ASGSA General Information

The Autism Society of Greater San Antonio (ASGSA) is an authorized chapter of the Autism Society of America (ASA). Our mission is to promote lifelong access and opportunity for all individuals within the Autism Spectrum and their families, to be fully included members in the community, through EDUCATION, ADVOCACY, PROMOTION OF RESEARCH, PUBLIC AWARENESS, and COLLABORATION with other organizations.

We embrace an “open options” philosophy. We offer education and information on the complete range of treatments and providers, without advocating any particular intervention, so that families, and to the extent possible, the individual with autism, can select the services and supports that are most appropriate for their individual circumstances. This philosophy is driven by recognition that autism presents itself differently in different people, and that no one intervention has proven to be 100% effective.

You are responsible for the choice of any treatment, therapy option or service provider. Specific treatment, therapy or services should be provided to an individual only at the direction of the individual’s doctor, care giver, or other qualified professional.

Reference to any treatment or therapy option or to any program, service or treatment provider is not an endorsement by ASGSA or ASA of the treatment or therapy option, program, service or provider referenced. References to treatment or therapy options, programs, services or providers are not intended to be comprehensive statements of available options, programs, services, or providers. You should investigate alternatives that may be more appropriate for a specific individual. ASGSA assumes no responsibility for the use made of any information published or provided by ASGSA.

Volunteer members of the ASGSA compiled this resource guide. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this information. We recognize, however, that some of this information may change. Therefore, please email any additions, changes, corrections, or suggestions to autismsbenitez@hotmail.com.

The ASGSA would like to thank Any Baby Can and The ARC of San Antonio for allowing us to use their resource guides for the purposes of completing this guide. Without their efforts, this task would have been much more difficult. We are truly grateful for their efforts and their willingness to share their work with us.
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**Monthly Meeting Info**

When: 3\textsuperscript{rd} Saturday of each month from 10am-12pm  
Where: 6914 Wurzbach, San Antonio, TX 78240  
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

Childcare is available but must be reserved at least 5 days in advance. Please contact Lisa at Ichill98@juno.com or 210-452-9552.

**Monthly Training Session Info**

When: 1\textsuperscript{st} Saturday of most months from 9 or 10am-12pm  
Where: UTHSCSA (The University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio)  
7703 Floyd Curl Dr, Lecture Hall Bldg, Room 3.104A, San Antonio, TX 78229

Continuing Education is available for Texas Teachers. Please note no childcare is available. Sessions are sponsored in conjunction with The South Central Area Health Education Center (AHEC).
For the past 25 years Any Baby Can of San Antonio has been providing case management for families who have a child diagnosed with a chronic illness or disability such as autism. Case managers help parents navigate through the many resources in our community. One of Any Baby Can's programs is the Reaching Families Facing Autism (RFFA) program. This program assists families who have a child with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. The services provided are as follows:

**Parent Education:** Any Baby Can offers parent education for families of children ages 2-11 years who have been diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder and who have behavior concerns. Families will receive an informal assessment of parenting challenges and skills, conducted by Tisha Gonzalez, Autism Specialist. Frances Ramirez, In-Home Parent Trainer, will then provide weekly in-home parent training and education sessions to work on improving skills and knowledge relating to autism.

**Support & Education Groups:** Any Baby Can offers four different support groups, the Autism Support Group, the Asperger’s Support Group, the Spanish Speaking Support Group, and the Sibling Support Group. Each group schedules speakers on topics related to Autism and Asperger's. Past trainings have included ABA, ARD/IEP Preparation, Sensory Integration, Alternative Therapies, Developing Social Skills, and Sexuality and Children with ASD. Free dinner and childcare are provided.

**Autism Counseling Group:** Any Baby Can provides parents access to small group counseling provided by Dr. Josue Gonzalez. He leads a group of 8 – 10 parents through 8 weeks of comprehensive group counseling. Topics are varied and aim to help families cope with issues related to a diagnosis of Autism or Asperger’s. There are two different groups which meet either Wednesday mornings or Monday evenings. Free childcare is provided.

**Autism Lending Library:** Any Baby Can offers over 50 different titles of books, videos, and magazines for parents to borrow. Several titles are available in Spanish. Any Baby Can also has weighted vests for you to borrow for your child. You must be referred by your child’s therapist who will determine the amount of weight needed and the length of time to use the vest.

Any Baby Can sponsors San Antonio’s Autism Awareness Walk every April. Join us to raise awareness, meet families, and learn the latest resources. Call Any Baby Can to get involved.

To access RFFA services or for questions please call Any Baby Can at 210-227-0170 or email Hugo Hernandez at hhernandez@anybabycansa.org.
The Arc of San Antonio was founded in 1954 by a group of parents who needed support and services for their children with special needs. The Arc is a private nonprofit agency that provides a wide array of social services, information, referrals, client support and advocacy for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Our Mission - Enhancing the quality of life for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

Our Vision - To provide quality, innovative services to the maximum number of people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities to help them achieve their potential.

**Childcare:** A Caring Choice Child Care Program offers specialized childcare to primary caregivers of school-aged children with developmental disabilities. After-school, holiday, and summer childcare are available. A Caring Choice aims to allow parents of children with developmental disabilities to be better able to cope with the extraordinary pressure of caring for their child, therefore, enhancing the quality of life for the entire family unit. For more information contact Lynn Cruz at 210-490-4300 x 116.

**Young Adult Program:** The Young Adult Program is geared towards students, ages 16 to 26, who are graduating or near graduation from high school. The program focuses on collaboration with school districts to ensure a smooth transition, enhancement of already acquired skills, attainment of new skills, opportunities for prevocational and job skills training, involvement in contract work, social interaction with peers including several weekly community outings, and participation in community volunteer opportunities. For more information contact Lynn Cruz at 210-490-4300 x 116.

**Day Habilitation:** The Arc offers programming to individuals with all levels of intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Participants are offered a wide variety of structured activities based on their unique needs and abilities. Activities may range from enhancing very basic self-help and social skills to developing community integration and vocational skills. Training takes place both in a classroom setting and in real life environments. For more information contact Andrea Fagarason at 210-490-4300 x 119.

**Work Training:** The Arc's Project Choice program coordinates vocational projects that allow our clients to earn wages at a piece rate. Types of contract work include collating, assembling, packaging, and labeling. For more information contact Andrea Fagarason at 210-490-4300 x 119.

**Case Management:** The ARC offers The Comprehensive School-Based Case Management (CSCM) Program which provides assistance with community resources for families of children and young adults with developmental delays and medical conditions between 3 and 21 years of age. The CSCM program serves all of Bexar County and assists with information, referral, and case management. For more information on the CSCM Program contact Liz Perez at 210-490-4300 x 103. The ARC also offers assistance with The CLASS Program which offers individuals with developmental disabilities an alternative to institutionalization. For more information on the CLASS Program contact Yolanda Fuentes at 210-490-4300 x 112.

**Support Services:** The Support Services Program provides information regarding community services including recreational opportunities, respite care, funding sources, residential options, educational options, habilitation, and vocational programs for individuals with developmental disabilities. For more information contact Pam Stephens at 210-490-4300 x 120.
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- Larry Rodriguez, Alamo Solutions
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Local Resources

Advocacy & Advocacy Education

**Advocacy Inc. of San Antonio**
6800 Park Ten Blvd, Suite 208-N, San Antonio, TX 78213
210-737-0499
1-800-880-8401 (intake)
[www.advocacyinc.org](http://www.advocacyinc.org)
Advocates for people with disabilities to secure their human, legal and service rights, and assists them in advocating for themselves for these same rights. Strives to establish and expand rights and services for people with disabilities, to inform all individuals of the rights of people with disabilities, and to inform and refer individuals to programs and services.

**Any Baby Can of San Antonio**
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[www.anybabycansa.org](http://www.anybabycansa.org)
Provides case management, crisis assistance, referrals, small group counseling, individual counseling, financial assistance, parent education, haircuts for children with autism, and a resource library. Offers the Reaching Families Facing Autism parent education program for families of children ages 2 through 3 years old who have been diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. Holds 4 different monthly support group meetings.

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Advocates for the expansion of community-based services for people with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities. Provides client/family support services including summer recreation, after school care, and advocacy services. Provides Comprehensive School-Based Case Management (CSCM) and provides assistance with Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS).
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An advocacy training and family support program designed to empower parents and professionals with the knowledge and skills necessary to advocate for children with disabilities in order to ensure that they are receiving an appropriate public education. PALS offers this advocacy curriculum to parents, professionals and volunteers, with the primary focus on parents of children from birth to age 11 who are protected under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA).

**Partners Resource Network**
TEAM (Region 20) - Shawna Tausch
210-260-8128 or 1-877-832-8945
PATH (Region 13) - Stephanie Williams
1-254-628-7977 or 1-800-866-4726
www.partnerstx.org
A non-profit agency that operates a statewide network of federally funded Parent Training and Information Centers (PTIs). The PTI projects in Texas are TEAM, PATH, and PEN. TEAM serves residents of Regions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 20. PATH serves residents of Regions 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13. PEN serves residents of Regions 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19. All 3 projects serve Texas parents of children and youth with disabilities from the ages of 0 to 22. Their purpose is to empower parents of children and youth with disabilities in their roles as parents, decision makers, and advocates for their children. They strive to promote partnerships among parents and professionals, parent organizations, school districts, and service agencies.

**San Antonio Independent Living Services (SAILS)**
1028 S Alamo, San Antonio, TX 78210
210-281-1879
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www.sailstx.org
Provides and coordinates independent living for individuals with disabilities. Offers advocacy, community education and awareness, deaf support, independent living skills training, information and referral, peer support and transitional living services.
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www.brightonsa.org

**PACES ECI-The Center for Health Care Services**
227 West Drexel, San Antonio, TX 78210
210-532-5158
Zaida Yzaguirre, Director
www.chcsbc.org

**Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center**
2203 Babcock Rd, San Antonio, TX 78229
210-614-3911
Linda Tapia, Director
www.easter-seals.org
Education

Public School Education Service Centers

Region 20 Education Service Center
1314 Hines Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78208
210-370-5200
www.esc20.net

Region 13 Education Service Center
5701 Springdale Rd, Austin, TX 78723
512-919-5313
www.esc13.net

Northeast ISD Community Based PPCD Programs*

Brighton-The Center for Inclusive Communities
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210-826-4492
www.brightonsa.org

Rainbow Station
322 E Sonterra Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78258
210-495-5222
www.rainbowstation.org

Kids R Kids
1909 W Bitters, San Antonio, TX 78248
210-798-5300

Northside ISD Community Based PPCD Programs*

Enrichment Academy
7500 Eckhart, San Antonio, TX 78240
210-521-3884

Lone Star Learning Academy Childcare Center
12740 Bandera Rd, Helotes, TX 78023
210-695-4499

Mi Casa Brandeis
4820 Brandeis, San Antonio, TX 78249
210-696-6599

Mi Casa Timberpath
8875 Timberpath, San Antonio, TX 78250
210-521-9876
**Mustard Seed**  
11555 Galm Rd, Suite 200, San Antonio, TX 78254  
210-688-7003  
www.mustardseedelc.com

**Study Hall Learning Center**  
2046 Babcock Rd, San Antonio, TX 78229  
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Private Schools

The Achievers Center for Education
University United Methodist Church
5084 De Zavala Rd, San Antonio, TX 78249
210-690-7328
Janet Roper, Executive Director
www.achieverscenterforeducation.org
A secondary school for children 6th through 12th grade who are two or more years behind grade level in any academic area. Accepts students with and without disabilities and learning differences. Features a low student-teacher ratio and hands-on teaching methods.

One For Autism Academy
12003 Huebner Rd, San Antonio, Texas 78230
210-680-8737
Olga B. Vasquez-Silva, MA, Executive Director
www.oneforautism.com
A school for children with autism and developmental delays featuring Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) approach, full & part time programs, transition classroom and a small student-teacher ratio. Curriculum individualized to each student. Aimed at enhancing language, communication, academics, social skills, play skills and independent living skills. One day per week spent with typical peers.

One For Autism Academy – Youth & Adult Treatment Center
265 E. Lullwood, San Antonio, TX 78212
210-680-8737
Olga B. Vasquez-Silva, MA, Executive Director
www.oneforautism.com
A school for youth and adults, ages 10 to 21, of all levels of functioning. Provides a comprehensive, individual program focused on enhancing language and communication, vocational skills, social skills, academics, independent living skills and job training.

The Step Forward School
5810 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX 78216
210-384-0401
Pat Harwerth, BS, BCABA
www.stepforwardschool.com
A school that specializes in teaching children with autism that aims to prepare them to be properly mainstreamed into the regular classroom. Communication, socialization, and cooperation skills are emphasized within a core curriculum of reading, writing and arithmetic. Uses a behavioral approach.

St. Martin Hall at Our Lady of the Lake University
411 SW 24th St, San Antonio, TX 78207
Phone: 210-431-3982
Fax: 210-432-8526
www.ollusa.edu
A school for children ages 3 to 10 (5th grade) that accepts students with learning disabilities. All teachers have received training in modification of instruction for students who are having difficulty learning. Also provides a Content Mastery Program and Resource Room for students needing special education services in a more restrictive environment.
TECLARC – The Exceptional Child’s Learning and Resource Center
8304 Pat Booker Rd, San Antonio, TX 78233
210-655-2883
http://teclarc.liveonatt.com
Provides educational support to public, private, vocational, and home-schooled students from pre-school to college. Specializes in serving students with exceptionalities such as ADD/ADHD, Gifted & Talented, Learning Disabilities, Dyslexia, and Asperger’s. Services include an exclusive K-12 private school, private tutoring, standardized test preparation, ARD Advocacy, and IEP planning.

Treehouse Day Program
10515 Gulfdale, San Antonio, TX 78216
210-822-1881
Marci Taylor, OTR, BCABA, Executive Director
www.treehousedayprogram.com
An educational center serving children with Autism, Asperger’s syndrome, pervasive developmental disorder, fragile X syndrome, and other acquired or congenital developmental delays. Year round program serving children who are not yet learning in a group setting. Strives to allow children to build basic language and learning skills needed to transition into less-structured learning environments. The approach is based on the science of Applied Behavior Analysis and Occupational Therapy and includes treatment in the areas of communication, academics, socialization, fine and gross motor, and self-help skills. Programs are individualized for each student. Transition classes also available.

The Winston School of San Antonio
8565 Ewing Halsell Dr., San Antonio, TX 78229
210-615-6544
www.winston-sa.org.com
A school for children grades kindergarten through twelfth, with learning differences and learning disabilities. Strives to provide an atmosphere that addresses each child’s personal learning styles and promotes self-esteem, a positive attitude about learning, and optimal attainment of educational and career goals. Fully accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest (ISAS) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and is a member of the Texas Association of Non-Public Schools.
Higher Education

Northwest Vista College - Access Office
Learning Center, Room 106G, 3535 N Ellison Dr, San Antonio, TX 78251
210-348-2092
210-348-2091 (TTY)
Sharon Dresser, Coordinator, Access Office
dresser@accd.edu
www.accd.edu/nvc/students/services/ssd

Our Lady of the Lake University – Center for Academic Achievement
Flores Lounge, 411 SW 24th St, San Antonio, TX 78207
210-431-4114
Theresa Gateley, Assistant Director Center for Academic Achievement
gatet@lake.ollusa.edu
www.ollusa.edu

Palo Alto College - disABILITY Support Services
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210-921-5227 (TTY)
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l hannawi@accd.edu
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San Antonio College - disABILITY Support Services
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210-733-2362 (TTY)
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St. Mary’s University
One Camino Santa Maria, San Antonio, TX 78228
210-436-3135
Mary Jo Porter, PhD, Counseling and Testing
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St. Phillips College – Educational Support Services, Special Needs Program
Norris Technical Building, Room 116, 1801 Martin Luther King Dr, San Antonio TX, 78203
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Trinity University – Disability Services for Students
Coates University Center 215, One Trinity Place, San Antonio, TX 78212
210-999-7411
Kelley Kester, MS, Coordinator of Disability Services for Students
DSS@trinity.edu
www.trinity.edu/departments/counseling_services/dss

The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) 1604 Campus – Disability Services
Room 2.03.18 Multidisciplinary Studies Building (MS), One UTSA Circle, San Antonio, TX 78249
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210-458-4981 (TYY)
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The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) Downtown Campus – Disability Services
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University of the Incarnate Word – Student Disability Services
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Rhonda Rapp, Director Student Disability Services
rapp@uiwtx.edu
Ada Soto, Academic Counselor Student Disability Services
soto@uiwtx.edu
www.uiw.edu/sds
**Childcare Providers**

**The ARC of San Antonio - A Caring Choice**  
13430 West Ave, San Antonio, TX 78216  
5084 DeZavala, San Antonio, TX 78249  
210-490-4300  
www.arc-sa.org  
Specialized childcare for children and young adults ages 4 through 22 with intellectual and other developmental disabilities, such as autism and cerebral palsy. Services include after school care and all day care during some school holidays and summer. Assessment of each child's capabilities and monthly activity schedules are based on individual needs.

**Autism Treatment Center**  
16111 Nacogdoches Rd, San Antonio, TX 78247  
210-590-2107  
www.atcoftexas.org  
A learning center for individuals ages 2 through 21 featuring low student/teacher ratios, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, weekly outings and community activities. All programming is designed to incorporate the development of communication, self-help, independent living and social/recreational skills.

**Brighton – The Center for Inclusive Communities**  
14207 Higgins Rd, San Antonio, TX 78217  
210-826-4492  
www.brightonsa.org  
**Bright Beginnings Child Care Center** – An inclusive program for children of varying levels of ability. Curriculum is designed to meet the needs of each child based on his/her developmental level. Ages 6 weeks to 4 & ½ years.  
**Bright Starz Kinder Readiness and After School Program** – An inclusive program providing academic preparation, continued learning through circle time, centers, individual and group activities, playground time, music and movement, and Spanish class. Holiday care available. Transportation from Northern Hills Elementary is available.

**Eagle's Nest Christian Fellowship**  
14015 San Pedro, San Antonio, TX 78232  
210-402-0565  
www.encfsa.com  
Pamela Andrade  
Mother's Day Out program offered during summer. Call for details.

