

This list has been developed to assist parents and professionals in finding supportive outpatient services that perform educational, developmental, and/or vocational services for students with disabilities. The list is not intended to be an exhaustive listing, nor does inclusion in this list constitute an endorsement of the faculty of Beard School or Chicago Public Schools.

FAMILY RESOURCES

Travelers Aid Chicago

Provides assistance with people with disabilities while traveling.

Located at O'Hare International Airport Terminal 2 P.O Box 66019 Chicago, IL 60666

Phone: 773-894-2427

Email: travelersaid@heartlandalliance.org

Autism Speaks, Autism Response Team

Autism Response Team (ART) members are specially trained to connect families with information, resources and opportunities.

Phone: English (888) 288-4762, Spanish (888) 772-9050

Website: <https://www.autismspeaks.org/>

Strategies to Excel

Coaching students with ADHD & Executive Function Challenges. Nancy Christian, M.Ed

Email: strategiestoexcel@gmail.com

Phone: 773-919-2346

Website: www.strategiestoexcel.com

Have Dreams

Have Dreams is a Chicago-area nonprofit serving children, teens and young adults impacted by Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). We offer after-school, workplace training and adult day programs, along with diagnostic and family support services. Serving ages 16 months to adulthood, we offer a broad range of programs to serve the full range of the autism spectrum.

Website: <http://havedreams.org>

Located at multiple locations 515 Busse Hwy, Ste 150 Park Ridge, IL 60068, 2020 Dempster Evanston, IL

Phone: (847) 322-8141, (847)905-0702

Autism Resource Center

The Resource Center for Autism and Developmental Delays (RCADD) is a Center for Literacy initiative established to provide resources, referral information, education, and training for parents and teachers of children with developmental disorders. The Center opened in 2010 in partnership with the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) and The Autism Program in Illinois (TAP). With our founding location in the Garfield Community Services Center on Chicago's west side, RCADD is staffed by professionals who work with families and providers to identify and prioritize current needs and select or create appropriate resources for children with

disabilities. Resources include books, software, games, home teaching kits, and visual supports. The library's resources are available to check out free of charge to provide community members and professionals with access to current, innovative, supportive services and materials. RCADD also conducts workshops that are designed to support family members of children newly diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Workshops use a curriculum developed to offer teachers and families a basic orientation to ASD, support identification of the disorder, and make appropriate referrals for children exhibiting problems with communication, social interaction or are in need of behavioral intervention.

The Resource Center for Autism and Developmental Delays
Garfield Community Services Center, Room 202
10 South Kedzie Ave.
Chicago, IL 60612-2706
Tel: 312-746-5447

The Resource Center for Autism and Developmental Delays
King Community Services Center, Room 103
4314 S. Cottage Grove
Chicago, IL 60653
Tel: 312-747-8571

Jewish Children and Family Services

Disability Hotline
Phone: 773-467-3838
Email: DisabilityHelpline@jcfs.org
Website: www.jcfs.org

Family Resource Center on Disabilities

Providing parents of children with disabilities with information, training, assistance and support
20 East Jackson Boulevard Room 300 Chicago, Illinois 60604
Phone: 312-939-3513
Email: info@frcd.org
Website: www.frcd.org

EVALUATION CENTERS

ERIKSON Center for Children and Families

Consultations ranging from 1-3 sessions for diagnostic evaluations; ranges around 150 dollars per hour.
Located at 451 North LaSalle Street Chicago, Illinois 60654
Email: ccf@erikson.edu
Website: www.CHADD.org

**Alexian Brothers Lake-Cook (ABLC)
Behavioral Health Hospital**

The Alexian Brothers have historically offered hope and help to those who are hurting in mind, body and spirit. Today, their mission of care lives on at Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital.

24 Hour a day hotline

855-383-2224

Hoffman Estates, IL 60194

Lurie's Children's Hospital

Lurie Children's is staffed and equipped to manage the complex care of children with concurrent medical and psychiatric treatment needs. The specialists help many young patients overcome depression, anxiety and other psychological or behavioral concerns related to their serious medical illness, as well as those children with primary mental health issues.

Email: foundation@luriechildrens.org

Phone: 312-227-7500

Advocate Christ Hospital

Hope Children's Hospital

Pediatric Rehab and Development

Speech, OT and PT evaluations

4440 W. 95th St.

Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Phone: 708-684-1323

Website: <http://www.advocatechildrenshospital.com/ach>

Glenbrook Hospital Learning Evaluation Center

2100 Pfingsten Rd.

Glenview, IL 60025

847-657-5800

Illinois Masonic Hospital Pediatric Developmental Center

The center is the state's largest outpatient pediatric developmental program; provides complete diagnostic work-ups and evaluation services. The Pediatric Developmental Center at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center provides home-based ABA and structured teaching treatment 3 times weekly for children ages 3 to 6. Cost: Private and public insurance accepted and financial assistance available.

