia, Pa 19154 215-613-1070
 - Integrated summer camp for special needs and typical children beginning age 5.

- **Variety Club Developmental Overnight Camp** (7-21 years old)
contact 610-584-4366 or katieleach@varietyphila.org.

- **Carousel House Special Needs Day Camp**
 - Belmont Avenue and North Concourse in Fairmount Park
 - 215-685-0160/61/62 a two week camp for kids with disabilities starting at age 5
 -

- **Madeline Moore Summer Camp Grant**
 - ONLY for children who are receiving services through CBH such as Wrap-Around
 - provides up to \$600/ year for camp available through CBH, 215-685-4737

- **Expressions**
 - www.campconcepts.org/expressions 267-258-3974 contact: Stephanie DeSouza
 - A day camp for children ages 4-16 with high functioning Autism or Aspergers at the George School in Newtown, PA, there is a fee and an interview to attend this camp

- **Dragonfly Forest**
 - Residential overnight Summer Camp for ages 7-14, in Westtown, PA Chester County
 - 610-298-1820 www.dragonflyforest.org

- **Camp at Silver Springs Farm**
 - camp@silver-springs.org (610) 825-4440 EXT 437 www.silver-springs.org 6 week day camp for children needing special needs supports. Expensive.

Spirituality

- **Archdiocese of Philadelphia: Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities**
222 N. 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103
Contact: Janell Lavender, Coordinator 215-587-5665, 215-587-3530
jlavende@adphila.org, pcpddeaf@adphila.org
 - The Department for Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities provides pastoral resources to parishes and families. The department can assist families with children with Autism and other disabilities to access religious education and integration into their Catholic Parish. The department provides training and resources to parish staffs.
www.archphila.org
- **Special needs CCD classes**
 - St Matthews Church 3000 Cottman Avenue, Philadelphia PA 19149
 - Contact Deacon Bob Burns at 215-333-0585
- **Jewish Family and Children's Services**
lney@jfcspilly.org 215-698-9950 10133 Veree Road
spiritual counseling and consultation, psycho -educational seminars, trainings and workshops about special needs in the community
- **Auerbach Central Agency for Jewish Education**
 - provides supports, education and trainings for Jewish preschools and synagogues throughout the 5 county area specific to facilitating inclusion of special needs persons of all ages.
 - Contact: Debbie Gettes, dgettes@acaje.org 215-635-8940

Wraparound

What is Wrap Around?

Wrap Around is a behavioral health support service provided by a team that may consist of a Mobile Therapist (MT), a Behavior Specialist Consultant (BSC), a Case Manager and a Therapeutic Support Staff (TSS) Worker. The Wrap Around team helps the child in the location where they need support, for example at school or at home or both. Wrap Around Services do take at least 2-6 months to put into place; they are provided only through CBH contracted providers and paid for only by Medical Assistance. The child must have a psychiatric or psychological evaluation recommending Wrap Around. This child's service is re-assessed every 4 months. Families who have MA can contact a wraparound service provider directly (see agencies listed below) or apply through CBH. This service is NOT provided through the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

- **Community Behavioral Health (CBH)**

801 Market Street, 7th Floor,
Philadelphia, PA 19107

1-888-545-2600, www.phila-bhs.org

- CBH is the mental health HMO for any resident of Philadelphia who has Medical Assistance. CBH oversees many programs that private insurances do not pay for such as therapeutic preschools and Wrap-Around services (see below).
- Families with private insurance can obtain Medical Assistance (in most cases) for their disabled child (see above).
- Website for the Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Mental Retardation Services: <http://philadelphia.pa.networkofcare.org/mh/home/index.cfm>. Offers a great deal of information about services and resources in Philadelphia

WRAP-AROUND AGENCIES-Serving Preschool Age
(updated for Early Intervention January 2010)