**Respite Care of San Antonio – Respite Daycare**  
Christ Episcopal Church  
605 Belknap Place, San Antonio, TX 78212  
210-735-6680  
www.respitecaresa.org  
Full day childcare for children 6 weeks to 6 years of age. Non-disabled siblings welcome. School Break Camp also available for school age children with disabilities during school holidays. Fees based on a sliding scale.
**Respite Care of San Antonio – Mother’s Day Out**
605 Belknap Place, San Antonio, TX 78212
210-737-1212
[www.respitecaresa.org](http://www.respitecaresa.org)
Monday and Wednesday:
Un Tiempo Especial Un Lugar Especial (A Special Time a Special Place)
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 1321 El Paso, San Antonio, TX 78207
Tuesday and Thursday:
Antioch Baptist Church, 1001 N. Walters, San Antonio, TX 78202
Part time childcare for children ages 6 weeks to 6 years. Non-disabled siblings in the same age range are welcome.

**San Antonio Urban Ministries – After School Kare (ASK)**
535 Bandera Road, San Antonio, TX 78228
210-431-6466
[www.saum.org](http://www.saum.org)
Provides after school childcare at elementary schools throughout Northside Independent School District (NISD), Sunshine Cottage School for the Deaf, Alamo Heights United Methodist Church, San Antonio Christian Elementary School, and SAMMinistries. All sites are licensed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Full day spring break and summer program also available.
Childcare Referral & Resources

**Child Care Delivery System –CCDS**
702 San Pedro, 1st Floor, San Antonio, TX 78212
210-246-5200
Provides child care services to eligible parents who are striving to become self sufficient. The program allows families flexibility to select child care and access to multiple funding sources which can be managed by the CCDS. Child care services are available for both full and part-time care for qualifying families.

**Family Services Association-Smart Start**
3014 Rivas St, San Antonio, TX 78228
210-65-SMART (657-6278)
[www.fsasatx.org](http://www.fsasatx.org)
Provides consultants who assist with connections to local child care resources and community agencies, as well as national agencies and information. SMART START Connections is a network member of the national and Texas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Association (NACCRRA and TACCRA) and the national Child Care Aware system. The services are accredited for meeting national standards of quality customer services. Basic services are no charge.

**Southwest Institute for Educational Advancement (SIEA)**
PO Box 701364, San Antonio, TX 78270
210-885-5250
Provides assistance in locating childcare services for special needs children and providing on-site and group training workshops.

**Texas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (TACCRA)**
702 San Pedro, San Antonio, TX 78212
210-299-2424
[TACCRA@hotmail.com](mailto:TACCRA@hotmail.com)
Assists in locating a network of childcare resource and referral agencies serving communities throughout Texas. Includes help for childcare for children with special needs.

**Texas Dept of Family & Protective Services**
[www.txchildcaresearch.org](http://www.txchildcaresearch.org)
Provides an online search of all Texas licensed facilities including center-based childcare and home-based childcare. Database is searchable by location and programs provided, such as special needs care, acceptance of childcare subsidies and transportation. Inspection reports of facilities available online.
Adult Day Programs

**Alternative Business Services - ABS**
Vocational Program & Day Habilitation
1201 Austin Hwy, Suite 103, San Antonio, TX 78209
210-822-8036

**The ARC of San Antonio**
Vocational Program & Day Habilitation
Project Choice work training
13430 West Ave, San Antonio, TX 78216
210-490-4300
www.arc-sa.org

**Autism Treatment Center of San Antonio**
Vocational Program & Day Habilitation
16111 Nacogdoches, San Antonio, TX 78247
210-590-2107
www.atcoftexas.com

**CALAB Activity Center**
Vocational Program & Day Habilitation
6470 Heath Rd, San Antonio, TX 78250
210-647-0191
www.calabinc.com

**Casa De Amistad**
Day Habilitation
1933 Fredericksburg Rd, Suite 101, San Antonio, TX 78201
210-737-6955

**The Center for Health Care Services – Calidad Day Program**
Vocational Program & Day Habilitation
227 W. Drexel, San Antonio, TX 78210
210-532-5159
www.chcsbc.org

**Community Learning Center**
Supported Employment & Job Placement
333 W Lovera, San Antonio, TX 78213
210-733-1017

**Council Oaks**
Adult Occupational Program for Developmentally Disabled Residents
11901 Toepperwein, Suite 1001, San Antonio, TX 78233
210-646-0717

**Day Haven Workshop**
Day Habilitation
12000 Starcrest, Suite 108, San Antonio, TX 78247
210-832-0055
Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center
Vocational Training & Day Habilitation
2203 Babcock Rd, San Antonio, TX 78229
210-614-3911
www.easter-seals.org

Goodwill Industries
Central Intake
406 W. Commerce St, San Antonio, TX 78207
210-924-8581
www.GoodwillSA.org

Methodist Mission Home
Vocational Program & Day Habilitation
6487 Whitby, San Antonio, TX 78240
210-696-2410
www.mmhome.org

Mission Road Development Center
DAHS Program
8706 Mission Rd, San Antonio, TX 78214
210-924-9265
www.mrmsat.org

Mother Earth Daycare
DAHS Program
8464 Barron Rd, San Antonio, TX 78240
210-691-1778

San Antonio Parks and Recreation Therapeutic Recreation Program
Adult Day Program
Frank Garrett Community Center
1226 NW 18th St, San Antonio, TX 78207
210-207-3018
www.sanantonio.gov/sapar

Sterling Adult Day Services
DAHS Program
4252 Thousand Oaks, San Antonio, TX 78217
210-656-4772
543 Pinn Rd, San Antonio, TX 78227
210-670-1105

Unicorn Center, Inc.
Vocational Program & Day Habilitation
4630 Hamilton Wolfe, San Antonio, TX 78229
210-692-0342
www.mrmsat.org/sitebased.htm

The Chosen
DAHS Program
8001 Midcrown, San Antonio, TX 78218
210-599-0744
Adult Residential Services

Autism Treatment Center
ICF-MR/RC
16111 Nacogdoches, San Antonio, TX 78247
210-590-2107
www.atcoftexas.org

CALAB
ICF-MR/RC, HCS
6470 Heath Rd, San Antonio, TX 78250
210-647-0191
www.calabinc.com

The Center for Health Care Services
ICF-MR/RC, HCS, Foster Care
8155 Lone Shadow, Converse, TX 78109
210-659-5857
www.chcsbc.org

Complete Life Care – Cade’s Cove House
ICF-MR/RC
6647 Cade’s Cove, San Antonio, TX 78238
210-520-0774

Council Oaks Community Options
ICF-MR/RC, HCS
11901 Toepperwein, Suite 1001, San Antonio, TX 78233
210-646-0717

Dreams Come True, Inc.
ICF-MR/RC
3242 Swandale San Antonio, TX 78230
210-979-6420

Enhanced Living Services
ICF-MR/RC, HCS
835 Proton, San Antonio, TX 78258
210-340-7155

Educare/Rescare
ICR-MR, HCS
1201 Austin Hwy, Suite 201, San Antonio, TX 78209
210-979-7009
www.rescare.com

Growing Capabilities, Inc.
ICF-MR/RC
944 FM 2200 W, Devine, TX 78016
830-665-9730

Hill Country Support Services
HCS
3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 104, San Antonio, TX 78230
210-340-8256
Homelife & Community Services Inc.
HCS
226 West Cypress, San Antonio, TX 78212
210-354-3691

Knob Oak
ICF-MR/RC
9714 Knob Oak, San Antonio, TX 78250
210-680-6768

Mosaic
HCS
12107 Toepperwein Rd Suite 2, San Antonio, TX 78233
210-967-0566
www.mosaicinfo.org

Mission Road Development Center
ICF-MR/RC, HCS Group Homes/Semi-Independent Apartments
8706 Mission Rd, San Antonio, TX 78214
210-924-9265
www.mrmsat.org

Pine Tree/Lange & Ford, Inc.
ICF-MR/RC
2002 Pine Tree, San Antonio, TX 78232
210-494-1956

Premieant
HCS
401 Isom, San Antonio, TX 78216
210-525-1509

River Gardens
ICF-MR/RC
750 Rusk, New Braunfels, TX 78130
830-629-4400

R & K Specialized Homes, Inc.
ICF-MR/RC, HCS
1550 NE Loop 410, Suite 206, San Antonio, TX 78209
210-805-0802

RMI (Reaching Maximum Independence)
6336 Montgomery Rd, San Antonio, TX 78239
ICF-MR/RC, HCS, Semi-Independent Apartments
210-656-6674
www.rmihomes.org

South Texas Community Living Corp.
ICF-MR/RC, HCS
1036 Central Pkwy South, San Antonio, TX 78232
210-494-1030
Specialized Home Life
ICF-MR/RC
PO Box 33487, San Antonio, TX 78217
210-599-8656

Willows Development Center
ICF-MR/RC
3700 Belgium, San Antonio, TX 78220
210-227-5722
www.rescare.com

Yes I Can
HCS
4227 Centergate, San Antonio, TX 78217
210-599-6668
**Support Groups & Parent Education**

**Any Baby Can Reaching Families Facing Autism Support Group**
217 Howard, San Antonio, TX 78212  
210- 227-0170  
Hugo Hernandez, LBSW, Director of Client Services  
hhernandez@anybabycansa.org  
www.anybabycansa.org  
Group meets the last Tuesday of every month at 6pm. Childcare and dinner are provided. One hour of parent education and training is provided at each meeting. Parent networking and access to resource library available. Please call to RSVP for childcare.

**Any Baby Can Reaching Families Facing Asperger’s Syndrome Support Group**
217 Howard, San Antonio, TX 78212  
210- 227-0170  
Hugo Hernandez, LBSW, Director of Client Services  
hhernandez@anybabycansa.org  
www.anybabycansa.org  
Group meets the third Tuesday of every month at 6pm. Childcare and dinner are provided. One hour of parent education and training is provided at each meeting. Parent networking and access to resource library available. Please call to RSVP for childcare.

**Any Baby Can Sibling Support Group - Strong Sibs Together**
217 Howard, San Antonio, TX 78212  
210-227-0170  
www.anybabycansa.org  
Michon Tucker  
210-710-8087  
Group for children ages 4 to 10 meets the second Friday of each month from 6:30-8:30pm. Group for children ages 11 to 17 meets the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:30pm. Free dinner provided. Time is allowed to socialize, play games, and then participate in a structured discussion focusing on issues related to having a sibling with a disability.

**Any Baby Can Spanish Speaking Support Group**
217 Howard, San Antonio, TX 78212  
210- 227-0170  
www.anybabycansa.org  
A new support group for Spanish speaking families. Meets quarterly. Call for details.
Autism Society of Greater San Antonio (ASGSA)
6914 Forest Park, San Antonio, TX 78240
210-256-6698 or 210-535-6208
Theresa Diaz, President
Email: autismtdiaz@hotmail.com
Website: www.autism-society.org/chapter252
Yahoo! Group: health.groups.yahoo.com/group/sanantonioasa
Meets monthly on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10am-12pm at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 6914 Wurzbach, San Antonio, TX 78240. Reserve childcare at least 5 days in advance by contacting Lisa at 210-452-9552 or lchill98@juno.com. Offers monthly training sessions on the 1st Saturday of most months from 9 or 10am-12pm at The University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio (UTHSCSA), 7703 Floyd Curl Dr, Lecture Hall Bldg, Room 3.104A, San Antonio, TX 78229. Continuing Education credit made available for Texas teachers at each session. Please note no childcare is available. Sessions are sponsored in conjunction with The South Central Area Health Education Center (AHEC).

Caregivers Support Group
210-302-6825
Support group for caregivers of the elderly or disabled.

Children & Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD) – San Antonio Chapter
PO Box 690573, San Antonio, TX 78259
1-800-233-4050
www.chadd.org
Meets monthly on the 4th Monday of every month from 6:30pm to 8pm at Clark High School, 5150 DeZavala, San Antonio, TX 78249. No meetings in March or December.

Children's Bereavement Center of South Texas
332 West Craig Place, San Antonio, Texas 78212
210-736-4847
www.cbcst.org
Offers support groups for children and teens, ages 3 to 18, and their families or caregivers who have lost a family member. Offers nine different support groups that meet twice a month. The Center also provides training, crisis intervention, counseling, peer support, and consultation services to individuals, schools, churches, and community agencies of all kinds. Fee based, one-on-one counseling also available.

Crystal Kids
210-333-3775
Support group for families with medically fragile or severely disabled children.

The Down Syndrome Association of San Antonio
4702 West Ave, Suite 6, San Antonio, TX 78213
210-349-4372
www.dsasa.org
Dedicated to providing information and support for families and friends of children and adults with Down Syndrome. Programs include Buddy Walk, Outreach, Early Childhood Program, Kid Connection, Educational Workshops, Playgroup and Fun for Adults with DS. Meets monthly.
Epilepsy Foundation of Central & South Texas Family Support Group
210-653-5353
www.epilepsyfoundation.org/efcst
Provides, information and referral, community education, outreach and support services, advocacy, employment services, seizure clinics, summer camps, and support group meetings.

MELD Special Support Group
210-434-1475
Stephanie Chambless
schambless@mhm.org
Provides a parent support program that focuses on the daily challenges of raising a child with an illness or disability. Programs addressing the impact on child rearing and family life are offered once a week. Childcare provided. Call for times and locations.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
210-734-3349
John Dickey
namisat@aol.com
www.nami.org
The nation’s largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of persons living with serious mental illness and their families. Offers support, education, advocacy, and research for people living with mental illness.

One For Autism Parent Support Group
12003 Huebner, San Antonio, TX 78230
210-680-8737
Olga Silva-Vasquez, MA, Executive Director
www.oneforautism.com
A support group for parents and professionals. Provides training, support, advocacy, treatment alternatives and education.

Parents & Challenges (PAC)
Eagle’s Nest Christian Fellowship
14015 San Pedro, San Antonio, TX 78232
210-296-8124
Pamela Andrade
andradep@email.com
A support group for families with special needs children. Childcare provided. Also provides a men’s group, a women’s group, and assistance acquiring therapies and nutritional supplements. All faiths welcome.

Parent Information Exchange (PIE)
511 E Craig Place, San Antonio, TX 78212
210-733-0260
Margaret Lacarde
Precious Minds New Connections
14207 Higgins Rd, San Antonio, TX 78217
210-826-4492
An 8 session, free program for parents and caregivers of children ages 0-4 who are affected by disabilities, developmental delays or other special needs or risk factors. Aims to improve parent confidence, to increase knowledge about child development and community resources, to help parents prepare children for school, and to teach parents how to work with teachers to help meet the needs of their children. Childcare provided.
Respite Care

**Brighton – The Center for Inclusive Communities**
14207 Higgins Rd, San Antonio, TX 78217
210-826-4492
www.brigtonsa.org
Provides occasional Saturday morning respite care. Call for details.

**Center For Health Care Services**
3031 IH 10 W, San Antonio, TX 78201
210-731-1300
www.chcsbc.org
Assists in locating respite care services for children and adults.

**Children’s Association for Maximum Potential (CAMP) – Respite Weekends**
Office mailing address: PO Box 27086, San Antonio, TX 78227
210-292-3566
Camp physical address: 515 Skyline Dr, Center Point, TX 78010
830-634-2267
www.campcamp.org
A monthly weekend respite program running from September to May. Counselors and qualified medical personnel care for children in a multipurpose, heated/cooled facility at Camp CAMP, located 10 miles southeast of Kerrville, TX. Activities include canoeing, horseback riding, swimming, archery, nature activities, outdoor cooking, and arts and crafts. Respite Club membership required. Fee for the weekend currently is $220 to $260.

**Children’s Association for Maximum Potential (CAMP) – Parent’s Night Out**
2525 Ladd St, Bldg 3850, San Antonio, TX 78227
210-292-3566
www.campcamp.org
Childcare service and enrichment activity program for current Respite Club members. Provided free of charge on scheduled Friday nights for children with developmental disabilities and their siblings. Respite Club membership required.

**Children’s Association for Maximum Potential (CAMP) – Teen’s Night Out**
2525 Ladd St, Bldg 3850, San Antonio, TX 78227
210-292-3566
www.campcamp.org
A supervised social program for teens and young adults with developmental disabilities. Scheduled for one Saturday per month. Activities include dinner, movies, sporting events, concerts and dances. Teens may bring a date. Respite Club membership required. A small fee may be required.

**Ramiro P. Estrada Respite Station-CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Children’s Hospital**
519 W Houston, San Antonio, TX 78207
210-704-3497
www.christussantarosa.org/svc_children_respite.htm
A respite program for families of children with developmental disabilities and multiple medical conditions. The program is available to children from birth to 18 years of age who require skilled care and medical support services.
Respite Care of San Antonio – Davidson Respite House
605 Belknap Place, P.O. Box 12633 San Antonio, TX 78212
210-737-1212
www.respitecaresa.org
Emergency/crisis facility dedicated to caring for children with disabilities. Children may be placed at the DRH by their family so that they may attend to a crisis or enter a homeless shelter or by The Texas Department of Family & Protective Services (DFPS) as a result of abuse or neglect. Cares for children ages 0 to 17 years of age. The shelter is open 365 days per year, 24-hours per day.

Respite Care of San Antonio – Family Day Out
First Presbyterian Church, 404 N. Alamo, San Antonio, TX 78205
Christ Episcopal Church, 510 Belknap Place, San Antonio, TX 78212
University United Methodist Church, 5084 DeZavala, San Antonio, TX 78249
210-737-1212
www.respitecaresa.org
Offered on scheduled Saturdays from 9am to 4pm. Non-disabled siblings welcome.

Respite Care of San Antonio – Parent’s Night Out
Laurel Heights United Methodist Church, 227 W. Woodlawn, San Antonio, TX 78212
University United Methodist Church, 5084 DeZavala, San Antonio, TX 78249
210-737-1212
www.respitecaresa.org
Offered on scheduled Fridays from 6:30pm-11:00pm. Non-disabled siblings welcome.
Behavior Crisis Management

**Child Guidance Center**
2135 Babcock Rd, San Antonio, TX 78229
210-614-7070
www.cgcsanantonio.org
Offers a full range of diagnostic services including individual and family psychosocial assessments, psychological testing and psychiatric evaluations. Provides family therapy, individual therapy, group therapy, psychiatric medication services and psychological testing.