Located at 3040 N. Wilton, 2nd Floor Chicago, IL 60657

Phone: 773-296-7340

Advocate-Lutheran General Hospital and Children's Hospital

Neuropsychological Testing Laboratory
1775 W. Dempster St.
Park Ridge, IL 60068
Phone: 847-723-6192

Northwestern University

Communication Research Registry
Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders
Northwestern University's Communication Research Registry connects families with research studies examining development, hearing, learning, and communication in children from birth to 17 years.
Located at 2240 Campus Drive # 2-328 Evanston, IL 60208
Phone: 1-855-354-3273

MEDICAL PROVIDERS

Specialist in Neurodevelopmental Pediatrics

Alan I Rosenblatt, M.D.
4711 Golf Rd.
Suite 800
Skokie, IL 60076

Developmental Optometrist

Dr. Neil W. Margolis
3250 N. Arlington Heights Rd.
Suite 109
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Erie Teen Health Center

Confidential services in a comfortable, bilingual, teen friendly environment for adolescents age 12-21.
Located at 1945 Wilson Avenue, 5th Floor Chicago, IL
Phone: 312-491-2400

Extended Home Living Services

Creating accessible solutions in homes and public facilities. Whether it is getting up and down the stairs, in and out of the house, or moving around in the home you love.
Located at 210 W. Campus Drive Suite B Arlington Heights, IL 60004
Phone: 630-717-6122

Dentists

Dr. Charles Czerepak
2536 N. Lincoln
(773)-880-5455

Christopher J. Morin, DDS
Phone (773)-871-4964
811 W. Wellington
Chicago, IL

Dr. Jerry Udelson
1125 Harlem Ave
Forest Park, IL 60130
(708) 386-5437

Dr. Leo Morton
Niles, IL
(847)-299-1095

Loyola: Oral Health Center
Maywood, IL
(708)-216-3678

Apple Dental
Phone: 773-384-3500.
Website: appledental.com

LEGAL

Free Legal Assistance Legal Assistance Foundation

This agency provides free legal services for low income individuals/families
120 South LaSalle St. Suite 900
Chicago, IL 60603
Phone: (312) 341-1070
Website: www.lafchicago.org

Special Education News From Monahan & Cohen

The law firm of Monahan & Cohen maintains a general practice of law with an emphasis on the legal problems of health care and human services providers and on the legal needs of children and adults, including the elderly, with mental, developmental and physical disabilities or substance dependency and their families.

Email: mdcspedlaw@earthlink.net

Wrightslaw Special Education Law and Advocacy

The Special Ed Advocate is a free online newsletter about special education legal and advocacy topics. Subscribers learn about new cases, articles, seminars and training, special offers on books by Pete & Pam Wright, and other useful information about special education law and advocacy.

Website: www.wrightslaw.com

Access Living

Established in 1980, Access Living is a change agent committed to fostering an inclusive society that enables Chicagoans with disabilities to live fully-engaged and self-directed lives. Nationally recognized as a leading force in the disability advocacy community, Access Living challenges stereotypes, protects civil rights and champions social reform. Their staff and volunteers combine knowledge and personal experience to deliver programs and services that equip people with disabilities to advocate for themselves. Access Living is at the forefront of the disability rights movement, removing barriers so people with disabilities can live the future they envision

Website: <https://www.accessliving.org>

Located at 115 West Chicago Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60654

Phone: 312-640-2100

Insurance Resources

Children and Family Benefits

The Children and Family Benefits Unit (CFBU) helps enroll families in income support programs (KidCare, TANF, food stamps) and advocates on their behalf.

Phone: 773-553-KIDS.

ALLKIDS

For children who need comprehensive, affordable health insurance regardless of family income, immigration status or health condition.

Website: www.allkids.com

Hospitals

Molina Healthcare

A medicaid health plan that contracts with the Illinois Department of Healthcare Family Services' Medicaid program to provide benefits and services to enrollees. A completed list of covered and noncovered services and additional benefits are available on the website.

Website: www.molinahealthcare.com.

Phone: (855) 458-4945

Rush University Medical Center

Provides diagnostic evaluations, resources, and therapy for students with Autism.

Located at 2150 West Harrison St. Chicago, IL 60612

Website: www.rush.edu/autism

Ann & Robert H. Lurie, Children's Hospital of Chicago, Outpatient Rehabilitation Services

Provides physical, occupational, and speech therapy for children of all ages. To schedule an appointment, an order is written by a physician for therapy consult.

call 1-800-KIDS-DOC to schedule an evaluation.

Located at 225 East Chicago Avenue Chicago, IL 60611

Phone: (312) 227-6240

Chicago Lakeshore Hospital

A dedicated, state of the art child and adolescent facility providing immediate crisis stabilization for acute behavioral and psychiatric conditions. Along with a traditional medical approach to care, they teach children alternative and appropriate means of expression including how to demonstrate respect for themselves and others and to take responsibility for their own behavior.

Multiple Locations Throughout Chicago

Phone: 800-888-0560

Website: www.chicagolakeshorehospital.com

Garfield Park Behavioral Hospital

Dedicated to providing exceptional behavioral health and psychiatric support to children and youth.

Located at 520 North Ridgeway Chicago, IL 60624

Phone: 773-265-3700

Website: www.garfieldparkhospital.com

Riveredge Hospital

Riveredge provides Partial Hospitalization programming to children and adolescents. We provide Intensive Outpatient Programs to adolescents and adults. Our outpatient team includes Program Therapists, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners and Psychiatrists. Expressive Therapy is offered daily to all outpatient participants. Transportation assistance will be assessed during the intake process

Located at 8311 W. Roosevelt Road Forest Park, IL 60130

Phone: 708-771-7000

Website: www.riveredgehospital.com

Advocacy Support

Recreational Activities

Tuesday's Child Summer Camp

a phenomenal opportunity for children age six and younger to receive behavioral support in a fun, peer based environment.

Website: www.tuesdayschildchicago.org

Phone: 773-423-5055

M-NASR (Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation)

Provides recreation, leisure and social activities for adults and children with a variety of mental, psychological and physical disabilities.