AGENCY	CONTACT PERSON	ADDRESS	PHONE #	CITY	ZIP CODE
ATA	Lyn Weise, referrals	1225 Vine St., 3 rd floor	215/405-2100	Philadelphia	19107
Carson Valley School	Intake	7500 Germantown Ave	215/753-8111, ext 1529	Flourtown	19031
Children's Outreach	Jessica Feldman, Yovon Curry, Melissa Deseraux	90 Rochelle Ave.	215/508-3200 Ext: 127	Philadelphia	19128
Children's Services	Mary Southerling	1315 Walnut St.,3 rd Floor	215/546-3503	Philadelphia	19107
Community Council	Michelle Jones	4900 Wyalusing St.	215/473-7033, ext. 324	Philadelphia	19131
Children's Crisis Treatment Center	Edith Lopez	1823 Callowhill St.	215-496-0707 Ext: 1152	Philadelphia	19130
Elwyn (NON-AUTISM)	Charlotte Izard	1 Winding Drive Suite 104	215-578-3101	Philadelphia	19131
Elwyn (AUTISM ONLY)	Season Apple	3300 Henry Avenue	215-254-2014	Philadelphia	19129
Foundations of Delaware Valley	Courtney Miller	833 E. Butler Ave.(Doylestown) /301 City Ave, (Bala Cynwyd)	215/340-1500, extension 107/610-667- 3501	Doylestown/ and Philly	18901/ 19004
Green Tree School	Lin Hammerman	146 West Walnut Ln	215/843-4528,ext 209	Philadelphia	19144
Interac Inc. (BSU 6)	Christie Fick 215-508- 6708	6122 Ridge Ave.	215-487-1330	Philadelphia	19128
Juvenile Justice Center	Tamika Williams	100 W. Coulter St. 4 th Floor	215/849-2112 Ext.5221	Philadelphia	19144
MCC(Maternal Child Care) Home Health Care	Patrick	800 Clarmont Ave., Suite B	267/525-7000	Bensalem	19020
PA Mentor	Lori Lancer,Director Miichael Lee, Intake	10601 Decatur Rd, Suite 400	215/612-8200, ext. 200	Philadelphia	19154
Northeast Treatment Center	Jennifer Jung	493 N. 5 th Street, Suite E	215/ 408-4993	Philadelphia	19123
Northern Homes for Children & Family Services	Christine Kershner	5301 Ridge Ave.	215/482-1423 Ext: 1287	Philadelphia	19128
Network For Behavior Change	Steve Kossor	848 Kings Highway	610-383-1432	Coatesville serving Phila	19320
Phila. Mental Health Center	Ade Owodunni	1235 Pine St.	215/735-7068, ext 238	Philadelphia	19107
Eugenia/Progressions	Maria Jordan(Phila) Caroline Sink(Bucks)	4610 Street Rd Trevose/ or/ 3300 Henry Ave, Phila	215/924- 0684/215 364- 3299	Trevose/ Philadelphia	19053 19129

Special Family Supports

- **HIP Health Intervention Program**

- provides home visiting and other support to families with children who have special health care needs. HIP teams may include nurses, social workers and parent professionals. Services include: advocacy and referral, service system negotiation, case management and counseling. (FAMILIES CAN NOT HAVE AN OPEN CASE WITH DHS) FREE!
- Two partner agencies provide HIP services:
 - **LaSalle Neighborhood Nursing Center**
(215) 951-5034 (Northwest Philadelphia and parts of North and Northeast Philadelphia)
 - **Resources for Children's Health**
(215) 985-2541 (South Philadelphia, West and Southwest Philadelphia, Center City and parts of North and Northeast)

- **Family Partnership Programs**

- provides intensive in-home social service supports for families (FAMILIES CAN NOT HAVE AN OPEN CASE WITH DHS) FREE!

- **Family Support Services** 215-438-9890 Steve Eisher
- **YSI (Youth Services, Inc.)** 215-848-6200 ext:1027, Leslie Rinehart
- **Caring People Alliance** 215-386-4075, Jocelyn Murphy,
- **Turning Points for Children** 215-875-3400, Louise Livowitz

Miscellaneous

- **Autism Safety Toolkit**
 - This is a comprehensive guide to help families and caregivers understand how to adapt your child's environment and community to assure they are safe. It can be accessed under the National Autism Association website:
<http://www.nationalautismassociation.org/safetytoolkit>
- **Project Lifesaver**
 - www.philadelphiaprojectlifesaver.com 215-698-3161
 - provides a security tracking system for at-risk individuals who may be prone to wandering and are unable to help themselves. The system uses wristband-sized transmitters that are worn around the ankle or wrist; the program is connected to a specially trained task force of the Philadelphia Police Department. Initiating fee is \$99, after which a monthly service charge is \$20 is required. Costs are subject to change depending upon successful fundraising activities.
- **Autism Safety Project** is a program of Autism Speaks www.autismspeaks.org
- **Transportation to medical appointments**
 - The Medical Assistance Transportation program can provide rides or reimbursement for public transportation or car use for a parent and a child going to or from a medical appointment
 - Call LogistiCare at 1-877-835-7412 or online go to http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/Resources/Documents/Pdf/MATP_LongBrochure.pdf
- Apraxia and Speech information: <http://www.apraxia-kids.org/>

Supports for Adults

- **ALAW-Autism Living and Working**

1528 Walnut Street, Suite 815

Philadelphia, PA 19102

Phone: 267- 322-5800 alaw@autismlivingworking.org

- ALAW's mission is to help adults with autism form and sustain households, hold jobs, and contribute to community life, through individual supports and accommodations.