**The Center for Health Care Services**
Child Mental Health Intake/Crisis Management
711 E. Josephine, San Antonio, TX 78208
210-299-8139
www.chcsbc.org

**The Center for Health Care Services**
Adult Mental Health Intake/Crisis Management
1921 Burnet St, San Antonio, TX 78202
210-223-4061
www.chcsbc.org

**Laurel Ridge**
17720 Corporate Woods Dr, San Antonio, TX 78259
210-491-9400
www.psylong.com/facilities/laurelridge/index.html
A psychiatric hospital offering behavioral healthcare services, including acute programs, for children, adolescents, and adults. Residential treatment for children and adolescents available.

**Methodist Behavioral Health Intake Services**
8109 Fredericksburg Rd, San Antonio, TX 78229
210-575-0500
Intake services to Methodist Hospital for psychiatric care. Physician referral needed.

**Southwest Mental Health Center**
8535 Tom Slick Dr, San Antonio, TX 78229
210-616-0300
www.smhc.org
A nonprofit children's hospital specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of mental, emotional and behavioral disorders. Serves children between the ages of 3 and 17. Services include 4 different treatment programs including an acute care program, a hospital-based residential treatment program, a partial hospital therapeutic program and an outpatient program.

**University Hospital**
4502 Medical Dr, San Antonio, TX 78229
210-358-2135
Provides inpatient acute services for adults, and outpatient services for adults and children.
Counseling

Alpha Omega In-Home Counseling Services
4606 Centerview D, Suite 225, San Antonio, TX 78228
210-737-2674
www.alphaomegaihc.com
Individual, family and group counseling provided in the home, school or private office setting.

Any Baby Can of San Antonio
217 Howard St, San Antonio, TX 78212
210-227-0170
www.anybabycansa.org
Free, short term, family counseling provided through a special partnership with the Counseling Department at Our Lady of the Lake University.

The Child Guidance Center
Main Office:
2135 Babcock Rd, San Antonio, TX 78229
210-614-7070
Satellite Office:
Christus Santa Rosa Children's Clinic
333 N Santa Rosa, San Antonio, TX 78207
210- 704-3006
www.cgcsanantonio.org
Provides family therapy, individual therapy and group therapy.

Early Childhood Intervention Programs
Counseling is provided through ECI. See listings in the Education section for providers.

Ewing Ecumenical Center
8310 Ewing Halsell Dr, San Antonio, TX 78229
210-616-0885
403 Avenue E (First Presbyterian Church), San Antonio, TX 78205
210-226-7593
www.ecrh.org
Provides counseling for children, adolescents and adults including individual, couples, family, group, and relationship counseling.

Family Services Association
702 San Pedro Ave, San Antonio, TX 78212
210-299-2400
www.fsasatx.org
Provides individual, family, child, marital/couple, and group counseling. Services are offered at five office locations in San Antonio and in Zavala and Uvalde counties, or in special circumstances can be provided in the home. Counselors are available evenings and Saturday for appointments.
Dr. Josue R. Gonzalez, PhD
519 Everest, San Antonio, TX 78209
210-828-1200
docjgon@aol.com
Clinical psychologist, child psychologist, family therapy, Asperger’s counseling.

St. Mary’s University Family Life Center
1 Camino Santa Maria, San Antonio, TX 78228
210-436-3133
www.stmarytx.edu/grad/counseling/?go=flc
Individual, couples and family counseling provided by graduate interns from the St. Mary’s University Department of Counseling and Human Services. Counseling provided under the direct supervision of an experienced professional. Spanish-speaking counselors are available upon request. The Marriage and Family program at St. Mary's is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE). Fees are based on a sliding scale.
Family Violence Prevention & Assistance

Child Help USA – Child Abuse Hotline
1-800-4-A-Child or 1-800-422-4453
www.childhelp.org

Family Violence Prevention Services
7911 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209
210-930-3669
210-733-8810 (hotline)
www.fvps.org
Runs the Battered Women and Children’s Shelter of Bexar County, La Paloma de la Paz, which provides crisis intervention for those in need of short-term, residential assistance, in addition to medical services, educational workshops, case management, legal assistance, and counseling. Other services include community outreach services, transitional housing, individual and group counseling, and violence intervention programs.

National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-SAFE or 1-800-799-7233
1-800-787-3224 (TTY)
www.ndvh.org

Prevent Child Abuse Texas (PCATX)
13740 Research Blvd, Suite R-4, Austin, TX 78750
1-512-250-8438
www.preventchildabusetexas.org
Works through advocacy, education and training to prevent child abuse and neglect in all forms in Texas. Also offers a training program on bullying.

Texas Department of Family & Protective Services
Region 8 Headquarters
3635 SE Military Dr, San Antonio, TX 78223
210-333-2004
1-800-252-5400 (24 hour hotline)
www.dfps.state.tx.us
www.txabusehotline.org
Therapy Providers (Rehabilitation)

**Christus Santa Rosa Rehab**
2701 Babcock Rd, San Antonio, TX 78229
210- 705-6560 (child and adult)
333 N. Santa Rosa St, San Antonio, TX 78207
210-704-3760(child)
210-704-2361 (adult)
www.christussantarosa.org
Provides OT, PT, ST, sensory integration and aquatic therapy for children and adults.

**Greater Learning**
4402 Vance Jackson, Suite 230, San Antonio, TX 78230
210-349-1415
400 N Loop 1604 East, Suite 120, San Antonio, TX 78258
210-494-4943
www.greaterlearninglp.com
A facility that specializes in the treatment of children, adolescents and adults with speech, language and learning disorders. Services also include Craniosacral Therapy, Fast ForWord, oral motor therapy and behavior management.

**The Harry Jersig Center at Our Lady of the Lake University**
411 SW 24th St, San Antonio, TX 78207
210-434-6711
www.ollusa.edu
A speech, language and hearing clinic dedicated to serving the needs of children and adults in the San Antonio area who are communicatively disabled. Services include audiological evaluations and speech-language diagnostics and treatment.

**Methodist Outpatient Rehab Services**
4410 Medical Dr, Ste 120, San Antonio, TX 78229
210-575-7501
www.methodistrehab.com
Provides OT, PT and ST for children and adults.

**One for Autism**
12003 Huebner Rd, San Antonio, TX 78230
210-694-2080
www.oneforautism.com
Olga Vasquez-Silva, MA, Executive Director
A pediatric therapy facility providing behavioral therapy, OT, ST, Play Therapy and Music Therapy for children with autism and related developmental disorders.
Outreach Pediatric Therapy, Inc.
6601 Blanco Rd, Suite 160, San Antonio, TX 78216
210-525-8851
email:optinc@sbcglobal.net
A pediatric therapy facility providing OT, PT and ST.

Pediatric Therapy Associates
5121 Crestway, Suite 507, San Antonio, TX 78239
210-646-8008
www.pediatrictherapyassoc.com
A pediatric therapy facility providing OT, PT and ST to children from birth to age 18.

Rehab Associates
4095 DeZavala Rd, San Antonio, TX 78249
210-493-8100
A pediatric therapy clinic providing OT and ST.

Sante' Rehabilitation Group
98 Briggs, Ste 990, San Antonio, TX 78244
210-226-9536
www.santerehab.com
A provider of pediatric services including OT, PT and ST. Treatments provided in the clinic or at the child’s home, school or daycare.

Speech & Language Center at Stone Oak
19272 Stone Oak Pkwy, Ste 108, San Antonio, TX 78258
210-495-9944
www.stoneoakspeech.com
Barbara Samfield MA-CCC/SLP, Director
A facility that specializes in the treatment of children, adolescents and adults with speech, language and learning disorders.

Stone Oak Therapy Services & Learning Institute
1020 Central Pkwy South, San Antonio, TX 78232
210-798-CARE or 210-798-2273
www.stoneoaktherapy.com
Claudia Goswitz, MA, MEd, CCC-SLP
A comprehensive pediatric clinical and educational support center that uses an integrated medical and educational approach. Provides OT, PT, ST, and ABA. Offers a therapy team with a Master’s degree minimum. Offers The Brainstorm Center, a nonprofit center for children with Autism, Asperger’s, ADHD, and Non-Verbal Learning Disorder. The Brainstorm Center offers more than 30 programs for children who need extra instruction in both academic and developmental areas. Programs include Scholastic for Special Needs, Academic Camps (Intensive Tutoring), Social Emotional Development & Social Cognitive Skills, Gross Motor & Fine Motor Development, Parent Training Program, WOW Autism Spectrum Disorder Camp, and Recreational Therapy Programs.
**Therapy Links, Inc.**  
15316 Huebner Rd, Suite 202, San Antonio, TX 78248  
210-614-4567  
[www.therapylinksinc.com](http://www.therapylinksinc.com)  
Kathy Manka, PT, Co-owner  
Kim Redding, OTR, Co-owner  
A pediatric facility providing OT, PT and ST to children of all ages. Areas targeted include fine and gross motor skills, strengthening, self help skills, oral motor skills, sensory integration treatment, visual perception skills, auditory processing intervention, language delays, and expressive disorders. Neurodevelopmental training and Therapeutic Electric Stimulation also provided. Treatments provided in clinic setting or at child’s home or day care.

**Treehouse Pediatric Center**  
10515 Gulfdale, San Antonio, TX 78216  
210-340-2627  
[www.treehousepediatrics.com](http://www.treehousepediatrics.com)  
Marci Taylor, OTR, BCABA  
A pediatric facility that specializes in the treatment of children with autism, sensory dysfunction and other behavioral disorders. Provides OT, ST, ABA/AVB intensive therapy, music therapy, social skills group, parent training, behavior intervention plans and more.

**Warm Springs**  
5101 Medical Dr, San Antonio, TX 78229  
210-616-0100  
8601 Village Dr, Suite 220, San Antonio, TX 78217  
210-599-2030  
7616 Culebra, Ste 115, San Antonio, TX 78251  
210-682-2346  
[www.warmsprings.org](http://www.warmsprings.org)  
A facility providing OT, PT, ST, sensory integration, neurodevelopmental training, and aquatic therapy. Transportation available.
Therapy Providers (Other)

Auditory Integration Training*

Vicky Abreu, MA
7006 Millstream, San Antonio, TX 78238
210-647-3821

Shannon Imlay
Certified Berard Auditory Integration Trainer
6106 Oakwood Trail, San Antonio, TX 78249
210-257-6772
imlay4@earthlink.net
Moving out of state June 2007

Therapeutic Horseback Riding*

A.W.A.R.E. (Always Wanted a Riding Experience)
1708 Center Point Rd, San Marcos, TX 78666
1-512-754-6773
www.awareranch.org

The Saddle Light Center
Retama Equestrian Center
17560 Old Evans Rd, Selma, TX 78154
210-651-9574
www.thesaddlelightcenter.com

Triple H Equitherapy Center
789 Bachaus Rd, Pipe Creek, TX 78063
830-510-9515
home.satx.rr.com/kandis

Hyperbaric Therapy*

San Antonio Hyperbarics
12702 Toepperwein Rd, Suite 115, San Antonio, TX 78233
210-654-6464
1-866-249-3680
www.sanantoniohyperbarics.com
Music Therapy*

A-Z Music Therapy
Stefanie Anderson, MM, MT-BC, Owner
20770 Hwy 281 N, Ste 108-188, San Antonio, TX 78258
210-392-1277
www.a-zmusictherapy.com

Northeast Psychological & Music Therapy Services
1958 Austin Hwy, San Antonio, TX 78218
210-590-9696

Neurofeedback Training*

Ewing Ecumenical Center
Mark S. Jones, D.Min., L.P.C., L.M.F.T. Counselor
8310 Ewing Halsell Dr, San Antonio, TX 78229
210-616-0885
www.ecrh.org

St. Mary’s University Family Life Center
One Camino Santa Maria, San Antonio, TX 78228
210-436-3133
www.stmarytx.edu/grad/counseling/?go=flc

Play Therapy*

St. Mary’s University Family Life Center
One Camino Santa Maria
San Antonio, TX 78228-8539
(210) 436-3133
www.stmarytx.edu/grad/counseling/?go=flc

Relationship Development Intervention*

Dema Stout, MA - Synergy Solutions
RDI Consultant in Training nearing certification (Spring 2007)
4093 DeZavala Rd, San Antonio, TX 78249
210-599-0073 or 210-748-2471
deam@sbcglobal.net
**Specialized Group Therapeutic Activities**

**Friendship Through Fitness**  
4095 DeZavala Rd, San Antonio, TX 78249  
1-203-907-8232  
Gabriel Pierce  
An interactive, group fitness training program for children and adolescents on the autism spectrum that uses physical and verbal activities to facilitate interaction, socialization, conflict, and brainstorming for conflict resolution.

**Look Who’s Talking**  
Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center  
2203 Babcock Rd, San Antonio, TX 78229  
210-614-3911  
Classes for children with mild to moderate language delays. Each class accepts up to 10 children and is taught by a team including a certified teacher, a speech-language pathologist, and an assistant. Activities include circle time, story time, art, sensory activities, and play. Covered by Medicaid and some insurance companies.

**UTSA Health & Kinesiology Motor Development Clinic**  
Dr. Robbie Beyer, PhD, Director  
UTSA Downtown Campus, Durango Bldg 0.220  
501 W Durango Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78207  
210-458-2598  
[kah.utsa.edu/Research_Facilities.htm](kah.utsa.edu/Research_Facilities.htm)  
A free, 9 week, hands-on clinic designed to help children who are experiencing movement problems due to a lag in the growth and development process, poor personal social skills, or the inability to process information. Open to children ages 5 to 13.

**Therapeutic Music Education**

**Mary Kay Studios Creative Music Education**  
PO Box 291084, San Antonio, TX 78229  
210-771-5809 or 210-324-4801  
Mary Kay Archuleta  
[www.dreamsfulfilledthroughmusic.org](www.dreamsfulfilledthroughmusic.org)  
Offers private music lessons and mentoring for music teachers. Financial assistance is available from Dreams Fulfilled Through Music.

**Dreams Fulfilled Through Music**  
PO Box 291084, San Antonio, TX 78229  
210-771-5809 or 210-324-4801  
[www.dreamsfulfilledthroughmusic.org](www.dreamsfulfilledthroughmusic.org)  
Offers music education and group performances for individuals with special needs. Alamo Angels is offered for individuals ages 13 and up. Alamo Cherubs is available for children 12 and younger. Financial assistance for music education, instruments, supplies, and performance opportunities is available on a need basis. Mentoring for music teachers is also available.
Above & Beyond Gymnastics
4335 Vance Jackson, # 3, San Antonio, TX 78230
210-213-1458
Amy Cardwell
Gymnastics and cheerleading classes for children with special needs. Available for special occasion parties.

Busy Bodies
11985 Starcrest, San Antonio, TX 78247
210-545-2840
Dr. Robert Strauss, PhD, Director
www.sabusybodies.org
A learning center providing services for children including the development of fine and gross motor skills, balance, ocular motor control, attention span, self esteem, and social skills.

Challenger League Baseball
Jack Joyce
210-342-9205
www.aahll.org (registration)
Baseball specifically designed for children ages 6 to 22 with physical or developmental delays. No experience required. Played on fields located in Alamo Heights. All players are matched with a buddy.

Gymnastics of San Antonio
5500 Babcock Rd, Suite 110, San Antonio, TX 78240
210-696-9699
Gymnastics classes for children with special needs.

Kinetic Kids
PO Box 690993, San Antonio, TX 78269
210-748-JUMP or 210-748-5867
Contact: Tracey Fontenot, PT or Kacey Wernli, PT
www.kinetickidstx.org
Provides physical and creative activities in a supportive environment to children with special needs who may otherwise be excluded. All programs are designed and facilitated by a physical, occupational or speech therapist. Current programs include Gymnastics, T-Ball, Cheerleading, Dance, Basketball, Wheelchair Sports, Music, Kindermusik, Swimming, Yoga-fit, Mommy and Me Gymnastics, Flag Football, Sign Language, Art for All, Outdoor Explorer and “Try It Before You Buy It” Equipment Day.
Northeast Youth Soccer Organization (NEYSO) Special Teams
David Kipp
210-967-9890
Terry and Jackie Thompson
210-650-9307
Soccer for youths with special needs. Played Spring and Fall at Mcallister Park.

San Antonio Parks & Recreation Department
Therapeutic Recreation Program for Adults & Children
210-207-3018
www.sanantonio.gov/sapar/index.asp
Provides recreational programs and adapted sports activities for youth and adults with physical and intellectual challenges. Programs include The Children's Summer Program, which offers a variety of day camps and clinics, a year-round Adult Day Program, and community events throughout the year such as dances, parades and special events.

Special Olympics – San Antonio Area 20
10223 McAllister Fwy, Suite 100, San Antonio, TX 78216
210-530-9898
www.sotx.org
Offers year-round sports and leadership for athletes ages 2 to adult who have intellectual or related disabilities. Programs include Young Athletes for ages 2 to 7, Traditional Sports Programs with 20 different sports, Unified Sports Teams, Motor Activities Training Program, Athletic Leadership Programs, and more.

Swim America Swimming Lessons
Blossom Athletic Center – Josh Davis Natatorium
12002 Jones Maltsberger, San Antonio, TX 78216
210-491-6132
Northside Aquatic Center (NAC)
7001 Culebra Rd, San Antonio, TX 78238
210-397-7500
Swimming lessons for children and adults offered through Swim America. Private lessons also available.

Sunburst Gymnastics Academy
7903 Mainland Dr, San Antonio, TX 78250
210-680-0944
Gymnastics classes for children with special needs.
Camps

Brighton-The Center for Inclusive Communities
14207 Higgins Rd, San Antonio, TX 78217
210-826-4492
www.brightonsa.org
Bright Beginnings Summer Camp Program for children ages 6 to 12. Activities include team sports, computer exploration, active weekly workshops, and social clubs.