Located at 6820 W. Dempster Morton Grove, IL

Phone: 847-966-8340

Website: www.mnasr.org

Blue Bird Day

Summer Programs

Located at 304 N. Loomis Chicago, IL 60607

Website: info@bluebirddayschool.com

Camp Firefly

Camp Firefly provides an outstanding overnight summer camp experience for children, teens, and young adults who experience social disorders.

Website: jcfs.org/campfirefly

Phone: 855-275-5237

Camp Friendship

Easter Seals- Summer camp designed to help children with autism spectrum disorder and other disabilities to acquire social skills.

Located at 1939 W. 13th Street Chicago, IL 60608

Phone: 312-432-9140

Chicago Pediatric Therapy

Events for children with all abilities.

Located at 1739 N. Elston Ave. Chicago, IL

Webstie: www.cptwc.com

The Red Kite

The Red Kite Project at Chicago Children's Theatre creates multi-sensory, interactive theatre programming tailored specifically to the needs and interests of children on the autism spectrum. Millennium Park Theater Group. Cost around 10 dollars a person. Interactive theater focused on engaging kids with autism in make believe play.

Located at 1464 N Milwaukee Avenue, 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60622

Website: www.theredkiteproject.org

Phone: (773)227-0180

Chicago Park District

Norwood Park Special Recreation will be offering a program for individuals interested in participating in Special Olympics, in addition to seasonal programming. Independence Park offers adapted programs and activities for individuals with disabilities, one-on-one aides are available.

Therapeutic Recreation: designed to meet the needs of children with special needs at various parks throughout the city.

Website: <http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/>

SPRED

Special Religious Development, Archdiocese of Chicago

Located at 2956 S. Lowe Ave. Chicago, IL 60616

312-842-1039

Email: info@spred.org

THERAPY

Psychological Service

Pediatric Neuropsychology A Guide for Parents

A pediatric neuropsychologist is a licensed psychologist with expertise in how learning and behavior are associated with the development of brain structures and systems. Provides evaluation, case manager, and cognitive rehabilitation services.

Ari Graff, Psy.D. (708-828-0970)

Chicago Offices: Roscoe Village & Hyde Park

Email: agraffpsyd@yahoo.com

Website: www.arigraffpsyd.com

Shared Vision Psychological Services

Psychological services for children, adolescents, adults, and families in Oak Brook. Services provided by Clinical Psychologists and Licensed Clinical Social Workers who have specialties in play therapy, adolescent and adult psychotherapy, and psychological and neuropsychological assessment.

1200 Harger Road, Suite 600 Oak Brook, Illinois 60523

Phone: 630-571-5751

Fax: 630-571-5751

www.Buildinghealthyconnections.org

Janus Behavioral Health Services

Paulette Janus, LCSW

Providing individual, couples and family psychotherapy.

Located at 1300 W. Belmont Ave. Suite 35 Chicago, IL 60657 or 1159 Wilmette Ave. Office 9 Wilmette, IL 60091

Phone: 773-217-0477

Behavioral Services

Journeys ABA

Journeys ABA provides home-based ABA evaluations and individualized therapy to children with autism ages 2 and up. Private insurance accepted, call or email for rates.

Website: <http://www.journeysaba.com/Services.html>

Phone: 773-442-2485

Email: jouneysaba@gmail.com

My Autism Clinic

My Autism Clinic provides home-based ABA and Verbal Behavior services with a focus on building communication skills, play skills, and daily living skills. Reducing challenging behaviors is emphasized. Additionally, parent training is a central component of the team's approach. Services are provided for children ages 18 months to 10 years.

Located at 405 North Wabash Avenue #2809, Chicago, IL 60611

Phone: 312-513-7641

Email: saloni@myautismclinic.com

Website: <http://www.myautismclinic.com>

ABA Building Blocks

Mary-Oaire DiMiceli of ABA Building Blocks provides home-based ABA programming and school consultation for children with autism ages 2 to 22. Typically, requires out-of-pocket pay; however, will work with families to receive insurance reimbursement.

Located at 4109 North Kenmore Avenue, 1A, Chicago, IL 60612

Phone: 917-324-2933

Email: marcydimiceli@gmail.com

ABA Chicago, Inc.

ABA Chicago, Inc. provides home-based ABA therapy to children and adults with autism/PDD behavior difficulties and/or developmental delays. Qualified therapists provide one-on-one services with Board Certified Behavior Analysts supervising the individualized program. Verbal behavior is emphasized. These services are available for children ages 2- to 18-years-old. Rates available upon request. Private insurance accepted.

Website: <http://www.abachicago.com/>

Located at 30 East Buran Street #1106, Chicago, IL 60611

Phone: 847-997-7157

Email: leam@abachicago.com

Autism Home Support Services, Inc.

Autism Home Support Services, Inc. provides home-based ABA therapy from respite, structured care, skill development, behavioral support and remediation for individuals with autism ages 1- to 21-years-old.

Located at 85 Revere Drive, Suite AA, Northbrook, IL 60062

Website: <http://www.autismhomesupport.com/>
Phone: 847-564-0822
Email: contact@AutismHomeSupport.com

Chicago Behavior Development, LLC

Chicago Behavior Development, LLC provide at least 20 hours of home-based ABA services, including 1-to-1 therapy and facilitation of peer interactions for children ages 2 to 6. Private insurance accepted.

Located at 4677 North Virginia Avenue, Chicago, IL 60625

Website: <http://chicagobehaviordevelopment.com/>

Phone: 312-520-4657

Email: jsmagner@chicagobehaviordevelopment.com

Reach ABA

Individualized Applied Behavior Analysis to children in their home environment. Also provides consultation and training to school and daycare programs.