- **University of Penn Autism Network**

Adult Developmental Disorders Program

Dr. Anthony Rostain

3535 Market Street, 2nd floor

Philadelphia PA 19104

Phone: 215-573-1159, or Deirdre Wright 215-746-1967 www.med.upenn.edu/pan

- **GRASP Philadelphia**

Contact: <http://www.grasp.org/>

- Our members range in age from 18 to 65 plus
- Group meets monthly at the Easttown Library in Berwyn, PA from 2 to 4 PM on the second Saturday of each month.
- Also provide a lending library of books and materials, and a listserv for members: http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/GRASP_Philadelphia_PA/

- **Families Of Adults Autism-ASaphilly**

- A place restricted to families of Adolescents, age 17+ and Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) who reside in Southeast Pennsylvania - Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery & Philadelphia counties. This is an environment to learn about the needs of adults in the whole spectrum of Autism, including Autism/Mental Retardation (MR), Autism, Pervasive Developmental Disorder-NOS (PDD-NOS), Asperger's (AS) and other related neurological disorders. Its purpose is to share information and provide support for families who are concerned about the daily needs and future of adults with ASD in Pennsylvania.
- To view the details of this listserv: <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/FamiliesOfAdultsAutism-ASaphilly/>

- **ASAN The Autistic Self Advocacy Network**-organization, support, advocacy, focus on teens and education opportunities See website for local chapters: www.autisticadvocacy.org

- **PAR Pennsylvania Association of Resources**- connecting people with Autism or Mental Retardation with supports and services in their community par@par.net • phone 717-236-2374

Benefits (including Medical Assistance)

- **MA for Children with a Disability – Known as PH95**
 - MA(Medical Assistance) is medical insurance that may cover things that your child's primary insurance does not cover. You can use MA as your primary insurance or you can use it to supplement insurance you may already have. If your child is disabled you may want to explore obtaining MA benefits for him/her.

- **What does MA pay for that my private insurance might not cover?**
 - For a child, MA covers everything that is medically necessary. Among those services are:
 - **Wrap-Around Services--**Wrap-Around services give children with a mental health diagnosis home or school based behavioral supports and therapy.
 - **Medical and Nursing Services--** MA can pay for medical or therapy equipment, co pays, deductibles, transportation to medical appointments, services from facilities that only take MA insurance, medical bills not covered by your insurance (from up to 3 months ago) and nursing services that are documented to be medically necessary for a child with significant health care needs. Note: MA does not reimburse individuals who have already paid for services. It reimburses providers who delivered services.
 - **The Diaper Program--** Diapers are paid for by MA when a child continues to need diapers after the age of 3 due to his/her special needs.

MA is a medical insurance program. It is state funded and administered through the PA Department of Public Welfare; HOWEVER, it is NOT WELFARE. Once your child receives MA you will need to recertify his/her case annually, either over the phone or through the mail. MA Insurance is medical insurance for children who do not qualify for SSI because their family income is over the SSI income eligibility guidelines, or for children whose family income is low enough to qualify for MA. If you already have private insurance you can keep it and also obtain MA to supplement your child's coverage.

...a word about SSI:

SSI, (Supplemental Security Income), is a federally funded program which provides a monthly check **and** Medical Assistance for people who qualify. To qualify you must have:

- a disabling condition PLUS,
- meet the financial cut-off levels. The financial cut-off level for one person is no more than \$2000 in savings and \$800/month in income.

To apply, call **800-772-1213**, or log on to <http://www.ssa.gov>.