Camp CAMP
Office mailing address: PO Box 27086, San Antonio, TX 78227
210-292-3566
Camp physical address: 515 Skyline Dr, Center Point, TX 78010
830-634-2267
www.campcamp.org
A series of six-day summer camp sessions for children, ages 5 to 21, and adults, ages 22 to 45, who may not be eligible to attend other camps due to the severity of their disability or medical condition. Activities for camper’s non-disabled siblings are also available. A well-equipped infirmary is available for 24-hour care. Campers sleep in large, wheelchair-accessible, climate controlled cabins, along with their counselors. Activities include canoeing, horseback riding, swimming, archery, nature activities, outdoor cooking, and arts and crafts. Fees based on a sliding scale.

Camp Summit
Office mailing address: 2915 LBJ Freeway, Suite 185, Dallas, TX 75234
Camp physical address: 921 Copper Canyon Rd, Argyle, TX 76226
1-972-484-8900
www.campsummittx.org
A residential camp for children ages 6 and up and adults, who are physically challenged, developmentally delayed, dual sensory impaired, or who have multiple disabilities. Weekend sessions are available in the Spring and Fall. Week long sessions are available during the summer. No stipulation on degree of disability.

Down Home Ranch
20250 FM 619, Elgin, TX 78621
1-888-926-2253
www.downhomeranch.org
A residential camp for children, ages 13 and up, and adults who have mental disabilities. Respite weekends are available in the non-summer months. Week long sessions are available during the summer.

One for Autism ABA Summer Camps
12003 Huebner Rd, San Antonio, TX 78230
210-680-8737
Olga Vasquez-Silva, MA, Executive Director
www.oneforautism.com
Week-long, ABA based, summer camp for children with Autism and related developmental disorders.
Rainbow Station
322 East Sonterra Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78258
210) 495-5222
www.rainbowstation.org
Summer camp program for children ages kindergarten through 5th grade. Potential NEISD extended school year community placement.

San Antonio Parks and Recreation Therapeutic Recreation Program
210-207-3018
www.sanantonio.gov/sapar/therapeutic.asp
The Children’s Summer Program is offered in June and July and offers a variety of day camps and clinics throughout the city. Sessions vary from one day long to one week long.

Stone Oak Therapy Services & Learning Institute
1020 Central Pkwy South, San Antonio, TX 78232
210-798-2273
www.stoneoaktherapy.com
Claudia Goswitz, MA, MEd, CCC-SLP
Offers intensive summer camps with over 30 different programs including educational therapy (reading, writing, math, and handwriting), intensive academic camps, social-emotional and social-cognitive therapy, gross motor and fine motor development, recreational therapy, sports with support (swimming, rock climbing, martial arts, tennis, basketball, swimming), a parent training program, and more.

VSA arts of Texas- Expressive Arts Jam
3710 Cedar St, # 7, Austin, TX 78705
512-454-9912
www.vsabx.org
A collaboration between VSA arts of Texas, Accessible Arts, Austin Visual Arts Association, and Public Access Community Television (PACT). A staff of professionals specializing in disability and the arts will create an exciting, flexible, and productive experience for participants of varying ability. Offers morning and afternoon sessions. Open to individuals aged 8 to 22 with a wide range of ability and disability.

YMCA of Greater San Antonio
1123 Navarro, San Antonio, TX 78205
210-246-9622
www.ymcasatex.org
Summer residential and day camps for children of all faiths, incomes, ages and abilities.
Alamo Heights United Methodist Church
825 E Basse Rd, San Antonio, TX 78209
210-826-3215
Gina Beal, Director Children’s Ministry
Gbeal@ahumc.org
Neka Scarbrough-Jenkins, Shalom Friends
Nekascarbrough@aol.com
www.ahumc.org
Offers Children’s Ministry for children ages 7 and younger in which children with special needs are included in the regular classroom with additional support as needed. Also offers Shalom Friends Sunday morning ministry for individuals ages 8 to 20. Shalom Friends includes siblings and the assistance of Buddies as needed.

Archdiocese of San Antonio Ministry for Persons with Disabilities
210-475-9881
www.archdiosa.org
Jo-Michele Sierra
Sister Mary Dumonceaux

Churchill Baptist Church
12400 Vista View St, San Antonio, TX 78231
210-342-1215
www.churchillbaptist.org

Community Bible Church
2477 North Loop 1604 East, San Antonio, TX 78232
210-496-5096
www.communitybible.com
George Losoya, Special Needs Coordinator
Offers Children’s Church for children kindergarten through 6th grade in which children with special needs are included in the regular program with assistance as needed.

Eagle’s Nest Christian Fellowship
14015 San Pedro, San Antonio, TX 78232
210-402-0565
www.encfsa.com
Pamela Andrade
Provides special needs Sunday School classes with a trained staff. Also offers Parents and Challenges Support Group, field trips for children ages 2 to 18, and a Mother’s Day Out Program.
**Grace Point Church – No Boundaries Ministry**
9750 Huebner Rd, San Antonio, TX 78240
210-696-6093 – church
210-696-6055 – Children’s Ministry
www.gracepoint.org
Heather Popp, Special Needs Coordinator
A ministry to families of children with special needs aimed at including children with disabilities in the church community by providing the support they need to participate as fully as possible. Assessments of child’s needs provided. The child may be paired with a Buddy, who as a part of the No Boundaries team, may assist with participation in Children's Ministry activities.

**First Presbyterian Church**
404 North Alamo, San Antonio, TX 78205
210-226-0215
www.fpconline.org

**Joni and Friends San Antonio**
210-341-5200
Sharyn Brautigan, Field Development Manager
sbrautigan@joniandfriends.org
A non-profit organization that offers Through the Roof, a program designed to aid churches with support for persons with disabilities.

**Islamic Center of San Antonio**
8638 Fairhaven, San Antonio, TX 78229
210-254-0841
www.icsaonline.org
Amjad Bagahdadi

**Northern Hills United Methodist Church**
3703 N Loop 1604 E, San Antonio, TX 78247
210-654-0881
www.nhumc.org
Wanda Stanley, Director of Children’s Ministries
wandas@nhumc.org

**Oak Hills Church**
19595 IH 10 W, San Antonio, TX 78257
210-698-6868
www.oakhillschurchsa.org
Offers special needs child care during services.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**
11503 Vance Jackson, San Antonio, TX 78230
210-696-1585
www.osl-sa.org
Offers the Jesus Cares Outreach program which includes religion classes for individuals with developmental disabilities.
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
6914 Wurzbach, San Antonio, TX 78240
210-614-3742
www.shlutheran.org

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church
1602 Thousand Oaks Dr, San Antonio, TX 78232
210-494-1606
www.stmarkevangelist.com
Theresa Crow, Religious Education Elementary Coordinator
tcrow@stmarkevangelist.com

Temple Beth-El
211 Belknap Pl, San Antonio, TX 78212
210-733-9135
www.beth-elsa.org
Nancy Gerson, Member’s Program Coordinator

University United Methodist Church
5084 De Zavala Road, San Antonio, TX 78249
210-696-1033
www.uumcsatx.org
Vickie Spangler, Director
Ministries for special needs children, youth and adults. Worship services and Sunday School classes open to all with caregivers available to offer assistance as needed. Weekly events available for special needs adults. Also offers social activities for parents and a parent support group.
Transportation

Medical Transportation Program
1-877-MED-TRIP or 1-877-633-8747
www.dot.state.tx.us/services/public_transportation/medical_transportation/
Transportation for Medicaid recipients who have no other means of transportation to access a Medicaid-covered service. For non-emergency medical and dental visits only. Call 2 days in advance to arrange.

VIA Transportation Services – VIATrans Paratransit Service
800 W. Myrtle, San Antonio, TX 78212
210-362-2140
TTY 210-362-2019
www.viainfo.net/Ride/VIAtrans.aspx
Complementary paratransit provided to individuals who have disabilities that prevent them from using fixed route bus service. Provided during the same hours of the day, same days per week and within three-quarters of a mile of a fixed bus route. Applications must be verified by the applicant’s physician and eligibility is then determined.

Well Waldo’s Wheels
210-647-7433
Free, accessible van service offered by Methodist Hospital for children and families needing transport to Methodist hospital, pediatric specialty clinics, and doctor appointments. Spanish speaking drivers available.
Legal Assistance

**Michael Archer**
Social Security Disability
11550 W IH 10, Suite 285, San Antonio, TX 78230
1-866-699-4640
www.sanantoniodisabilitylawyer.com

**Carol Bertsch**
Estate Planning, Guardianship, Medicaid
1919 San Pedro, San Antonio, TX 78212
210-735-9911

**Bexar Legal Aid Clinic**
434 S. Main, Suite 300, San Antonio, TX 78204
210-227-0111
2039 E Houston St, San Antonio, TX 78202
210-226-9356
803 Castroville Rd, San Antonio, TX 78237
210-335-4000
Provides free legal assistance in civil matters to low-income individuals

**Margie Boldrick**
Estate Planning, Trusts
1777 NE Loop 410, Suite 600, San Antonio, TX 78217
210-349-1199

**Center for Legal and Social Justice at St. Mary’s University School of Law**
2507 NW 36th St, San Antonio, TX 78228
210-431-2596
Legal assistance provided by supervised Student Lawyers for individuals who fall below the federal poverty line.

**Andres H Gonzalez, Jr.**
6800 Park Ten Blvd, Suite 244E, San Antonio, TX 78213
210-228-0949
www.mysanantoniolaw.com

**Yolanda Gonzales-Alvarez**
Social Security Disability
814 W Euclid, San Antonio, TX 78212
210-212-6020

**Granstaff, Gaedke and Edgmon, PC**
Estate Planning, Guardianship & Trust
5535 Fredericksburg Rd, Suite 110, San Antonio, TX 78229
210-348-6600
www.ggetaxlaw.com

**Heard & Smith, LLP**
Social Security Disability, Guardianship
3737 Broadway, Suite 310, San Antonio, TX 78209
210-820-3737
www.heardandsmith.com
Jim House
Estate Planning, Guardianship
8620 N New Braunfels, Suite 612, San Antonio, TX 78217
210-821-6863

Cheryl McMullan
Estate Planning, Guardianship & Medicaid
111 Soledad, Suite 300, San Antonio, TX 78205
210-212-4076

San Antonio Community Law Center
322 W. Woodlawn, San Antonio, TX 78212
210-271-9595
Licensed lawyers provide legal assistance to persons who do not qualify for assistance through Bexar County Legal Aid. Services are offered on a sliding scale basis.

Patricia Sitchler
Schoenbaum, Curphy & Scanlan, PC
Estate Planning Guardianship, & Medicaid
112 E Pecan, Suite 3000, San Antonio, TX 78205
210-224-4491
www.scs-law.com

Connie Somers
Social Security Disability
711 Navarro, Suite 702, San Antonio, TX 78205
210-271-7807

K.T. Whitehead
Estate Planning, Guardianship & Medicaid, Certified Elder Law Attorney
3004 Nacogdoches Rd, San Antonio, TX 78217
210-930-4300
www.whitehead-elderlaw.com
Merchants

**Educational Products**

**Building Blox**  
210-804-1089  
[www.buildingblox.net](http://www.buildingblox.net)  
Tisha Gonzalez, MA, SLP

Offers Autism teaching tools for parents and teachers including free downloads and structured activities. Products include Print It Teach It CDs and Task Bonanza. Workshops are available.

**PCI Educational Publishing**  
4560 Lockhill Selma, Suite 100, San Antonio, TX 78249  
210-377-1999 or 1-800-594-4263  
[www.pcieducation.com](http://www.pcieducation.com)

Provides instructional materials for students with special needs, including students with developmental disabilities and students with learning disabilities. Parents and teachers may call for an appointment to review materials on-site.

**Hair Salons**

**Cool Cuts for Kids**  
8222 Agora Pkwy, Selma, TX 78254  
210-566-0723  
11619 Bandera Rd, San Antonio, TX 78250  
210-682-5196  
1205 N Loop 1604 W, San Antonio, TX 78258  
210-479-8324

**Great Clips**  
Margaret Benavidez  
17700 Hwy 281 N, San Antonio, TX 78232  
210-402-6600

**Restaurants**

**Coyote Canyon Steak Buffet**  
1711 Columbia Square, San Antonio, TX 78227  
210-675-5018

**Double Dave’s Pizza**  
6462 N New Braunfels, San Antonio, TX 78209  
210-828-DAVE (3283)

Offers special occasion parties and job training for teens with special needs.

**Golden Corral**  
5071 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78229  
210-680-5868
Grants Street Pizza  
4310 Vance Jackson Rd, San Antonio, TX 78230  
210-342-1230

Mr. Gatti’s Pizza  
1745 SW Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78227  
210-670-1000  
2864 Thousand Oaks, San Antonio, TX 78232  
210-495-5422

Pancho’s Mexican Buffet  
8300 Marbach Rd, San Antonio, TX 78227  
210-673-2930

Tio Chino  
7310 Marbach Rd, San Antonio, TX 78227  
210-670-0400
Community Assistance

General Assistance

2-1-1 Texas/United Way Help Line
Dial 2-1-1 or 1-877-541-7905
www.211texas.org
A free, confidential referral line that offers assistance in locating local services for food, shelter, rent assistance, utility bill assistance, child care, after-school care, senior services, disaster relief, and other programs. Phones are manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Also assists with information on applying for Medicaid, Medicare, Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Children’s Health Insurance, nursing home care, and other services for people who are elderly or that have disabilities.

Medical & Prescription Assistance

Carelink
Main Office: University Health Center – Downtown
527 N. Leona – 1st Floor, San Antonio, TX 78207
210-358-3350 or 1-800-844-6202
www.universityhealthsystem.com.carelink
A membership program for Bexar County residents who do not have health insurance and are not eligible for other programs such as Medicare, Medicaid or the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Offers families a monthly payment plan that is based on their income and family size and assists in accessing health care at the University Health System.

CommuniCare (Barrio Comprehensive Family Health Care Center)
Dr. Frank Bryant Health Center
3066 E Commerce, San Antonio, TX 78220
210-233-7000
Barrio Family Health Center
1102 Barclay, San Antonio, TX 78207
210-434-2368
Women, Infants and Children
Las Palmas Shopping Center
803 Castroville Rd, Suite 416, San Antonio, TX 78237
210-233-7150
Public Housing Primary Care
1821 Hays St, San Antonio, TX 78202
210-233-7180
Provides services to uninsured and underinsured patients on a sliding fee scale, based on income and family size. Medical services provided include family practice, pediatrics, OB/GYN, and internal medicine. Also provides dental and behavioral health services, an on-site pharmacy and laboratory, Medicaid eligibility, and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) services.
Housing/Shelter

**Habitat for Humanity**  
311 Probant, San Antonio, TX 78204  
210-223-5203  
www.habitatsa.org  
Partners with families in need to help them build houses for themselves at no interest and no profit.

**Housing Authority of Bexar County**  
1405 N Main Ave, Suite 201, San Antonio, TX 78212  
210-225-0071  
www.housingauthorityofbexarcounty.com  
Provides rental assistance to low and very low income families and works to provide improved living conditions in Bexar County.

**San Antonio Housing Authority**  
818 S Flores, San Antonio, TX 78204  
Main line 210-477-6262  
Public Housing 210-477-6196  
Section 8 Housing 210-477-6210  
www.saha.org  
Provides non-profit affordable housing, public housing and Section 8 housing.

**SAMMinistries Emergency Shelter**  
910 W Commerce, San Antonio, TX 78207  
210-224-5838  
www.samm.org  
Provides short-term shelter for individuals and families.

**SAMMinistries Transitional Living and Learning Center**  
5922 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX 78216  
210-979-6188  
www.samm.org  
Provides transitional housing to homeless families with children and assists them in becoming self-sufficient.

**San Antonio Alternative Housing Corporation**  
1215 S Trinity, San Antonio, TX 78207  
210-224-2349  
www.saahc.org  
Provides housing and support services to low and moderate income families. Assists with home ownership, affordable rental housing, and minor home repairs and modifications for the elderly and disabled.
Food, Clothing & Utilities

Agape Ministry
food, clothing, rent, utilities
127 Lanark, San Antonio, TX 78218
210-590-6655
Call M-W-F only (limited zip codes served)

Alamo City Christian Fellowship
food and clothing
IH 10 35 North, San Antonio, TX 78218
210-654-7880

Angel Food Program
bulk food at a reasonable rate
www.angelfoodministries.com

Bexar County Justice Support and Human Services
utilities and rent
233 N. Pecos San Antonio, TX 78207
210-335-6770

Catholic Charities
food, clothing, rent, utilities, immigration
2903 W Salinas, San Antonio, TX 78207
Call Monday at 9:00a.m. for appt.
210-433-3256

Christian Assistance Ministries – CAM
food, clothing, rent, utilities
110 McCullough, San Antonio, TX 78215
210-223-6648
www.christianassistanceministries.org

City of San Antonio Department of Community Initiatives
rent, utilities, mortgage assistance
210-207-7830

Ella Austin Community Center
food, clothing, utilities for East side residents
1023 N Pine, San Antonio, TX 78202
210-224-2351
www.ellaaustin.org

Greater Randolph Area Services Program
food, clothing, rent, utilities
250 Donalan, Converse, TX 78109
Serves limited zip code areas
210-658-6351

Greater Corinth Baptist Church
food
500 S New Braunfels, San Antonio, TX 78203
M-F 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. ONLY
210-533-7991
Guadalupe Community Center
rent, utilities & GED for 07 zip code only
1801 W Durango, San Antonio, TX 78207
210-226-6178
www.parentresourcecenter.org

Helping Hands Lifeline Foundation
food, clothing, rent, utilities, prescriptions
400 Barnett Ave, San Antonio, TX
Call M-W-F mornings only
210-922-4280

House of Neighborly Service
food
407 N Calaveras St, San Antonio, TX
210-434-2301

Madonna Neighborhood Center
food, clothing
1906 Castroville Rd, San Antonio, TX 78237
210-432-2374

Presa Community Center
senior nutrition center, utilities
3721 S Presa, San Antonio, TX 78210
210-532-5295

Project Warm
CPS assistance during winter only
210-335-6770

Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program-RACAP
food, clothing, rent, utilities for NE area residents
M-F 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 pm
210-658-1613

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
food, clothing, rent, utilities, furniture, appliances
Call between 9:00 and 11:00a.m.
210-225-7837

Salvation Army-Hope Center
Food anytime, clothing, rent, utilities phone Mondays by 9am for appt
510 N Flores St, San Antonio, TX 78212
210-352-2020

San Antonio Food Bank
Food, assistance applying for food stamps
4311 Director Dr, San Antonio, TX 78219
210-337-3663

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program
Free tax preparation for low income individuals
Dial 2-1-1 for locations
Wesley Community Center
Food, clothing, utilities, day care, after school care
1406 Fitch, San Antonio, TX 78211
210-924-5191
Money Management & Financial Planning

Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of San Antonio
202 W French Place, San Antonio, TX 78212
210-222-1294
www.ccaosa.org
Offers a money management program that is designed to prevent the exploitation of disabled or elderly adults who are at risk of losing their independence due to their inability to manage their financial affairs.