Website: www.ReachABA.com

Phone: 773-609-4076

Email: admin@reachaba.com

Skill Sprout

Provides in-home ABA programs to aide in the development of skills of all kinds and levels. Learn targeted skills by breaking down complex skills into their simplest parts.

Website: www.skillsprout.com

Phone: (800)-773-1682

Email: info@skillsprout.com

Trumpet Behavioral Health Illinois

Specializes in the treatment of children and adults with autism, developmental delays, and other exceptional needs. Provides behavioral consulting, education, and special training for parents, educators, and healthcare professionals. Services provided in home, schools, communities, and intensive treatment centers.

Locations: Chicago, Libertyville

Website: www.tbh.com, [facebook.com/TrumpetAutismCareChicago](https://www.facebook.com/TrumpetAutismCareChicago)

Phone: 872-208-7893

Tuesday's Child

Provides parenting program, child center, familias felices (Spanish language child and parent program), outreach program, summer camp, speech therapy, occupational, complete diagnostic assessments

Located at DePaul College Prep 3633 N. California Ave Chicago, Illinois 60618

Phone: 773-423-5055

Website: www.TuesdaysChildChicago.org

BGF Performance Systems, LLC

Nicole Cissell, BCBA

Located at 4801 W Peterson Avenue. Ste. 512 Chicago, IL 60646

Phone: 312-806-7937, 773-539-7099

Email: nicole@bgfperformance.com

Continuum Behavioral Health

Provides services in home, school, center and community settings include: Applied Behavioral Analysis Program Evaluations, consulting, development instruction with an emphasis in verbal behavior, functional behavioral assessment, behavior reduction programming and treatment, parent and staff training, BCBA/BCABA supervision, IEP development and advocacy, contractual services to public and private schools, trained 1:1 home program instruction.

Located at PO Box 1688 Batavia, Illinois 60510

Phone: 630-286-0026

Website: www.behavioralhealthservices.net

Steinberg Behavior Solutions

Provides comprehensive in-home ABA programs for children with Autism.

Located at 4711 Gold Road Suite 100 Skokie, IL 60076

Phone: 847-676-5398

Email: Sarah@SBSABA.com

Janus Behavioral Health Services

Phone: 773-217-0477

Website: www.janusbhs.com

Email: pjanus@janusbhs.com

Speech Services

Speech in the City

A group of Speech Pathologists who enjoy working with families and children to optimize their communication potential. Services provided: receptive and expressive language, articulation and phonological processing disorders, Apraxia and motor speech disorders, feeding and swallowing difficulties, Autism spectrum disorders, and other pragmatic language disorders.

Located at 2925 N. Southport Chicago, IL 60657

Phone: 773-388-8918

Website: www.speechinthecity.org

Center for Speech and Language Disorders

Provides services articulation, language, literacy, memory, pragmatic/social, hyperlexia, fluency, voice, augmentative communication, swallowing. Specialized intervention programs offered

include Language to Literacy, Leap into Literacy, Social communication program, Fast ForWord
Payment options include insurance, scholarship, and private pay.

Locations: Lombard, Chicago

Phone: Chicago Number 630-652-0200, Lombard Number 630-652-0200

Website: www.cslid.org

Multiple Service Clinics

Step By Step

Services Provided include speech therapy, occupational therapy, behavior therapy, social work, developmental therapy.

A full service therapy practice in Chicago with a community of clinicians whose passion is to improve the lives of children and their families. Specializes in birth to 3 years of age, but also provides ongoing care to help preschool and school-aged child reach their developmental needs. Offers services including the following: occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, developmental therapy, and interpretation services.

Located at 811 W. Evergreen Suite 306 Chicago, IL 60642

Phone: 773-206-7997, 312-725-4090

Email: likitsa@stepbystepcaregroup.com

Website: www.stepbystepcaregroup.com

SMART LOVE Family Services

Autism Treatment Program that is designed to help children and adolescents (18 months to 18 years) who have an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) diagnosis. Program includes child therapy sessions as well as individualized support to parents and caregivers.

Locations in Chicago, Oak Brook, and Oak Park

Phone: (773)-665-8052 ext. 4

Website: <http://www.smartlovetfamily.org/>

Eyas Clinic

Pediatric Therapy clinic offering occupational therapy, developmental therapy, speech therapy, ABA, floortime, and feeding therapy.

Located at 310 N Loomis Chicago IL 60607

Phone: 312-733-0883

Website: www.eyaslanding.com

North Shore Pediatric Therapy

Services include neuropsychologists, occupational therapy, physical therapist, speech therapist, school advocates, ABA, social workers, nutritionists, and academic specialists.

Located at Bucktown, Evanston, Des Plaines, Lincolnwood, Glenview, Lake Bluff, and Highland Park.

Phone: 877-486-4140

Playworks Therapy, Inc.

Services include developmental therapy, occupational therapy, feeding therapy, speech therapy, social work, behavior counseling, and playgroups.

Located at 2043 W Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL 60618

Phone: 773-332-9439

Wee Speech, P.C.

Services included physical therapy, occupational therapy, education workshops.

Located at 8833 Gross Point Rd. Skokie IL 60077

Phone: 847-329-8226

Email: office@weespeech.com

Website: www.weespeech.com

City Kids INC.

Services include physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, early childhood readiness classes.

Located at 5669 N Northwest Highway Chicago IL 60646

Phone: 773-467-5669

JCFS

Services include speech Therapy, developmental therapy, occupational therapy, aquatic therapy, peer groups, counseling and support.