How to apply for MA:

1. Call 1-800-986-KIDS (5437) to have a MA application sent to you.
2. Fill out the application. Make sure to write “**MA disabled child Category PH95**,” across the top of the form. This will alert the caseworker to consider the child for eligibility because of their disability.
3. **DOCUMENTATION!!!!** You will need to provide proof of everything you are saying about your child by providing copies. For example: proof of citizenship (a birth certificate), proof of identity (such as a government issued photo ID (school-issued ID card,) address (a utility bill), disability (medical or psychological evaluation written by a licensed clinician within the last 3 months.), proof of any income in the household, including income received in the child’s name, and copies of any unpaid medical bills owed from the last 3 calendar months. -You will also be asked to show proof that you did apply for SSI or were rejected due to income. If you have not already applied for SSI you will be assisted to do this (see above”...a word about SSI”)
4. Mail application to: (*Make copies for yourself of everything you are sending in case it gets lost.*)
**Philadelphia County Assistance Office,
Philadelphia State Office Building, Room 608
1400 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130-4088**
5. The application will be forwarded to your local County Assistance Office. You should hear from them in a letter within 30 days about the status of your application. This letter will contain the name and phone number of the caseworker assigned to your child’s application. They may need more information. Keep in mind that the state rule says that you do not need to go to the office at all for an appointment, you can phone, fax or mail information.
6. OR you can call PCCY at 215-563-5848 X 17 . PCCY ‘s Child Healthwatch Helpline will take your information on the phone, gather documents from you by mail or fax and send your application in for you.

If you have any problems you can contact:

- Philadelphia Citizens for Children and Youth at 215-563-5848
- The Pennsylvania Health Law Project at 215-625-3663
- Disabilities Rights Network of PA 215-238-8070 <http://www.drnpa.org/>

The Diaper Program

If your child has developmental delays and is over 3 years old, s/he can receive diapers paid for by Medical Assistance. Follow these steps:

1. Call the 800 # on the back of your child's medical card to find out who your local Durable Medical Equipment provider is.
2. Call that provider, and speak with them about the diaper program. They will often tell you whether they will deliver the diapers or you will need to pick them up. They will tell you their fax number that is needed for the doctor's prescription.
3. Call your child's doctor office and tell them that your child needs the doctor to fax a prescription for diapers to the company. The prescription should state your child's diagnosis of Autism and developmental delays and should request a 3-month supply of diapers with refills. Make sure the doctor writes your child's diaper size on the prescription too!
4. The medical equipment company or pharmacy that provides these diapers will automatically dispense generic diapers unless the doctor states a medical reason for a name brand diaper.
5. Sometimes this program also covers wipes; it's worth asking the provider.

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's Community Car Seat Program

Location: CHOP 34th & Civic Center Boulevard
1st Floor, Main Hospital Inside the gift store

Documentation Needed:

1. Green EBT ACCESS card
2. Photo ID
3. Letter of Referral or Prescription from nurse, doctor or social worker with client's due date (if pregnant) and/or child's name, dob, and current weight
4. Call 267.426.5000 for an appt. Please try and call at least 2 weeks in advance.

What does the appointment entail?

1. Watch a 20 minute video on child passenger safety
2. Receive education and hands on demonstration regarding proper installation of a child safety seat

What if a client is not on public assistance?

The City of Philadelphia has a loaner program for those families on WIC or Medical Assistance. Please call 215.685.9065 for more details. For this program, please call at least 2 months in advance.

You can also come to the Kohl's Safety Center and purchase a low cost child safety seat. We are open Monday – Friday, 11am-5pm. For current hours and sample prices, please go to:

www.chop.edu/safetyproducts

Family Grants

- **Bureau of Autism Services, PA Department of Public Welfare**
 - www.autisminpa.org 1-866-497-6898
 - Mini grants: Variety club annual memberships, project Lifesaver fees
- **Neighborheart Quality of Life Grants**
 - up to \$500.00 a year for families who care for someone with a developmental disorder or disability with a family income of less than \$30,000 per year
 - <http://www.neighborheart.org/grants.asp>
- **Hearts and Smiles Foundation**

P.O. Box 1253
Southampton, PA 18966
215-669-4221 heartsandsmiles@comcast.net

 - The mission of Hearts and Smiles is to provide in kind assistance to low income families with special needs in Montgomery, Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Philadelphia Counties with a particular focus on the needs of siblings in these families.
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- **Madeline Moore Summer Camp Grant**
 - provides up to \$600/ year for camp available through CBH, 215-685-4737 for children who are receiving services through CBH such as Wrap-Around
- **Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia** www.csphiladelphia.org 215-670-8411
 - Scholarships for 4 years for children K-8th grade to fund private, parochial and other tuition-based community schools.
 - To apply you must: 1. meet low-income guidelines , 2. fill out an application found on the website, 3. complete a one page essay described in the application
 - Applications are due March 1, 2010 for the 2010-2011 school year