MetLife MetDESK – Division of Estate Planning for Special Kids
Steve M. Warren, CLU, ChFC, LUTCF, Financial Services Representative, MetDESK Specialist
100 NE Loop 410, Suite 1050, San Antonio, TX 78216
210-332-4740
1-877-MetDESK (1-877-638-3375)
www.metlife.com/Desk/

Northwestern Mutual Financial Network
Bryan K. Kaarlsen, CFP, CLU, ChFc, Financial Advisor
9110 IH 10 W, Suite 105, San Antonio, TX 78230
210-949-4506
www.nmfn.com/bryankaarlsen
State Resources

Funding & State Assistance Programs

Medical & Prescription Assistance

Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Brown-Healy Bldg, 4900 N Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78751
1-877-KIDS-NOW or 1-877-543-7669
1-800-735-2988 (TTY)
www.chipmedicaid.org
The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is designed for families who earn too much money to qualify for Medicaid, yet cannot afford to buy private insurance for their children. CHIP coverage provides eligible children with coverage for a full range of health services including regular checkups, immunizations, prescription drugs, lab tests, X-rays, hospital visits and more.

Children with Special Health Care Needs (CHSCN)
Texas Department of State Health Services, Health Service Region 8
7430 Louis Pasteur Dr, San Antonio, TX 78229
Vicky Contreras, LMSW-ACP, Program Director
(210) 949-2157
www.dshs.state.tx.us/region8/cshcn.shtm#children
www.dshs.state.tx.us/cshcn
Services may include health benefits, case management, and family support services. Family Support services may assist a child with $3,600 a year for vehicle lifts, vehicle modifications, minor home modifications, respite, training costs, childcare costs, medical foods, and/or special equipment. There is a waiting list for Family Support Services. To qualify children must live in Texas, be ages 0 to 21 years, meet financial criteria, and must have a physical health condition that is expected to last more than 1 year.

Texas Medicaid
Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Brown-Healy Bldg, 4900 N Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78751
1-800-252-8263
www.hhsc.state.tx.us/medicaid
Medicaid is the State and Federal cooperative venture that provides medical coverage to eligible needy persons.
Texas Medicaid Waiver Programs*

Community Living Assistance and Support Services Program (CLASS)
Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services
1-877-438-5658 (Interest List)
www.dads.state.tx.us/services/interestlist/index.html
Provides home and community-based services to individuals with related conditions as a cost-effective alternative to institutional care. Covered services include case management, habilitation, respite care, nursing services, psychological services, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, adaptive aids/supplies, minor home modifications, and specialized therapies. Call to get on the interest list.

Community Based Alternatives Program (CBA)
Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services
210-337-3550 (Interest List)
www.dads.state.tx.us/services/interestlist/index.html
Provides home and community based services to aged and disabled adults as cost-effective alternatives to institutional care. Covered services include adult foster care, assisted living/residential care services, emergency response services, personal assistance services, respite care, nursing care, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, adaptive aids/supplies, minor home modifications, and home delivered meals. Call to get on the interest list.

Home and Community Based Services Program (HCS)
Bexar Mental Retardation Authority
210-832-5020 (Interest List)
www.aacog.com/mra
Provides services to individuals living in either their family’s home or their own home. Services include case management, nursing care, respite care, day habilitation, counseling, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, audiology, psychological services, dietary services, adaptive aids, minor home modifications, dental treatment, and supported employment. Services provided through local Mental Retardation Authority.

Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP)
Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services
1-877-438-5658 (Interest List)
www.dads.state.tx.us/services/interestlist/index.html
Provides services for families with medically involved children and young adults, as a cost-effective alternative to providing for their care in a nursing facility or hospital. Eligible individuals also receive Medicaid coverage. Services include respite care, home modifications, adaptive aids, supports to help children participate in childcare, and supports to help young adults transitions toward independent living. Call to get on the interest list.
Early Childhood Intervention

Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)
Early Child Intervention Program (ECI)
4800 N Lamar Blvd, 3rd floor, Austin, TX 78756
1-800-628-5115
1-866-581-9328 (TTY)
www.dars.state.tx.us
A statewide program of services for children, ages birth to three, with disabilities or developmental delays. ECI assures that families with young children with developmental delays have the resources and support they need in order for their children to reach their full potential. Services may include assistive technology, audiology, developmental services, early identification, screening and assessment, family counseling, family education, medical services, nursing services, nutrition services, occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychological services, service coordination, social work services, speech and language therapy, and vision services.

Early Childhood Intervention Library Collection
Department of State Health Services Audio Visual Library
111 North Loop Blvd, Austin, TX 78756
888-963-7111
www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/resources/library.shtml
Offers videos, books, assessment instruments, audio tapes, and journals concerning children who have disabilities or developmental delays. Some of the topics include child development, intervention strategies, Autism, Down syndrome, learning disabilities, cerebral palsy, and infant mental health. All ECI library users have access to the materials in DSHS’s Medical and Research Library, the Audio Visual Library, and the Rehabilitation Services Library collections. Upon request, the Medical and Research librarian is also able to do reference database searches on specific topics of interest. ECI and DSHS Library Services also collaborate to produce Library Matters, a publication that provides readers with a listing of articles, books, videos and journals on a particular subjects including Autism.
The mission of the Texas Education Agency is to provide leadership, guidance, and resources to help schools meet the educational needs of all students. Website contains good info on the ARD process, IDEA, extended school year, related services, and more.

Career and Technology Education
Karen Batchelor, Division of Curriculum
1-512-463-9581
www.tea.state.tx.us/Cate

Coordinator of Transition Services
Division of IDEA Coordination
1-512-463-6414
www.tea.state.tx.us/special.ed

No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Program Coordination
Cory Green, Senior Director
1-512-463-9374
www.tea.state.tx.us/nclb

Programs for Children with Disabilities: Ages 3 through 5
Division of IDEA Coordination
1-512-463-6414
www.tea.state.tx.us/special.ed

Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Brent L. Pitt, IDEA Coordination
1-512-463-9414
brent.pitt@tea.state.tx.us
www.tea.state.tx.us/deaf

State Department of Special Education: Special Education
Special Programs, Monitoring, and Interventions
Gene Lenz, Deputy Associate Commissioner
1-512-463-9414
sped@tea.state.tx.us
www.tea.state.tx.us/special.ed

State Education Agency Rural Representative
Special Programs, Monitoring, and Interventions
Gene Lenz, Deputy Associate Commissioner
1-512-463-9414
sped@tea.state.tx.us
www.tea.state.tx.us/special.ed

State Mediation System
Carlos Gonzales, Program Administrator, Mediation Coordinator
1-512-463-9290
cgonzales@tea.state.tx.us
www.tea.state.tx.us
Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Programs for Children and Youth who are Blind or Visually Impaired of Deaf-Blind
1100 W 45th St, Austin, TX 78756
1-800-872-5273
1-512-454-8631
1-512-206-9451 (TTY)
Dr. Phil Hatlen, Superintendent
philhatlen@tsbvi.edu
www.tsbvi.edu

Texas School for the Deaf
1102 S Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78704
Claire Bugen, Superintendent
www.tsd.state.tx.us
Programs for Children and Youth who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
1-512-462-5300 (voice & TTY)
Education Resource Center on Deafness (ERCOD)
1-512-462-5329
1-800-332-3873 (voice & TTY)
ercod@tsd.state.tx.us
www.tsd.state.tx.us
State Agencies & Programs

**Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities**
Pat Pound, Executive Director
P.O. Box 12428, Austin, TX 78711
1-512-463-5742 1-512-463-5746 (TTY)
711 (Relay Service)
ppound@governor.state.tx.us
www.governor.state.tx.us/disabilities

**Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities (TCDD)**
6201 E. Oltorf, Suite 600, Austin, TX 78741
1-512-437-5432 1-800-262-0334
1-512-437-5431 (TTY)
Roger A. Webb, Executive Director
tcdd@tcdd.state.tx.us
www.txddc.state.tx.us

**Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS)**
701 W. 51st St, Austin, TX 78751
1-512-438-3030 1-800-874-9426 (TTY)
Adelaide Horn, Commissioner
mail@dads.state.tx.us
www.dads.state.tx.us

**Texas Department of Assistive & Rehabilitative Services (DARS)**
4800 N Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78756
1-800-628-5115
1-866-581-9328 (TTY)
Terry Murphy, Commissioner
www.dars.state.tx.us
Offers early Childhood Intervention Services, Rehabilitation Services, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, Blind Services, and Disability Determination Services.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)**
1100 W 49th St, Austin, TX 78756
1-512-458-7375
1-888-963-7111
David Lakey, Commissioner
www.dshs.state.tx.us
Advocacy & Advocacy Education

Advocacy, Inc.
7800 Shoal Creek Blvd, Suite 171-E, Austin, TX 78757
1-512-454-4816
1-800-252-9108
Mary Faithful, Executive Director
Jeff Tate, Client Assistance Program
www.advocacyinc.org
Advocates for the legal rights of individuals with disabilities.

The ARC of Texas
8001 Centre Park Dr, Austin, TX 78754
1-512-454-6694
1-800-252-9729
www.thearcoftexas.org

Council of Families for Children
P.O. Box 142590, Austin, TX 78714
1-512-420-9020
1-877-420-9020
www.counciloffamilies.org

Disability and Business Technical Assistance Centers (DBTAC) – Southwest ADA Center
2323 S Shepard, Blvd, Suite 1000, Houston, TX 78019
1-713-520-0232 (V/TTY)
1-800-949-4232 (V/TTY)
www.swdbtac.org

Disability Policy Consortium
1016 La Posada Dr, Suite 145, Austin, TX 78752
1-512-371-1783
www.dpctexas.org
An independent group of statewide advocacy organizations that strives to achieve the development and full implementation of public policy that promotes and supports the rights, inclusion, integration, and independence of Texans with disabilities.

Texas Advocates Supporting Kids With Disabilities (TASK)
1-512-336-0897
asktask@aol.com
A statewide coalition of parents and professionals who advocate for positive public policies which provide the supports necessary for children to live a fully inclusive and meaningful life in the community of their choice.
**Texas Autism Advocacy**
Michelle Guppy  
[www.texasautismadvocacy.org](http://www.texasautismadvocacy.org)  
michellemguppy@yahoo.com

An online source offering information about Autism Advocacy. Offers several different resource guides, two different Yahoo! Groups, and the Texas Disability Network Calendar of Events which is updated weekly. Also publishes an annual Autism Awareness Calendar for Texas.

**Texas State Independent Living Council (SILC)**
5555 N. Lamar, Suite K103, P.O. Box 9879, Austin, TX 78766  
1-512-371-7353  
1-877-371-7353  
[www.texsilc.org](http://www.texsilc.org)

Working to develop and monitor the implementation of The State Plan for Independent Living, a detailed, three year plan that sets parameters and goals for the provision of independent living services in Texas. Also aims to promote education, facilitate the growth of a network of centers for independent living, and increase resources for the independence of individuals with disabilities in Texas.
Family Support & Education

Family to Family Network
13150 FM 529, Suite 106, Houston, TX 77041
1-713-466-6304
www.familytofamilynetwork.org
Offers information, training, referral and support.

Parents Supporting Parents Network
The Arc in the Rio Grande Valley
601 N. Texas Blvd, Weslaco, TX 78596
1-956-447-8408
1-888-857-8668
www.pspofrgv.org

Parent Training and Information Centers (PTI) – Partners Resource Network TEAM Project
(Serving San Antonio, Houston, and the Lower Rio Grande Valley)
3311 Richmond, Suite 334, Houston, TX 77098
1-713-524-2147
1-877-832-8945 (in TX)
prnteam@sbcglobal.net
www.partnerstx.org

Texas Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
408 W 11th St, Austin, TX 78701-2113
1-512-476-6769
1-800-825-5782
www.tbppta.org

Texas Parent-To-Parent
Jeanine Pinner, Training and Outreach Coordinator
3710 Cedar St, Box 12, Austin, TX 78705
1-512-458-8600
1-866-896-6001
www.txp2p.org
Offers a one-on-one match with a trained parent volunteer.
Other Disability Organizations & Programs

Attention Deficit Disorder – Southern Region (ADDA-SR)
12345 Jones Road, Suite 287-7, Houston, TX 77070
1-281-897-0982
addaoffice@pdq.net
www.adda-sr.org

American Foundation for the Blind
11030 Ables Ln, Dallas, TX 75229
1-469-522-1803
www.afb.org

Best Buddies Texas
c/o The Center, 3550 West Dallas St, Houston, TX 77019
1-713-525-8478
www.bestbuddiestexas.org

Brain Injury Association of Texas
316 W. 12th St, Suite 405, Austin, TX 78701
1-512-326-1212
1-800-392-0040 (in TX)
info@biatx.org
www.biatx.org

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)
8181 Professional Place, Suite, 201, Landover MD 20785
1-301-306-7070
1-800-233-4050
CHADD San Antonio
P.O. Box 690573, San Antonio TX, 78259
chadd20N@yahoo.com
www.chaddonline.org/chapters/chadd20N.html
www.chaddonline.org

Epilepsy Foundation, Central and South Texas
10615 Perrin Beitel, Suite 602, San Antonio, TX 78217
210-653-5353
www.efcst.org

Learning Disabilities Association of Texas
1011 W 31st St, Austin, TX 78705
1-512-458-8234
1-800-604-7500 (in TX)
www.ldat.org
A nationally affiliated parent/professional organization that advocates for the welfare and education of individuals with learning disabilities.
Mental Health America of Texas
1210 San Antonio, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78701
1-512-454-3706
www.mhatexas.org

National Alliance on Mental Illness Texas (NAMI)
Fountain Park Plaza III, 2800 South IH 35, Suite 140, Austin, TX 78704
1-512-693-2000
1-800-633-3760
www.namitexas.org

Texas Center for Disability Studies -The University of Texas at Austin
4030 W. Braker Ln, Building 2, Suite 220, Austin, TX 78759
1-512-232-0740
1-800-828-7839
1-512-232-0762 (TTY)
Dr. Penny Seay, Executive Director
John Moore, Assistant Director
tcds.edb.utexas.edu

Texas Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health
7701 N. Lamar, Suite 518, Austin, TX 78752
1-512-407-8844
1-866-893-3264
www.txffcmh.org

Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association
918 Congress Ave, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78701
1-512-494-1127
1-888-729-8742
www.txsha.org

Texas Talking Book Program
P.O. Box 12927, Austin, TX 78711
1-512-463-5458
1-800-252-9605
Ava Smith, Division Director
tbp.services@tsl.state.tx.us
www.texastalkingbooks.org

Traumatic Brain Injury Recovery Center
1-877-640-0400
www.tbirecoverycenter.org
United Cerebral Palsy of Texas
1016 La Posada, Suite 145, Austin, TX 78752
1-512-472-8696
1-800-798-1492 (in TX)
info@ucptexas.org
www.ucptexas.org

University of Texas Autism Project (UTAP)
The University of Texas at Austin College of Education
Department of Kinesiology & Health Education
1-512-232-9390
Pamela Buchanan, MA, CAPE, Director of Programs
www.edb.utexas.edu/utap
www.edb.utexas.edu/utap/smi (workshops and sensory-motor play activities)
Aims to provide a center of excellence for services, knowledge, and best practices related to living and working with children Autism Spectrum Disorder. Sensory and Motor Integration informational play day workshops are provided by UTAP and offered through the Texas Region Education Service Centers.
State Yahoo! Groups

The Autism Society of Greater San Antonio
Autism support and education for families and professionals
Join sanantonioasa:
http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/sanantonioasa
For venting frustrations related to Autism-
Join autismvent:
http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/autismvent

Texas Autism Advocacy - Michelle Guppy
For Online Networking/Information/Resources for Autism Spectrum Disorders -
Join Texas Autism Advocacy:
http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/Texas-Autism-Advocacy
For Online Support for Autism Spectrum Disorders -
Join Texas Autism Support:
http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/TexasAutismSupport

San Antonio Asperger’s
For Online Family Support for Asperger’s, Autism or PDD-
Join San Antonio Asperger’s:
http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/sanantonioaspergers

RDI San Antonio
For online support for families pursuing the RDI lifestyle or are interested in RDI
Join RDI San Antonio:
http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/RDI_San_Antonio
Private Service Providers in the State

**Bridges - A Therapeutic Intervention Program of Texas Children's Hospital**
4219 Richmond Ave, Suite 118, Houston, TX 77027
1-713 621-5137
Judith Z. Feigin, EdD, Executive Director
Ann B. Rauch, MA, CCC-SLP, Program Director
abrauch@texaschildrenshospital.org
www.texaschildrenshospital.org/carecenters/LearningSupport/Bridges.aspx
A program for pre-school aged children with autism spectrum disorder that uses the Developmental-Individual Differences-Relationship (DIR)-based approach to diagnosis and intervention developed by Dr. Stanley Greenspan, M.D. and Serena Wieder, PhD. The program includes speech therapy, sensory-integrative occupational and physical therapy, D-I-R floor time therapy, group intervention, home program, family support and therapy, educational workshops, and inclusion of typical peers.

**Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD)**
3001 Bee Caves Rd, Suite 150, Austin, TX 78746
866-833-3898
www.centerforautism.com/offices/austin.asp
A center for treating children with Autism that follows the principles of ABA. Offers one to one therapy and supervision, parent, teacher and therapist training, school shadowing, consulting, assessments, and IEP assistance. Each child receives a customized curriculum and may include PECS, Fast ForWord, Visual Programs, Language Programs, and Social Stores. Services offered in coloration with Thoughtful House Center for Children.