Located at 3145 W Pratt Chicago IL 60645

Phone: 847-412-4377

Email: ipi@jcfs.org

KGH Consultation & Treatment

KGH Constultation & Treatment provides comprehensive services with a family focused approach for PDD/Autism, ADD/ADHD, behavior disorders, learning disabilities, Aspergers Syndrome, developmental delays, non-compliant behavior, executive functioning deficits, social and relationship deficits, social and relationship deficits, sensory integration dysfunction, Autism Spectrum Disorders, and non-verbal learning disabilities. Services include ABA therapy, intensive treatment, speech therapy, occupational therapy, developmental therapy, behavior therapy, academic tutoring, educational therapy, social work, relationship and social development treatment, school shadowing, social dyad/peer play, music and movement, relaxation and yoga, multi-sensory reading treatment, and executive functioning treatment.

Website: www.KGHconsultation.org

A Place for Children

Committed to excellence in the identification, evaluation and treatment of children in need of Occupational and Speech therapy services. Provides home-based ABA therapy for 2-3 hour sessions several times each week.

Located at 2425 W. Pratt Blvd. Chicago, IL 60646
Phone: 773 338 5437
Contact Email: erin@aplaceforchildren.com
Website: <http://www.aplaceforchildren.com>

SCHOOLS

Jewish Child & Family Services

JCFS provides respite and counseling services to special needs families. In the past, they have offered a one week overnight camp for children with social skills issues, individual/couple/family/group counseling, weekend family camp, sibshops (an opportunity for siblings of children with special needs to interact), and a parent support group.
Website: www.jcfs.org

The Hope Institute Learning Academy

The Hope Institute for Children and Families is an educational innovator which invests in research-based best practices and continuously supports and enriches HILA's program.
Located at 1628 W. Washington Blvd. Chicago, IL 60612
Phone: 773-534-7405

The Chicago Lighthouse for People who are Blind or Visually Impaired

Through world class programs in rehabilitation, education, employment and independent living. Also provides developmental therapy to infants up to age three who are blind or visually impaired.
Located at 1850 W. Roosevelt Rd. Chicago, IL
Phone: 312-666-1331

Black Bear Academy- Chicago Private

Offers individual speech and occupational therapy, small group classes, Black Bear Buddies, Social Language Groups, Fine motor groups and more.
Located at 1801 W. Byron Chicago, IL 60613
Website: Blackbearacademy.com

Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago

Autism Therapeutic Schools

Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago maximizes independence and creates opportunities for people with disabilities and other special needs to live, learn, work, and play in their communities by providing a lifespan of premier services.
Located at 1939 W. 13th St. Chicago, IL 60608
Phone: 312-432-1751

Northern Illinois Academy

Residents attend the on site, therapeutic day school that is approved by the Illinois State Board of Education. Provides services for students who are ages 6-21. Offers academic and transition programs.

Located at 998 Corporate Blvd. Aurora, IL
Phone: 630-952-2266

Metropolitan Schoolhouse

Supports the individual interests of students. Will work with our students to create a program specific to their individual interests while still completing the required material needed for promotion.

Located at 1415 N. Dayton Chicago, IL 60642
Website: www.MetropolitanSchoolhouse.com

New Horizon Center

Located at 6737 W. Forest Preserve Ave. Chicago, IL 60634
Website: www.newhorizoncenter.org

Educational Resources

Someone Special

Specializing in spreading the message of acceptance and kindness through personalized books for children with special needs.

Website: someonespecialbooks.com
Email: info@someonespecialbooks.com

Lekotek

National Lekotek Center is resource center that provides therapeutic tools and game are to increase your child's level of engagement.

Located at 2001 N Clybourn Ave. Chicago, IL 60614
Phone: 773-528-5766

Starnet

Provides a variety of opportunities for personal and professional growth for children ages birth to eight that provides training, consultation, and resources, specifically for children with special needs. Offers support with education, family, health, advocacy, financial planning, and legal rights.

Located at 2651 W Washington Blvd-2nd Floor Chicago, IL 60612
Phone: (773) 553-5595

Office of Diverse Learner Supports and Services (ODLSS)

School Assignment Support within Chicago Public Schools

Phone: (773) 553-1800

To provide high quality and specially designed instructional supports and services for all diverse learners within their least restrictive environment

42 West Madison
Chicago, Illinois 60602
Phone (773) 553-1800
Fax (773) 553-1801
Email: odlss@cps.edu

Educational Services Associates

Design a treatment plan based on a variety of resources that develops a complete picture of the student. Focuses on scaffolded learning and globalized application. Supports available include: educational therapy, remedial tutoring, coaching, neuropsychological testing, counseling, and psychotherapy.

Located in Hyde Park Chicago
Phone: (773) 538-5003

EMERGENCY RESOURCES

Maryville Crisis Nursery

Provides short-term emergency care for children of families who are experiencing a severe disruptive crisis or who are challenge with other urgent family matters and concerns. Provides crisis child-care and respite care for 24 to 72 hours for children 6 years and under.

Located at 4015 N. Oak Park Ave. Chicago, IL 60634
Phone: (773) -205-3637

Universal Family Connection's Homeless Youth Program, Chicago Public Schools

Provides youth (ages 14-24) with safety, well-being, and self-sufficiency. Services include case management, shelter/housing referrals, shower facilities, community referrals, food, clothing, laundry, toiletries, etc.

Located at Drop in Center 1350 W 103rd St. Chicago, IL 60643
Phone: (773) 881-1711 ext. 1176

Community Service Centers

City of Chicago provides link to housing, job training/placement, domestic violence assistance, food, clothing, rental assistance, cooling/warming centers, and rental assistance.

Located at multiple locations citywide.

Phone: Call 311 for assistance at any hour or (312) 743-0300

Crisis Nursery Coalition of Illinois

Provides support to families to cope with difficult times; children are kept safe in a temporary, warm, nurturing environment licensed by the state of Illinois. Supports families with home and/or community violence, family dysfunction, homelessness, medical emergencies, lost employment. Provides services at all times, 365 days of the year with immediate crisis child care and respite care, parent support and parent education groups, donations, and advocacy.

Located at 4015 N Oak Park Ave. Chicago, IL 60634

Phone: (773) 205-3637

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is a division of the Department of Health & Human Services.

We promote the economic and social well-being of families, children, individuals and communities with partnerships, funding, guidance, training and technical assistance.

Website: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/>

Social Security and Disability Information

You will need to complete an Application for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and a Child Disability Report. The report collects information about the child's disabling condition and how it affects his/her ability to function.

Website: <https://www.ssa.gov/disabilityssi/>

RECREATIONAL THERAPIES

CHiME - Chicago Center for Music Education

Early Childhood Music classes offer: A great way to instill the joy and love of music in your child
1148 West Chicago Ave.

Website: www.chimemusic.org

Phone: 312-738-2646

Chicago Blue Dolphins - Swim Lessons

Lincoln Park & Edgewater locations

Website: Chicagobluedolphins.com

Phone: 773-342-7250

Therapy Yoga Gymnastics Rocks

TYGR therapists create fun and exciting therapy sessions, using balance beams, obstacle courses, parallel bars, rings, trampolines, and tumbling tracks.

Email: info@therapygymnastics.com

Website: www.therapygymnastics.com

Phone: 773-991-7316

Chicago Dance Therapy

Dance/Movement Therapy and Counseling

Dance/Movement Therapy is the psychotherapeutic use of movement to promote emotional, cognitive, physical, and social integration of the individual.

Website: www.Chicagodancetherapy.com

KEEN - Kids Enjoy Exercise Now

KEEN is a national non profit, volunteer-led organization that provides FREE one to one recreation and fitness opportunities for children and young adults with developmental and physical disabilities.

Website: www.KEENchicago.org

Email: info@KEENchicago.org

Phone: 312-876-2535

Able Play

Website play products for children with special needs

Website: www.ableplay.org

The Sensory Kids Store

Products online or by appointment in the showroom in Wilmette. Will assist with the right solutions for your sensational kids.

Website: www.sensorykidstore.com

Email: info@sensorykidsstore.com

Phone: 847-920-4708

JCC Chicago - All-in Swim

Swim program designed specifically for individuals on the autism spectrum disorder.

Cassandra Dolan, Director

Phone: 773-516-5855

Email: cdolan@gojcc.org

Hubbard Street Dance - Adaptive Dance

The Autism Project, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago

Phone: 312/850-9744 x 133

Email: khumphreys@hubbardstreetdance.com

Website: <http://www.hubbardstreetdance.com/>

Carnivals and Holiday Events

Free carnivals and holiday events. Watch website for more information

Website: <http://www.specialkidsday.org>

Simon Malls Caring Santa and Caring Bunny

For Malls that would have "friendly" Santa and Bunny.

<http://www.simon.com/>

Lifeline Theatre

Can offer autism friendly performances

Website: <http://www.lifelinetheatre.com>

MISCELLANEOUS

Hair Cuts

Jack and Jill

Located at 70 North Northwest Highway Park Ridge, Illinois 60068

Phone: 847-692-3550

Website: <http://www.jackandjillparkridge.com/>

RELIGIOUS CLASSES - CATHOLIC

Located at St. John Brebeuf 8307 N. Harlem Niles, IL 60714

Lois Kozney.

Phone: 847-966-5338.

LINKS TO ADDITIONAL RESOURCE GUIDES

<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/spec-ed/html/parent-resources.htm>

<http://www.equipforequality.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/R026-Disability-Resource-Guide-2012.pdf>

<http://www.illinoispecial.com/>

Grant Opportunities

<http://act-today.org/act-today-grant-program.php>

American Academy of Pediatrics (www.aap.org/autism)

Autism Articles for Families – from AAP parent site: www.healthychildren.org

- [Autism Spectrum Disorder](#)
- [How Doctors Screen for Autism](#)
- [How is Autism Diagnosed?](#)
- [If Autism is Suspected, What's Next?](#)
- [What are the Early Signs of Autism?](#)
- [When Not to Worry About Autism](#)
- [Words of Support for Parents of a Child with Autism](#)

Association for Science in Autism Treatment (www.asatonline.org)

Autism Science Foundation (www.autismsciencefoundation.org)

Interactive Autism Network (www.iancommunity.org)

Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative (SFARI, www.sfari.org)

American Association for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (www.aaid.org)

TheArc (www.thearc.org)

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (www.asha.org)

Dr Caroline Bowen's "speech-language-therapy dot com" (www.speech-language-therapy.com)

Organization for Autism Research (www.researchautism.org)

Family Voices (www.familyvoices.org)

The link to the safety toolkit for wandering is at the following website: [AWAARE - Autism Wandering Resources](#) (would NOT endorse the entire NAA website)

AWAARE is a central source of information and tools designed to address autism-related

wandering: <http://nationalautismassociation.org/resources/awaare-wandering/naas-awaare-site/>

National Autism Association: <http://nationalautismassociation.org/>

NAA Big Red Safety Shop:

<http://nationalautismassociation.org/store/#ecwid:category=2416355&mode=category&offset=0&sort=normal>

NAA's Big Red Safety Teacher Toolkit:

<http://nationalautismassociation.org/big-red-safety-box/naas-big-red-safety-teacher-toolkit-now-available/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Autism Web site

This site features updated and easy-to-read information on facts, screening, diagnosis, and treatments; pages dedicated to data & statistics, research, and publications; individualized pages for different visitors—people with ASD, families, healthcare providers, educators, and partners.