**Lindamood-Bell**
4514 Travis St, Suite 302, Dallas, TX 75205
1-214-358-0688
www.lindamoodbell.org
Offers evaluation and treatment for delayed oral language, reading, comprehension, critical thinking, spelling, and math challenges. Offers one-on-one regular and intensive instruction, and small group instruction. Recognized as being effective in the instruction of dyslexia, hyperlexia, autism, and learning disabilities in general.

**The P.L.A.Y. Project (Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters)**
Easter Seals Rio Grande Valley
1217 Houston St, McAllen, TX 78501
1-956-423-9171
Toni Gonzales
tlsgonzales@aol.com
www.rgv.easterseals.com
A community based regional autism treatment and early intervention center dedicated to empowering parents and professionals to implement intensive, developmental interventions for children, 18 months to 6 years, with autism. Based on the Developmental, Individualized, Relationship Based (DIR) Model. Follows the National Academy of Sciences recommendations for educating young children with autism which includes beginning intervention between 18 months and 5 years of age, using intensive intervention of 25 hours per week, have a teacher to child ratio of 1:1 or 1:2, and using interventions that are engaging and have a strategic direction (e.g. social skills, language).
Thoughtful House Center for Children
3001 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746
1-512-732-8400
www.thoughtfulhouse.org

A non-profit organization that provides medical and educational support for children affected by childhood developmental disorders including Autism, pervasive developmental disorder, Asperger’s Syndrome, attention deficit disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, global developmental delay, and non-verbal learning disorder. Services include medical assessments and treatments, pediatric gastroenterology services, clinical nutrition treatment, ABA program development and implementation, therapeutic horseback riding, and hippotherapy services.
National Organizations

Adoptive Families Magazine
39 West 37th Street, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10018
1-800-372-3300
www.adoptivefamilies.com
The nation's leading adoption magazine, recognized as a Parent's Choice Award Winner for four consecutive years. Provides comprehensive information to guide families through every aspect of the decision to adopt, the process of adoption, and raising adopted children.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
141 Northwest Point Blvd, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
847-434-4000
www.aap.org
Professional group of pediatricians that works to attain optimal physical, mental and social health and well being for all infants, children, adolescents and young adults. Website contains a section on autism as well as many other health disorders.

American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
444 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 846, Washington, DC 20001
1-800-424-3688
www.aamr.org
Promotes progressive policies, sound research, effective practices, and universal human rights for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Website includes fact sheets and policy statements on various issues such as advocacy, behavioral supports, early intervention, inclusion, guardianship and employment.

ADA Watch
1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20004
202-661-4722
www.adawatch.org/index.asp
An online network designed to activate grassroots responses to threats to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Aims to educate and inform people with disabilities, disability advocates, members of the general public, the business community, policy makers, and the media regarding threats to the civil rights of people with disabilities.

ARCH National Respite Network
800 Eastowne Drive, Suite 105, Chapel Hill, NC 27514
1-919-490-5577
www.archrespite.org
Assists and promotes the development of quality respite and crisis care programs, helps families locate respite and crisis care services in their communities, and serves as a strong voice for respite in all forums. Provides the National Respite Locator Service, a service to help caregivers and professionals locate respite services in their community, and the National Respite Coalition, a service that advocates for preserving and promoting respite in policy and programs at the national, state, and local levels.
The Arc of the United States
1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 650, Silver Spring, MD 20910
1-301-565-3842
www.thearc.org
A national organization with a network of state and local chapters that advocates for the rights and full participation of all children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Provides information and support to individuals, families and organizations, connects families, and influences public policy.

Asperger's Syndrome Partners & Individuals Resources, Encouragement & Support (ASPIRES)
1643 NE Eastwood, Bend, OR 97701
1-541-385-3218
www.aspires-relationships.com
An on-line resource for spouses and family members of adults diagnosed or suspected to be on the autism spectrum. Provides a free e-mail, subscription-based listserv for individuals with AS, and those who have a parent, spouse, or child with AS.

Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABA International)
1219 South Park St, Kalamazoo, MI 49001
1-269-492-9310
www.abainternational.org
A nonprofit professional membership organization that strives to develop, enhance, and support the growth and vitality of behavior analysis through research, education, and practice.

Association for Science in Autism Treatment (ASAT)
P.O. Box 188, Crosswicks, NJ 08515
www.asatonline.org
A national, nonprofit, organization that aims to disseminate accurate, scientifically sound information about autism and treatments for autism and to improve access to effective, science-based treatments for all people with autism, regardless of age, severity of condition, income or place of residence.

Autism Network for Dietary Intervention (ANDI)
Phone: 1-609-737-8985
Fax: 1-609-737-8453
www.autismndi.com
A network founded by parent researchers, Lisa Lewis and Karyn Seroussi, that strives to help parents understand, implement and maintain dietary intervention for their autistic children. Offers a web site that features extensive information on dietary intervention for autism as well as links to the Parent Support System which is a searchable database of parents who have volunteered to provide support for local families who are using this approach.

Autism One Radio
autismone.org
A worldwide, web-based radio station that presents a variety of real time radio shows which accept live calls and emails. Wide ranges of topics are covered, including the most effective treatments and therapies, school concerns, legal issues, government policies, family dynamics and more.
Autism-PDD Support Network
14271 Jeffrey, #3, Irvine, CA 92620
www.autism-pdd.net
Provides online information about autism and a community support forum for parents and caregivers of children coping with autism.

Autism Podcast.org
www.autismpodcast.org
Provides recorded web-based audio interviews with a variety of professionals involved in the study and treatment of autism. Also hosts an autism roundtable in which a group of parents join together to discuss their experiences with autism. Each show features a special guest and a free-flowing discussion.

Autism Research Institute – Defeat Autism Now! (DAN!)
4182 Adams Ave, San Diego, CA 92116
619-281-7165
www.autismresearchinstitute.com
Promotes the tracking, funding, monitoring and implementation of research into the causes and treatments of autism. Promotes the use of laboratory tests to identify problems in children’s metabolism which can be corrected through the use of diets, vitamins, minerals, amino acids, and other natural substances. Projects include the Defeat Autism Now! (DAN!) Protocol and DAN! Think-Tanks and Conferences. Also publishes a quarterly newsletter, the Autism Research Review International (ARRI)

Autism Speaks
2 Park Avenue, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016
1-212-252-8584
www.autismspeaks.org
Aims to bring the autism community together as one strong voice to urge the government and private sector to listen and take action to address this urgent global health crisis. Dedicated to funding global biomedical research into the causes, prevention, treatments, and cure for autism; to raising public awareness about autism and its effects on individuals, families, and society; and to bringing hope to all who deal with the hardships of this disorder.

Autism Society of America (ASA)
7910 Woodmont Ave, Suite 300, Bethesda, MD 20814
1-800-3-AUTISM
1-301-657-0881
www.autism-society.org
Dedicated to increasing public awareness about autism and the day-to-day issues faced by individuals with autism, their families and the professionals with whom they interact. The Society and its chapters share a common mission of providing information and education about autism, supporting research, and advocating for programs and services for the autism community.

Dr. Tony Attwood - The Asperger's Syndrome Clinic
PO Box 224, Petrie, Queensland 4502, Australia
www.tonyattwood.com.au
The home of Asperger's expert, Dr. Tony Atwood. Website has info on Asperger’s basics and assessment, Dr. Atwood’s presentations and books, support groups, recommended books, resources for emotions and friendships, research reports and archive, and more.
**Beach Center on Disability**  
The University of Kansas, Haworth Hall  
1200 Sunnyside Ave, Room 3136, Lawrence, KS 66045  
1-785-864-7600  
TTY: 1-785-864-3434  
www.beachcenter.org  
A center focusing on research, training and information dissemination. The center includes a rehabilitation research and training center focusing on policies and families, doctoral training programs and research initiatives, and a research center on the ethical, legal, and social implications of the Human Genome Project. These projects are funded through the US Department of Education and the National Institutes of Health.

**Best Buddies**  
100 SE Second St, Suite 2200, Miami, FL 33131  
1-305-374-2233  
www.bestbuddies.org  
Strives to enhance the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships and integrated employment. Offers programs in middle schools, high schools, colleges, and communities as well as an online one-to-one email support system called ebuddies. Offers a Texas chapter, based out of Houston.

**Blue Ridge Bags and More**  
Kelly Stamey  
239 French Broad Ave, Asheville NC 28801  
1-828-255-2985  
www.blueridgebagsandmore.com  
An organization that provides employment for people with autism through the production and sale of reusable and economical canvas tote bags and Home Teaching Kits. The work environment is geared toward individual needs, allowing a flexible combination of work, community, leisure, and exercise. All sales help to sustain their efforts to employ individuals with disabilities.

**The C.A.T.Ch. Clinic (Comprehensive Autism Treatment for Children)**  
150 W Iowa Ave, Suite 103, Sunnyvale, CA 94086  
408-245-2100  
www.catchclinic.com  
A clinic offering a broad range of autism remediation treatments including ABA and RDI. Also offers the C.A.T.Ch F.I.R.E program, an intensive, multi-day immersion program utilizing the principles of the Relationship Development Intervention Program to provide an effective, long-term remediation treatment for children with Autism. Application of the principles learned in this course will allow families to enhance communication and increase the quality of the relationship with their child.

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**  
1600 Clifton Rd, Atlanta, GA 30333  
1-404-639-3311  
Public Inquiries: 800-311-3435  
www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism  
One of the 13 major operating components of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which is the principal agency in the United States government for protecting the health and safety of all Americans and for providing essential human services, especially for those people who are least able to help themselves.
**Children’s Disabilities Information**
www.childrensdisabilities.info
An informational website that includes articles on disabilities, including autism, articles on special need parenting, book reviews, and discussion groups. A special focus is placed on the special needs of preemies and young adoptees.

**Children’s Health Environmental Coalition (CHEC)**
12300 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 320, Los Angeles, CA 90025
Phone: 1-310-820-2030
Fax: 1-310-820-2070
www.checnet.org
A national nonprofit organization dedicated to educating the public, specifically parents and caregivers, about environmental toxins that affect children’s health. Provides advice on how to “green your home” and an interactive virtual house that allows you to move from room to room to find ways to improve the health of your child’s environment.

**Closing the Gap**
P.O. Box 68, 526 Main St, Henderson, MN 56044
1-507-248-3294
www.closingthegap.com
Focuses on assistive technology for children and adults with special needs. Publishes a bi-monthly newspaper that highlights hardware and software products appropriate for people with special needs, and explains how this technology is being implemented in education, rehabilitation, and vocational settings around the world. Holds an annual international conference focusing on computer technology in special education and rehabilitation.

**ComeUnity**
www.comeunity.com
A parenting website providing hundreds of definitive articles, resource directories, expert interviews and exclusive book reviews on parenting, adoption and children's special needs.

**The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)**
1110 North Glebe Rd, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22201
1-888-232-7733
TTY 1-866-915-5000
www.cec.sped.org
The largest international professional organization dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities, students with disabilities, and/or the gifted. Advocates for appropriate governmental policies, sets professional standards, provides continual professional development, advocates for newly and historically underserved individuals with exceptionalities, and helps professionals obtain conditions and resources necessary for effective professional practice.
COSAC - The New Jersey Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community
1450 Parkside Ave, Suite 22, Ewing, NJ 08648
1-800-4 AUTISM
1-609-883-8100
www.njcosac.org
A nonprofit agency providing information and advocacy services, family and professional education, and consultation. COSAC encourages responsible basic and applied research that may lessen the effects of, and potentially prevent, autism. COSAC is dedicated to ensuring that all people with autism receive appropriate, effective services to maximize their growth potential and to enhancing the general public's overall awareness of autism. Features a website written for parents with a succinct section of facts and information about autism and sponsors a helpline.

Cure Autism Now (CAN)
5455 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 2250, Los Angeles, CA 90036
1-888-8-AUTISM
www.cureautismnow.org
An organization of parents, clinicians and leading scientists committed to accelerating the pace of biomedical research in autism by raising money for research projects, education and outreach. Founded by parents of children with autism in 1995, the organization has grown from a kitchen-table effort to the largest provider of support for autism research and resources in the country. The organization's primary focus is to fund essential research through a variety of programs designed to encourage innovative approaches toward identifying the causes, prevention, treatment and a cure for autism and related disorders. Founded The Autism Genetic Resource Exchange (AGRE) which works to advance genetic research in autism spectrum disorders.

DisabilityInfo.gov
1-800-FED-INFO or 1-800-333-4636 (voice and TTY)
www.disabilityinfo.gov
A comprehensive online resource designed to provide people with disabilities with quick and easy access to disability-related information and programs available across the government on numerous subjects, including benefits, civil rights, community life, education, employment, housing, health, technology and transportation. The U.S. Department of Labor’s Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) manages DisabilityInfo.gov, in partnership with 20 other federal agencies.

Do2Learn Foundation
3204 Churchill Rd, Raleigh, NC 27607
www.do2learn.com
An online resource providing free information and special learning tools for anyone having difficulty understanding and functioning. Free information includes art projects, math helpers, writing tools, songs, games, and classroom organizers. Also provides hundreds of free, printable picture cards and The Make-A-Schedule program, which if purchased provides access to over 1600 printable picture cards.

Easter Seals
230 West Monroe St, Suite 1800, Chicago, IL 60606
1-800-221-6827
1-312-726-4258 (TTY)
www.easterseals.com
Provides programs for individuals with disabilities and special needs, and their families. Services include medical rehabilitation therapies such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-hearing therapy and early childhood intervention. Other services include job training and employment, childcare, adult day programs, and camping and recreation. Easter Seals currently has a combination of services specifically targeting individuals with the diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder.
**Families for Early Autism Treatment (FEAT)**
www.feat.org  
www.featnt.org (Dallas/Fort Worth area)  
www.feathouston.org (Houston area)  
A California based nonprofit organization of parents, educators, and other professionals dedicated to providing education, advocacy, and support for the Autism Community. There are branches of the original FEAT throughout the country including the Dallas/Fort Worth area and Houston.

**The Family Village**  
Waisman Center  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
1500 Highland Ave, Madison, WI 53705  
www.familyvillage.wisc.edu  
A global community that integrates information, resources, and communication opportunities on the Internet for persons with cognitive and other disabilities, for their families, and for those that provide them services and support. Provides informational resources on specific diagnoses, communication connections, adaptive products and technology, adaptive recreational activities, education, worship, health issues, disability-related media and literature, and more.

**Florida Autism Connection**  
4004 SW 180th St, Newberry, FL 32669  
1-352-262-8174  
www.florida-autism.com  
Offers an intensive immersion program for The Relationship Development Intervention (RDI) Program.

**Foundation for Autism Research & Remediation (FARR)**  
P.O. Box 271646, Houston, TX 77277  
1-866-378-6405 x 126  
www.farrsite.org  
A non-profit foundation which strives to fund research efforts in the development or evaluation of treatments focused on improving the quality of life outcomes for people with autism. Specific quality of life areas, which receive special consideration for funding by FARR, are social support, employability, independent living, self-determination, and mental health. Founded by Drs. Steve Gutstein and Rachelle Sheely, the founders of Relationship Development Intervention (RDI).

**First Signs, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 358, Merrimac, MA 01860  
www.firstsigns.org  
Aims to educate parents, healthcare providers, early childhood educators, and other professionals in order to ensure the best developmental outcome for every child. Focuses on improving screening and referral practices of children in order to lower the age at which young children are identified with autism and other developmental disorders.

**The GFCF Diet.com**  
PO Box 1692, Palm Harbor, FL 34683  
www.gfcfdiet.com  
A free resource for parents who need support implementing the GFCF diet. Provides an explanation of the GFCF diet, advice on implementing the diet, an extensive list of acceptable and unacceptable products, recipes, and a community bulletin board listing GFCF diet support groups across the country.
The Gray Center for Social Learning and Understanding
4123 Embassy Dr. SE, Kentwood, MI 49546
Phone: 616-954-9747
Fax: 616-954-9749
www.thegraycenter.org
A center that strives to improve social understanding on both sides of the social equation, helping both persons with autism spectrum disorder and those who interact with them to be able to communicate more effectively. Their website contains information about guidelines for writing Social Stories™, sample Stories, and additional resources for using Social Stories™. Provides free email and phone support to parents around the world.

The Floortime Foundation
4938 Hampden Ln, Suite 229, Bethesda, MD 20814
www.floortime.org
Aims to increase awareness of the Developmental, Individual Differences, Relationship Based (DIR)/Floortime approach for understanding and treating children with developmental and communication challenges. Provides DIR/Floortime information, guidance and resources to parents and professionals, provides education and training for clinicians, educators, child-care providers and parents in the DIR/Floortime model, and creates local and national forums for families and professionals to exchange information and expertise about the DIR/Floortime.

Future Horizons
721 West Abram St, Arlington, TX 76013
800-489-0727
www.futurehorizons-autism.com
www.autismoespanol.com – Spanish language
Publishes books, videos, and DVDs relating to Autism and Asperger’s as well as The Autism Asperger’s Digest Magazine and The Autism Spectrum Newsletter. Also has a Spanish language website and publishes materials in Spanish.

Ident-A-Kid
PO Box 891, Spring Branch, TX 78070
210-313-1336
Darlene & Craig Bocan
Program Director, Ident-A-Kid Services of America
idkid@gvtc.com
Provides the Ident-A-Kid card, a driver’s license-like card that contains a child’s photograph, fingerprint and description. Parents keep the card with them at all times and, in an emergency, can provide law enforcement with it for immediate response.

Ion Kids
210-310-4342
1-888-846-6543
Gregory Ian Berlanga, President of Spectecomm, Inc.
gberlanga@spectecomminc.com
http://www.ion-kids.com
An innovative product that helps parents keep a safe watch on their child. Consists of an unobtrusive bracelet (writstag) and a base unit that allow parents to monitor and locate their children up to 200 feet indoors and 350 feet outdoors.
The Job Accommodation Network (JAN)
PO Box 6080, Morgantown, WV 26506
1-800-526-7234
1-877-781-9403 (TTY)
www.jan.wvu.edu
An international toll-free service that provides information about job accommodations and the employability of people with functional limitations. Strives to assist in the hiring, retraining, retention or advancement of persons with disabilities by providing accommodation information.