[Learn The Signs. Act Early.](#)

The CDC, in partnership with many organizations, including the AAP, launched an early identification awareness campaign to educate parents about childhood development, including early warning signs of autism and other developmental disorders. The earlier a child with a developmental delay receives appropriate assessment and intervention, the better the developmental outcome.

[Birth to 5: Watch me Thrive](#)

CDC's "Learn the Signs. Act Early." program has joined with others across the federal government to promote developmental and behavioral screening through the Birth to 5: Watch Me Thrive campaign, launched in March 2014. The program will help families look for and celebrate milestones; promote universal screenings; identify delays as early as possible; and improve the support available to help children succeed in school and thrive alongside their peers.

Additional Information from the CDC on Autism

- [Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring \(ADDM\) Network](#)
- [Community Report](#) from the [Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring \(ADDM\) Network](#)
- [CDC's autism research](#)
- [Developmental milestone checklists and other resources to help families track their child's development](#)
- [What to do if you are concerned about your child's development](#)
- [State's early intervention contact information](#)

[Autism Apps](#)

[Resource Guide](#)

[What is Autism?](#)

[Screen Your Child](#)

[Tool Kits](#)

Tool Kits – Autism Speaks

[100 Day Kit](#)

The Autism Speaks 100 Day Kit for Newly Diagnosed Families of Young Children was created specifically for families of children ages 4 and under to make the best possible use of the 100 days following their child's diagnosis of autism. Download [More...](#)

[100 Day Kit for School Age Children](#)

The Autism Speaks 100 Day Kit is a tool designed to help assist families of children between the ages of 5 and 13 recently diagnosed with autism during the critical period following an autism diagnosis. Download the 100 Day Kit for Newly Diagnosed [More...](#)

[Advocacy Tool Kit](#)

The Advocacy Tool Kit aims to help both individuals on the spectrum and their families develop and use critical advocacy skills in order to achieve the best possible outcomes. The goal of this tool kit is to provide a basic knowledge of [More...](#)

[ATN/AIR-P An Introduction to Behavioral Health Treatments](#)

Behavioral challenges are a common problem for children with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Many children with ASD have challenges managing certain behaviors such as aggression or not following directions in addition to experiencing limitations in [More...](#)

[ATN/AIR-P Autism and Medication: Safe and Careful Use](#)

More than half of children with autism take medicine at some point during their childhood. Deciding to use medicine to treat children with autism is a difficult decision for most families. The Autism and Medication: Safe and Careful Use tool kit was [More...](#)

[ATN/AIR-P Blood Draw Tool Kit](#)

Blood Draw Tool Kit for Parents Has your child with ASD had a negative experience during a doctor's visit that has left him or her feeling anxious? Does the prospect of having your child's blood drawn make you anxious as well? Perhaps this [More...](#)

[ATN/AIR-P Dental Professionals' Tool Kit](#)

Many children experience a great deal of anxiety when visiting the dental practitioner's office, especially those with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Feelings of anxiety may be caused by a number of factors including a fear of the unknown, difficulties [More...](#)

[ATN/AIR-P Guide for Managing Constipation in Children](#)

Many children have constipation. Children with autism might have more problems with constipation than other children. Difficulty with things like sitting on the toilet and eating different foods can make treating constipation challenging. The Guide for [More...](#)

[ATN/AIR-P Guide to Exploring Feeding Behavior in Autism](#)

Some researchers estimate that over half of children with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) have some sort of issue with food. These feeding issues can be of significant concern to parents because they might impact their child's health and wellbeing. [More...](#)

[ATN/AIR-P Guide to Providing Feedback to Families Affected by Autism](#)

Parents never forget the feedback session as receiving a diagnosis of autism for their child can be a very stressful and overwhelming experience. However, while this is a difficult diagnosis to provide to a family, a well-run feedback session may also be a [More...](#)

[ATN/AIR-P Guides to EEGs for Parents and Providers](#)

Individuals with autism spectrum disorder have a higher risk of epilepsy compared to individuals in the general population and are often referred for an electroencephalogram (EEG). An EEG is a procedure or test that measures brain activity. This is done by [More...](#)

[ATN/AIR-P Guides to Pica for Parents and Professionals](#)

Pica, the repeated eating of non-food items, is the eating disorder most often displayed by children with autism. In published literature, the most common definition of pica is the placing of non-edible items past the plane of the lips. For example, a child [More...](#)

[ATN/AIR-P Medication Decision Aid](#)

Many families of children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) are faced with the option of using medicines to help treat their child's challenging behaviors. This is a tough medical decision and there is no one right answer. Though many children [More...](#)

[ATN/AIR-P Parent's Guide to Applied Behavior Analysis](#)

This tool kit is an informational guide to Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA). It is designed to provide you with a better understanding of ABA, how your child can benefit, and where/how you can seek ABA services. ABA is a set of principles that form the basis [More...](#)

[ATN/AIR-P Parent's Guide to Toilet Training in Autism](#)

Each child with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is different. But children with ASD have some common problems that can make toileting training hard for them. Knowing about these problems can help you come up with different ways to meet your child's [More...](#)