Michelle Garcia Winner’s Center for Social Thinking & Think Social Publishing, Inc.
San Jose, CA
877-464-9278
www.socialthinking.com
Offers a private practice, books, videos, and workshops relating to social cognitive deficits and developing social thinking and perspective taking in individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders, Non Verbal Learning Disorder, and ADHD.

Keystone Kids
keystoneblind.org/kidsclub/exercises
Offers a website featuring descriptions of different sensory integration exercises along with the sensory systems that each exercise is intended to help with.

Kids Health – Dealing With Feelings
www.kidshealth.org/kid/feeling
Offers a website featuring short kid-friendly articles on feelings related to school, home & family, friends, emotions & behavior, and thoughts & feelings. Articles are also available in Spanish.

Kyle's Treehouse Foundation
1080 Stackhouse Mill Rd, Newtown Square, PA 19073
www.kylestreehouse.org
A nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering all people touched by autism to make effective choices. Provides information about autism, comprehensive and objective overviews on a wide range of treatment options, and emotional support for those caring for an autistic child.

Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA)
4156 Library Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15234
1-412-341-1515
www.ldamerica.org
The largest nonprofit volunteer organization advocating for individuals with learning disabilities. Has over 200 state and local affiliates in 42 states and Puerto Rico and over 15,000 international members from 27 countries around the world. Together they aim to create opportunities for success for all individuals affected by learning disabilities and to reduce the incidence of learning disabilities in future generations.
**Lovaas Institute**
Los Angeles Office  
11500 West Olympic Blvd, Suite 318, Los Angeles, CA 90064  
1-310-914-5433  
Cherry Hill / Philadelphia Office  
52 Haddonfield-Berlin Rd, Suite 1000, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034  
1-856-616-9442  
[www.lovaas.com](http://www.lovaas.com)

The Lovaas Institute provides clinic-based services and consultative services utilizing the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis. The Lovaas Model of Applied Behavior Analysis has undergone rigorous research at UCLA under the direction of Dr. Lovaas, proving its effectiveness in treating children with autism. This intervention is based on shaping behavior through reinforcement of successive approximations, prompting and fading procedures, and use of positive reinforcers that are child-specific and functional.

**Lucas Works**  
1-302-698-5352  
[www.lucasworks.org](http://www.lucasworks.org)

Offers products that help teach children daily living skills and keep children with developmental disabilities safe. Products are assembled and shipped by students with autism and mental disabilities. Products include child id cards, medical release forms, DNA/Fingerprint kit, safe shoes id, furniture brackets, battery-operated child locator, and mercury free visual thermometers.

**Mental Health America (MHA)**  
2000 N. Beauregard St, 6th Floor, Alexandria, Virginia 22311  
Voice: 1-800-969-6642  
TTY: 1-800-433-5959  
Fax: 1-703-684-5968  
[www.nmha.org](http://www.nmha.org)

Formerly know as The National Mental Health Association (NMHA). A nonprofit organization dedicated to addressing all aspects of mental health and mental illness. With more than 320 affiliates nationwide, MHA works to improve the mental health of all Americans, especially the 54 million individuals with mental illnesses, through advocacy, education, research and service.

**National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY)**  
P.O. Box 1492, Washington, DC 20013  
1-800-695-0285 (Tel & TTY)  
[www.nichcy.org](http://www.nichcy.org)

A central source of information on disabilities in infants, toddlers, children, and youth, the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), No Child Left Behind (NCLB), as it relates to children with disabilities, and research-based information on effective educational practices. Features a website with listings of state specific information and resources.
The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

One of the 27 components of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and one of the 5 institutes of the NIH Autism Coordinating Committee. As mandated in the Children’s Health Act of 2000, these 5 institutes have implemented the Studies to Advance Autism Research and Treatment (STAART) network program. This program consists of 8 centers across the United States that evaluate and treat patients, as well as enroll them in clinical trials. Each center will contribute to the autism research base in the areas of causes, diagnosis, early detection, prevention, and treatment.

The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)

One of the 27 components of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and one of the 5 institutes of the NIH Autism Coordinating Committee.

Organization for Autism Research (OAR)

Strives to use applied research to answer questions of daily concern for those living with autism. Applied research entails the systematic investigation of variables associated with positive outcomes in such areas as education, communication, self-care, social skills, employment, behavior, and adult and community living. OAR funds new research and disseminates evidence-based information in layman’s terms for the non-scientific consumer. OAR funds pilot studies and targeted research primarily for studies whose outcomes offer new insights into the behavioral and social development of individuals with autism with an emphasis on communications, education, and vocational challenges.

Online Asperger’s Syndrome Information and Support (OASIS)

A national online support group and resource for parents, professionals, and individuals with Asperger’s Syndrome. Includes online support boards, chat rooms, as well as publications, resources, and other comprehensive information.

Pecanbread.com

A website providing information on the Specific Carbohydrate Diet (SCD) and its use to help those with autism. Provides information about the diet and how to implement it, SCD legal foods, and recipes. Also hosts a Yahoo! Group.
The P.L.A.Y. Project (Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters)
3135 S. State St, Ann Arbor, MI 48108
Phone: 1-734-997-9077
Fax: 1-734-997-9211
www.playproject.org
A community-based regional autism treatment and early intervention center dedicated to empowering parents and professionals to implement intensive, developmental interventions for children, 18 months to 6 years, with autism. Based on the Developmental, Individualized, Relationship Based (DIR) Model. Follows the National Academy of Sciences recommendations for educating young children with autism which includes beginning intervention between 18 months and 5 years of age, using intensive intervention of 25 hours per week, having a teacher to child ratio of 1:1 or 1:2, and using interventions that are engaging and have a strategic direction (e.g., social skills, language). A P.L.A.Y. Project Home Consultant is available at Easter Seals Rio Grande Valley in McAllen.

Relationship Development Intervention (RDI) Connections Center
4120 Bellaire Blvd, Houston, TX 77025
1-866-378-6405
www.rdiconnect.com
A parent-based program in which parents work with RDI Certified Consultants in a step-by-step developmental program that focuses on remediating the core deficits of autism. The ultimate goal of RDI is to provide the majority of people on the autism spectrum with the potential to attain a true quality of life.

Small Business and Self-Employment Services (SBSES)
PO Box 6080, Morgantown, WV 26506
Phone: 1-800-526-7234
TTY: 877-781-9403
Fax: 304-293-5407
www.jan.wvu.edu/sbses
A service of the Office of Disability Employment Policy of the U.S. Department of Labor which provides information, counseling, and referrals about self-employment and small business ownership opportunities for people with disabilities.

Surfer's Healing
www.surfershealing.org

TEACCH (Treatment and Education of Autistic and Related Communication-Handicapped Children)
919-966-2174
www.teacch.com
A program based out of the University of North Carolina’s Department of Psychiatry that focuses on the building an individual program based on the individual’s level of functioning and aims at helping them progress as far as they can. A major component of TEACCH is Structured Teaching which involves organizing the physical environment, developing schedules and work systems, making expectations clear and explicit, and using visual materials in order to develop skills and use these skills independently of direct adult prompting and cueing. TEACCH also focuses on cultivating an individual’s strengths and interests rather than focusing on their deficits and developing communication skills, including the pursuit of social and leisure interests.
U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)
Frances Perkins Building
200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210
1-866-4-USA-DOL
1-877-889-5627 (TTY)
www.dol.gov
A department of the Federal government that administers a variety of Federal labor laws including those that guarantee workers’ rights to safe and healthful working conditions, a minimum hourly wage and overtime pay, freedom from employment discrimination, unemployment insurance, and other income support. The Office of Disability Employment Policy is one of the agencies of the DOL and provides national leadership by developing and influencing disability-related employment policy and practice affecting the employment of people with disabilities.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20201
1-877-696-6775
www.hhs.gov/autism
The federal government’s principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are both agencies of the US Department of Health and Human Services.

Unlocking Autism
P.O. Box 15388, Baton Rouge, LA 70895
1-866-366-3361
www.unlockingautism.org
An organization founded primarily to increase awareness about autism spectrum disorder. Strives to bring issues from individual homes to the forefront of national dialogue, to unify parents and professionals in fighting for these children, to educate parents about pending legislation and existing laws, to educate parents about biomedical treatments and behavioral therapies, to assist parents of newly diagnosed children through a parent-to-parent support hotline, to raise funds for biomedical research, behavioral research, and projects, to increase society’s ability to work with and understand people with autism, to help those on the autism spectrum reach their greatest potential in leading fulfilling and productive lives in relationships, society and employment, and to educate parents about the danger of mercury to the developing brain of children both born and unborn.

VCU Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Workplace Supports and Job Retention
1314 West Main St, P.O. Box 842011, Richmond, VA 23284
1-804-828-1851
1-804-828-2494 (TTY)
www.worksupport.com
A center based at Virginia Commonwealth University that studies workplace supports that are most effective for assisting individuals with disabilities in maintaining employment and advancing their careers.

Wrightslaw
www.wrightslaw.com
A comprehensive online source for information about special education law and advocacy for children with disabilities. Wrightslaw has thousands of articles, cases, and free resources relating to advocacy and legal issues, including information and updates about IDEA 2004. Also conducts training programs and publishes books and a free weekly, online newsletter.
Wrong Planet
www.wrongplanet.net
A web community designed for individuals with Asperger's Syndrome, Autism, ADHD, and other PDDs, and their families. Provides a forum for member communication, an article section, where members may read and submit essays or how-to guides about various subjects, and a chatroom for real-time communication with other Aspies.
# Autism Acronyms and Definitions

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<td>AAC</td>
<td>Assistive Augmentative Communication - an intervention that uses technological devices such as keyboards, voice recognition systems, and communication boards for the purpose of supporting communication, daily living skills, behavior modification, and any other aspect of interaction or independent functioning.</td>
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<td>ABA</td>
<td>Applied Behavior Analysis - an approach to teaching skills to people with autism that uses positive reinforcement and the collection of data to determine the level of progress in attaining a given goal. This technique is also sometimes referred to as the Lovaas method.</td>
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<td>ABC</td>
<td>Autism Behavior Checklist – an assessment tool, completed by the child’s parents or teacher, used to identify an individual with autism. Areas included are sensory, relating, body and object use, language, social, and self-help.</td>
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<td>ABLLS</td>
<td>The Assessment of Basic Language and Learning Skills - an assessment, curriculum guide, and skills tracking system for children with language delays. Contains a task analysis of the many skills necessary to communicate successfully and to learn from everyday experiences.</td>
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<td>ADA</td>
<td>Americans with Disabilities Act – a Federal law that ensures the rights of persons with disabilities with regard to employment, state and local government services, public accommodations, commercial facilities, and transportation, and requiring the establishment of TDD/telephone relay services.</td>
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<td>Adaptive PE</td>
<td>Adaptive Physical Education – a diversified program of developmental activities, games, sports, and rhythms designed to meet the individual needs of students with disabilities who may not participate safely or successfully in the regular physical education program. Adapted Physical Education programs should be established by the evaluation process and addressed in the individual’s Individual Educational Program (IEP). APE is a direct service, not a related service.</td>
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<td>ADD</td>
<td>Attention Deficit Disorder</td>
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<td>ADHD</td>
<td>Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder</td>
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<td>ADI-R</td>
<td>Autism Diagnostic Interview-Revised – a diagnostic tool for assessing autism in children and adults. An interview is conducted with the individual’s caregiver and covers areas such as quality of social interaction, communication and language, and repetitive, restricted and stereotyped interests and behaviors.</td>
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<td>ADOS-G</td>
<td>Autism Diagnostic Observation Scale – Generic – a semi-structured assessment of communication, social interaction and play or imaginative use of materials for individuals suspected of having autism or other pervasive developmental disorders (PDD). The ADOS-G is a combination of two previous instruments, the ADOS and the PL-ADOS.</td>
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<td>Advocacy</td>
<td>The act of arguing on behalf of a particular issue, idea or person.</td>
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<td>AIT</td>
<td>Auditory Integration Training – an approach in which an individual uses headphones to listen to different musical sounds and frequencies in order to reduce painful hypersensitivity to sound and improve auditory and sensory processing capabilities.</td>
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<td>AMC</td>
<td>Academic Mastery Class – a non-inclusive setting for children who are two grade levels or more behind their age group. Designed for children who are not behaviorally a problem but simply need extra academic help.</td>
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<td>ALE</td>
<td>Adaptive Learning Environment – a non-inclusive setting in which children learn self-help skills, life-skills, and vocational skills.</td>
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<td>Aphasia</td>
<td>The loss of the ability to use or understand words.</td>
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<td><strong>Apraxia</strong></td>
<td>A neurological disorder characterized by loss of the ability to carry out skilled movements and gestures, despite having the desire and the physical ability to perform them. May affect facial movements, limb movements, sequential movements, and eye movements. May be specific to speech (verbal apraxia or apraxia of speech) in which an individual has difficulty coordinating mouth and speech movements. May be accompanied by a language disorder called aphasia.</td>
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<td><strong>ARD</strong></td>
<td>Admission, Review and Dismissal – a committee meeting attended by a general education teacher, a special education teacher, the child’s parents, the child if appropriate, school administrators, evaluators and others as appropriate. The committee discusses the child’s present levels of academic achievement and functional performance, annual goals, measurement of goals, services and supports to be provided, inclusion, modifications and accommodations needed, location and duration of services to be provided, how to report problems, and transition services.</td>
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<td><strong>ASA</strong></td>
<td>The Autism Society of America</td>
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<td><strong>ASDS</strong></td>
<td>Asperger’s Syndrome Diagnostic Scale – an assessment tool consisting of 50 yes/no questions that can be used to determine is an individual is likely to have Asperger’s Syndrome.</td>
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<td><strong>ASGSA</strong></td>
<td>The Autism Society of Greater San Antonio</td>
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<td><strong>Aspie</strong></td>
<td>A term that some use to describe a person with Asperger’s Syndrome.</td>
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<td><strong>AT</strong></td>
<td>Assistive Technology</td>
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<td><strong>Auditory Processing Disorder</strong></td>
<td>A brain disorder in which an individual has difficulty recognizing and interpreting auditory information including sounds and speech.</td>
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<td><strong>Augmentative Communication</strong></td>
<td>An alternative way to send a message from one person to another other than by using speech. Some examples include facial expressions, gestures, writing, sign language, charts, language boards, and electronic devices.</td>
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<td><strong>Augmentative Communication Device</strong></td>
<td>An electronic device that can speak in response to keyboard strokes or other input that is used in place of speech to aid in communication.</td>
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<td><strong>Autism Addendum/Supplement</strong></td>
<td>A form that must be presented and considered by the ARD committee for all students who have an Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnosis including a Non-Categorical Diagnosis. Items that must be discussed are extended educational programming (ESY), daily schedules reflecting minimal unstructured time, in-home training or viable alternatives, prioritized behavioral objectives, prevocational and vocational needs of students 12 and older, parent training, and suitable staff-to-student ratio.</td>
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<td><strong>Autistic Spectrum Disorders</strong></td>
<td>A group of developmental disabilities including Autistic Disorder, Asperger’s Syndrome, Rett’s Disorder, B and Childhood Disintegrative Disorder (CDD).</td>
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<td><strong>Boardmaker</strong></td>
<td>A computer software program used to make communication boards, picture schedules, instruction sheets, and more.</td>
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<td><strong>BCBA</strong></td>
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<td><strong>BIP</strong></td>
<td>Behavior Intervention Plan</td>
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<td><strong>BMC</strong></td>
<td>Behavior Management Class</td>
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<td><strong>CAN</strong></td>
<td>Cure Autism Now - a nonprofit organization devoted to accelerating the pace of biomedical research in autism through raising funds for research, education and outreach.</td>
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<td><strong>CARS</strong></td>
<td>Childhood Autism Rating Scale – an assessment developed at TEACCH which is used to aid in the diagnosis and assessment of autism. A child is scored in 15 different areas and the total score determines if they are considered to be non-autistic, mild to moderate autistic, or severely autistic.</td>
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<td>CBA</td>
<td>Community Based Alternatives – a Medicaid waiver program designed to provide home and community-based services to aged and disabled adults as cost-effective alternatives to institutional care.</td>
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<td>CDC</td>
<td>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - US Government agency that works to prevent and control infectious and chronic diseases, injuries, workplace hazards, disabilities, and environmental health threats.</td>
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<td>CHAT</td>
<td>Checklist for Autism in Toddlers – a brief screening tool to detect possible autism in toddlers as young as 18 months. Consists of 9 yes/no questions to be answered by the parents and 5 brief interactions between the screener and child.</td>
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<td>Chelation</td>
<td>The process of using agents that bind to heavy metals such as lead, arsenic, and mercury in an effort to remove them from the body.</td>
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<td>Circle of Friends</td>
<td>A group of people consisting of group of volunteers, a focus child (typically with autism), and an adult facilitator that acts as a resource to suggest strategies and set goals to deal with difficulties that have been jointly identified by members of the circle and the focus child.</td>
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<td>CLASS</td>
<td>Community Living Assistance and Support Services Program – a Medicaid waiver program designed to provide home and community-based services to individuals as a cost-effective alternative to institutional care.</td>
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<td>CMC</td>
<td>Content Mastery Class – a non-inclusive, child-directed setting where a child may go for help with a particular task or subject.</td>
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<td>Community Based PPCD</td>
<td>A program for educating eligible students ages 3 through 5, who have qualified for a PPCD program, in a developmentally appropriate environment with children without disabilities.</td>
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<td>CWP</td>
<td>Consolidated Waver Program – a pilot program designed to test the feasibility of combining 5 of the state’s 8 Medicaid waivers. The waivers included are CBA, CLASS, MDCP, HCS, and DBMB. The program is currently being tested only in Bexar County.</td>
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<td>DADS</td>
<td>Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services.</td>
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<td>DAHS</td>
<td>Day Activity and Health Services – services provided to disabled individuals living in the community for the purpose of preventing premature or unnecessary prolonged placement in an institution. Services included nursing services, physical rehabilitative services, nutrition/food services, social activities, and transportation services.</td>
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<td>DAN! Protocol</td>
<td>Defeat Autism Now! Protocol – a biomedical approach to the treatment of autism that focuses on the connections between autism and diet, biochemical abnormalities, and environmental toxins along with other physiological issues. Involves a series of medical tests, dietary changes and nutritive regimens designed to alleviate the symptoms of autism.</td>
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<td>DAN! Doctor</td>
<td>A physician who subscribes to the DAN! Protocol and has attended a DAN Conference.</td>
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<td>DARS</td>
<td>Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Day Habilitation</td>
<td>Services designed to provide individualized assistance to individuals who wish to acquire and maintain life skills that would aid them in becoming productive members of the community.</td>
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<td>DBMB</td>
<td>Deaf-Blind Multiple Disabilities Program – a Medicaid waiver program designed to provide individuals who are deaf-blind with multiple disabilities a choice of residential alternatives that maximize independence, communication, and interactive with the community.</td>
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<td>DIR</td>
<td>Developmental, Individual Differences, Relationship Based approach – a comprehensive, interdisciplinary approach developed by Dr. Stanley Greenspan and D. Serena Wieder that focuses on the emotional development of the child. Emphasis is place on connecting with the child and engaging the child’s attention as the basis for learning. Floortime is the centerpiece of the DIR approach.</td>
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<td>DTT</td>
<td>Discrete Trial Training – a discrete trial is a single cycle of a behaviorally-based instruction routine in which the teacher first gives an instruction to the child, then gives a prompt or cue if needed, then, either with help or without, the child gives some response to the instruction. If the child responds incorrectly the teacher may correct the child and then give another chance. If the child responds correctly, or close to correctly, the teacher might give him some reward or praise to encourage him. Then the teacher may pause for a bit before continuing, to let the child know that they have completed one set. A particular trial may be repeated several times in succession, several times a day, over several days (or even longer) until the skill is mastered. Also referred to as &quot;Discrete Trial Therapy&quot; or &quot;Discrete Trial Teaching&quot; and is part of the Lovaas ABA-based method.</td>
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<td>DSM-III, DSM-III-R, &amp; DSM-IV</td>
<td>Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders – a diagnostic tool used to diagnose autism and other disorders; each disorder lists a set of diagnostic criteria and descriptive details including associated features, prevalence, familial patterns, age-, culture-, and gender-specific features, and differential diagnosis.</td>
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<td>DVD</td>
<td>Developmental Verbal Dyspraxia – dyspraxia affecting a child’s ability to use speech; another name for apraxia of speech</td>
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<td>Dyspraxia</td>
<td>A neurological disorder characterized by difficulty carrying out skilled movements and gestures, despite having the desire and the physical ability to perform them. May affect facial movements, limb movements, sequential movements, and eye movements. May be specific to speech (verbal dyspraxia or dyspraxia of speech) in which an individual has difficulty coordinating mouth and speech movements. May be accompanied by a language disorder called aphasia.</td>
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<td>Echolalia</td>
<td>The echoing or repeating back of a word or phrase spoken by another person. May be immediate echolalia or delayed echolalia. Immediate echolalia is the repetition of a word of phrase just spoken by another person. Delayed echolalia is the repetition or a word or phrase after some lapse in time, such as the repeating of TV commercials and movie scripts. Both behaviors are common in individuals with autism and may be either functional or non-functional forms or communication.</td>
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<td>ECI</td>
<td>Early Childhood Intervention - a statewide program of services for children, ages birth to three, with disabilities or developmental delays that is run by The Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS). Services may include assistive technology, audiology, developmental services, early identification, screening and assessment, family counseling, family education, medical services, nursing services, nutrition services, occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychological services, service coordination, social work services, speech and language therapy and vision services.</td>
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<td>Educational Need</td>
<td>A measurement used to determine if special education services are necessary. All IEP goals must be tied to an educational need.</td>
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<td>EEG</td>
<td>Electroencephalogram – a test that measures and records the electrical activity of the brain. May be used to identify seizures.</td>
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<td>ESY</td>
<td>Extended School Year</td>
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<td>FAPE</td>
<td>Free Appropriate Public Education</td>
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<td>Fast ForWord</td>
<td>A computerized training program for individuals with language and reading problems.</td>
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<td>FBA</td>
<td>Functional Behavior Assessment</td>
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<td>FC or F/C</td>
<td>Facilitated Communication – a controversial method that may enable a person with autism to communicate in writing, by using a computer or other communication device with the help of a teacher or therapist.</td>
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<td><strong>FERPA</strong></td>
<td>Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act</td>
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<td><strong>Floortime</strong></td>
<td>The centerpiece of the Developmental, Individual-Difference, Relationship-Based (DIR) Model approach that encourages parents and others important in the child's life to interact with him in a way that helps him advance developmentally. Emphasizes connecting with the child and engaging the child's attention as the basis for learning.</td>
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<td><strong>GFCF</strong></td>
<td>Gluten-Free/Casein-Free – a diet which avoids all sources of gluten, the protein found in wheat, barley, and rye, and casein, the protein found in milk.</td>
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<td><strong>HCS</strong></td>
<td>Home and Community Based Services</td>
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<td><strong>HFA</strong></td>
<td>High Functioning Autism</td>
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<td><strong>Hidden Curriculum</strong></td>
<td>Unwritten social rules and expectations of behavior that most people know but were never taught. Individuals with Autism often lack understanding of these rules and expectations.</td>
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<td><strong>Hippotherapy</strong></td>
<td>A physical, occupational and speech therapy treatment strategy that utilizes a horse's movement to improve neurological function and sensory processing. Unlike therapeutic horseback riding, specific riding skills are a means to a treatment goal, rather than the goal itself.</td>
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<td><strong>Hyperbarics</strong></td>
<td>Uses a pressurized air chamber that is designed to increase oxygen in the cells of the body.</td>
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<td><strong>Hyperlexia</strong></td>
<td>A precocious ability to read words, far above what would be expected at a child's chronological age, or an intense fascination with letters or numbers. Often accompanied by a significant difficulty in understanding verbal language and abnormal social skills.</td>
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<td><strong>Hypotonia</strong></td>
<td>Low muscle tone</td>
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<td><strong>ICF-MR/RC</strong></td>
<td>Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Mental Retardation/Related Conditions – a facility that provides residential and habilitative services, medical services, skills training, and adjunctive therapies, with 24-hour supervision and coordination of the individual program plan. May be either a State Mental Retardation Facility, which serves between 100 to 600 residents, or a Community Based Facility, which serves a smaller population.</td>
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<td><strong>IDEA</strong></td>
<td>Individuals with Disabilities Act - a US Law mandating a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) to all persons with disabilities who are between the ages of 3 and 21.</td>
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<td><strong>IEE</strong></td>
<td>Independent Educational Evaluation</td>
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<td><strong>IEP</strong></td>
<td>Individualized Educational Plan – a written plan produced as a result of an ARD meeting that lists the child’s learning needs, the educational goals for the child for the year, the methods used to achieve the goals, and the methods used to measure the child's progress.</td>
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<td><strong>IFSP</strong></td>
<td>Individualized Family Service Plan</td>
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<td><strong>IHFS</strong></td>
<td>In Home &amp; Family Support</td>
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<td><strong>Inclusion</strong></td>
<td>A placement in which a child with a disability is educated with his or her non-disabled peers in a regular classroom.</td>
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<td><strong>ITP</strong></td>
<td>Individualized Transition Plan</td>
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<td><strong>Ketogenic Diet</strong></td>
<td>A high fat, adequate protein, low carbohydrate diet used to prevent epileptic seizures.</td>
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<td><strong>LCSW</strong></td>
<td>Licensed Clinical Social Worker</td>
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<td><strong>LD</strong></td>
<td>Learning Disability</td>
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<td><strong>The Listening Program</strong></td>
<td>An auditory processing and memory program.</td>
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<td><strong>LRE</strong></td>
<td>Least Restrictive Environment – an educational setting in which a child with a disability can receive a free appropriate public education (FAPE) designed to meet his or her educational needs while being educated with peers without disabilities in the regular educational environment to the maximum extent appropriate. A requirement of IDEA.</td>
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<td><strong>Mainstreaming</strong></td>
<td>A placement in which a child with a disability is educated with his or her non-disabled peers in a regular classroom. Also called inclusion</td>
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<td><strong>M-CHAT</strong></td>
<td>Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers</td>
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<td><strong>MDCP</strong></td>
<td>Medically Dependent Children Program</td>
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<td><strong>Medicaid Waiver Program</strong></td>
<td>Government sponsored programs available for individuals with special needs. These programs allow states to offer services in the community rather than in an institution. Parent income and resources are not considered. Rather, financial eligibility is based on the individual’s income and resources. It is not required to be on Medicaid to apply. There are 8 Waiver Programs in Texas and all have interest lists. A person can be on multiple interest lists at the same time but only on one program at a time.</td>
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<td><strong>Modifications</strong></td>
<td>Changes in what a student is expected to learn and how the student is taught by the school.</td>
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<td><strong>MR</strong></td>
<td>Mentally Retarded or Mental Retardation</td>
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<td><strong>MRA</strong></td>
<td>Mental Retardation Authority</td>
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<td><strong>MRI</strong></td>
<td>Magnetic Resonance Imaging – a diagnostic tool using radio-frequency waves and a strong magnetic field rather than x-rays to provide clear and detailed pictures of internal organs and tissues.</td>
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<td><strong>MSDD</strong></td>
<td>Multi System Developmental Disorder – a term used by Stanley Greenspan, founder of The DIR/Floortime Model, to describe an autistic-like set of symptoms.</td>
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<td><strong>Music Therapy</strong></td>
<td>The use of music by a trained professional to accomplish individualized, therapeutic goals.</td>
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<td><strong>NCLB</strong></td>
<td>No Child Left Behind</td>
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<td><strong>Neurofeedback Training</strong></td>
<td>A treatment approach designed to alter an individual’s brainwaves. Operates like a video or computer game and rewards an individual with points, sounds or visual images on the computer screen when “healthy” brainwaves are produced. Used to treat a wide variety of issues in adults and children, such as depression, anxiety, sleep disturbances, ADHD, and Autism.</td>
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<td><strong>Neuroleptic</strong></td>
<td>A class of drugs that affect cognition and behavior in order to reduce confusion, delusions, hallucinations, and psychomotor agitation in patients with psychoses. Also known as major tranquilizers and antipsychotic drugs.</td>
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<td><strong>NICHCY</strong></td>
<td>National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities – a central source of information on disabilities in infants, toddlers, children, and youth, on IDEA and No Child Left Behind (as it relates to children with disabilities), and research-based information on effective educational practices.</td>
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<td><strong>NIH</strong></td>
<td>National Institutes of Health - a part of the US Department of Health and Human Services. Serves as the primary Federal agency for conducting and supporting medical research.</td>
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<td><strong>NT</strong></td>
<td>Neurologically Typical, short for Neuro-typical or Neurotypical – a term used in discussions of people with autism to refer to people who do not have autism</td>
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<td><strong>OCD</strong></td>
<td>Obsessive Compulsive Disorder</td>
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<td><strong>ODD</strong></td>
<td>Oppositional Defiant Disorder</td>
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<td><strong>OT</strong></td>
<td>Occupational Therapy – a therapy used to help those with delays in fine motor skills and sensory integration dysfunction.</td>
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<td><strong>OTR</strong></td>
<td>Occupational Therapist – Registered</td>
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<td><strong>Paraprofessional</strong></td>
<td>A special-education worker who is not licensed to teach, but performs many duties in the classroom. May work one-on-one with a particular child or may support the entire classroom.</td>
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<td>PDD</td>
<td>Pervasive Developmental Disorder</td>
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<td>PDD-NOS or PDD/NOS</td>
<td>Pervasive Developmental Disorder--Not Otherwise Specified</td>
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<td>PECS</td>
<td>Picture Exchange Communication System - An educational communication technique that builds basic relating and language skills by encouraging the child to use the picture-bearing cards to express his or her needs.</td>
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<td>PEP-R</td>
<td>Psychoeducational Profile-Revised - an assessment tool used in children functioning below the preschool age range to identify uneven and idiosyncratic learning patterns. Provides information on developmental functioning in imitation, perception, fine motor, gross motor, eye-hand integration, cognitive performance, and cognitive verbal areas. Also identifies degrees of behavioral abnormality in relating and affect, play and interest in materials, sensory responses, and language.</td>
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<td>Perseveration</td>
<td>Persistent repetition of an activity, word, phrase, or movement.</td>
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<td>Play Therapy</td>
<td>A therapy that uses play to help children learn to communicate with others, express feelings, modify behavior, develop problem-solving skills, and learn a variety of ways of relating to others.</td>
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<td>Pica</td>
<td>A disorder in which a person has an appetite for non-nutritive substances such as coal, soil, chalk or paper or an abnormal appetite for food ingredients such as flour, raw potato or starch. Actions must persist for at least 1 month to be considered pica.</td>
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<td>PT</td>
<td>Physical Therapy</td>
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<td>PTI</td>
<td>Parent Training and Information Centers</td>
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<td>RDI</td>
<td>Relationship Development Intervention - a parent based program in which parents work with RDI Certified Consultants in a step-by-step developmental program that focuses on remediating the core deficits of autism. The ultimate goal of RDI is to provide the majority of people on the autism spectrum with the potential to attain a true quality of life.</td>
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<td>Related Service</td>
<td>A service or support required for a student to benefit from special education. May include transportation, assistance, occupational therapy, speech therapy, counseling, and medical services.</td>
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<td>Resource Room</td>
<td>A non-inclusive setting where a student receives special education instruction from a special education teacher.</td>
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<td>Respite Care</td>
<td>Short term, temporary care provided to people with disabilities in order that their families can take a break from the daily routine of caregiving. Unlike childcare, respite services may sometimes involve overnight care for an extended period of time.</td>
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<td>Scaffolding</td>
<td>A teaching technique in which the more knowledgeable person provides scaffolds or supports so that the learner can accomplish, with assistance, the tasks that he or she could not otherwise complete. The scaffolds facilitate a student’s ability to build on prior knowledge and internalize new information. As the learner progresses, the scaffolds are removed.</td>
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<td>SCD</td>
<td>Specific Carbohydrate Diet</td>
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<td>Serotonin</td>
<td>A neurotransmitter (a brain chemical) that acts as a chemical messenger to transmit nerve signals between nerve cells. It is instrumental in the control of sleep, mood, some types of sensory perception, body-temperature regulation and appetite. Individuals with autism often have increased levels of serotonin in their blood and they produce, absorb and metabolize serotonin differently than those who are not autistic.</td>
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<td>SI</td>
<td>Sensory Integration - an innate neurobiological process in which the brain integrates and interprets sensory input from the environment.</td>
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<td>SIB</td>
<td>Self-Injurious Behavior</td>
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<td>SID</td>
<td>Sensory Integration Dysfunction – a disorder in which the brain is unable to process information brought in by the senses; areas involved include the tactile system (touch, pain, temperature and pressure), the</td>
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<td><strong>SIT</strong></td>
<td>Sensory Integration Therapy - a therapeutic approach, usually provided by an Occupational Therapist, that uses activities that provide the child with sensory information in order to organize the central nervous system, to assist the child in inhibiting and/or modulating sensory information, and to assist the child in processing a more organized response to sensory stimuli.</td>
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<td><strong>SLP</strong></td>
<td>Speech-Language Pathologist</td>
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<td><strong>Social Story</strong></td>
<td>A story that describes a specific situation, skill, event, or concept. Can be used to improve an individual's understanding and expectations. Follows a specifically designed structure and format.</td>
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<td><strong>Son-Rise Program</strong></td>
<td>An relationally-based treatment approach in which the caregiver joins the child in his or her repetitive behaviors and teaches the child through interactive play in order to bond with the child and create meaningful socialization and communication.</td>
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<td><strong>Special Education</strong></td>
<td>Specialized instruction designed to support the needs of children with disabilities. Special education is not a place. A child may receive special education services in the regular classroom, at home, or in another setting.</td>
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<td><strong>SRRI</strong></td>
<td>Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor – a class of anti-depressants used in to treat depression, anxiety disorders and some personality disorders.</td>
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<td><strong>SSI</strong></td>
<td>Supplemental Security Income – a Federal income supplement program funded by general tax revenues than is designed to help the aged, blind, and disabled persons, who have little or no income.</td>
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<td><strong>ST</strong></td>
<td>Speech Therapy</td>
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<td><strong>Stimming</strong></td>
<td>Another name for self-stimulation, a term for repetitive behaviors whose sole purpose appears to be to stimulate ones own senses. May help to regulate a person with autism by calming them, helping them concentrate or shut out an overwhelming sound. Other examples include hand-flapping, toe-walking, body spinning or rocking, lining up objects, echolalia, perseveration, and repeating rote phrases.</td>
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<td><strong>TEACCH</strong></td>
<td>Treatment and Education of Autistic and Related Communication Handicapped Children – a teaching methodology builds a program based on the individual’s level of functioning and aims at helping them progress. A major component of TEACCH is Structured Teaching which involves organizing the physical environment, developing schedules and work systems, making expectations clear and explicit, and using visual materials in order to develop skills and use these skills independently of direct adult prompting and cueing. A focus is placed on enhancing an individual’s strengths and interests rather than focusing on their deficits and on developing communication skills, including the pursuit of social and leisure interests.</td>
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<td><strong>Therapeutic Horseback Riding</strong></td>
<td>A therapy that teaches riding skills to individuals with disabilities. May have social and psychosocial benefits, build confidence and morale, and teach emotional control, coordination, and spatial judgement.</td>
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<td><strong>Transition</strong></td>
<td>The process of moving from one situation to another, for example, moving from pre-school to elementary school, or moving from high school to college, employment or adult life.</td>
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<td><strong>Visual Supports</strong></td>
<td>Tools such as objects, photos, drawings, and text that are used to increase the understanding of language and environmental expectations, and to provide structure and support for individuals with autism. Examples include The Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS), visual schedules, and choice boards.</td>
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