[ATN/AIR-P Puberty and Adolescence Resource: A Guide for Parents](#)

Puberty can be a time of mixed feelings for parents and pre-teens. It may be a time of pride and celebration, as well as a time of worry and confusion. It is hard for pre-teens to understand the many changes that come along with puberty. Also, parents may [More...](#)

[ATN/AIR-P Sleep Tool Kits](#)

New! Autism Speaks Launches New Tool Kit: Sleep Strategies for Teens with Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Guide for Parents! Many teens with ASD have difficulty with sleep, which can affect their daytime functioning, as well as that of their families. This tool [More...](#)

[ATN/AIR-P Tools for Successful Vision Exams](#)

New experiences, including medical visits, can be difficult for individuals with autism. A trip to the optometrist's office for a vision exam is one type of medical visit that can be challenging because an eye exam may be upsetting for patients who are [More...](#)

[ATN/AIR-P Visual Supports and Autism Spectrum Disorder](#)

The Visual Supports and Autism Spectrum Disorder tool kit provides a step-by-step, easy-to-understand introduction to visual supports and the ways that parents and other caregivers can begin using them. The pamphlet provides practical examples of how to begin [More...](#)

[Challenging Behaviors Tool Kit](#)

Sometimes the difficulties of autism can lead to behaviors that are quite challenging for us to understand and address. Most individuals with autism will display challenging behaviors of some sort at some point in their lives. Autism Speaks has created this [More...](#)

[Community-based Skills Assessment](#)

Autism Speaks is excited to announce the launch of our latest tool Community-based Skills Assessment (CSA): Developing a Personalized Transition Plan! The challenges associated with the transition from school services to adulthood for individuals [More...](#)

[Dental Tool Kit](#)

Download the Dental Tool Kit here! Oral health is a very important component of healthy daily living. But for some children with autism, oral health habits can be challenging. Autism Speaks has teamed up with Colgate and Philips-Sonicare to create a dental [More...](#)

[Employment Tool Kit](#)

Autism Speaks would like to help you with your employment search by giving you tools and tips while you look for a job. As an adult on the autism spectrum, you have strengths and abilities that employers are just beginning to understand. We have written [More...](#)

[Family Support Tool Kits](#)

Family members and friends of individuals with autism are presented with many joys and many challenges throughout their lives. Learning that a family member or friend is affected by autism is a powerful moment. People respond with a wide array of [More...](#)

[Financial Planning Tool Kit](#)

Autism Speaks is excited to announce the launch of our latest tool kit to provide you with essential information and guidance you need to develop a plan for your child's financial future! All parents worry about their children's futures - some [More...](#)

[First Concern to Action Tool Kit](#)

If you have a concern about how your child is communicating, interacting or behaving, you are probably wondering what to do next. The First Concern to Action Tool Kit can help you sort that out. The purpose of this tool kit is to provide you with specific [More...](#)

[Housing and Community Living](#)

We welcome you to join our 2 networking groups on LinkedIn - designed to connect members of the community around specific adult-related issues. Please join us! Autism Employment Network, powered by Autism Speaks Housing & Community Living [More...](#)

[Individualized Education Program \(IEP\) Guide and Other Resources](#)

Download the IEP Guide here! Individualized Education Program (IEP): Summary, Process and Practical Tips from Goodwin Procter LLP After months of research, a team of lawyers at Goodwin Procter LLP has generously put together a helpful guide to help [More...](#)

[Is It Autism and If So, What Next? A Guide for Adults](#)

As autism awareness has grown dramatically in recent years, many young adults and adults have learned the signs and felt there may be a connection between their feelings and behaviors and the symptoms of autism. Is It Autism and If So, What Next? A [More...](#)

[Leading the Way: Autism-Friendly Youth Organizations](#)

Unfortunately, boys and girls with autism often face barriers to participating fully in youth community organizations. And so with help from respected experts in the field of autism and special education, experienced parents and caregivers, we have created [More...](#)

[Manual de los 100 Días](#)

El Manual de 100 Días de Autism Speaks fue diseñado exclusivamente para familias que han sido recientemente evaluadas. Este manual sirve como una guía durante los 100 primeros días después del diagnóstico de autismo [More...](#)

[Participant's Guide to Autism Drug Research](#)

Purpose of this guide The decision to become a participant in drug research is an important one, all the more so if you are making this decision for your child or other dependent. It is an option that is becoming increasingly available to individuals and [More...](#)

[Postsecondary Educational Opportunities Guide](#)

The Postsecondary Educational Opportunities Guide is designed to help you and your family explore the different opportunities and learning environments after leaving high school. With only about one third of youth with autism attending college in young [More...](#)

[Puzzle Piece Project and Autism Awareness Month Tool Kit](#)

Autism Awareness Month is a time to educate your community about autism and Light It Up Blue! Spreading autism awareness in schools is a great way to celebrate April and promote inclusion and acceptance in the classroom and beyond. The Puzzle Piece [More...](#)

[School Community Tool Kit](#)

A tool kit to assist members of the school community in understanding and supporting students with autism. The purpose of this kit is to provide helpful information about students with autism and tools and strategies to achieve positive interactions and [More...](#)

[Self-Funded Employer Tool Kit](#)

The Autism Speaks Self-Funded Employer Tool Kit is designed to help families approach their self-funded "ERISA" employers about adding benefits to the company health plan. Self-funded insurance plans are one of the most widely used forms of [More...](#)

[Talking to Parents About Autism Kit](#)

Today, 1 in 68 American children is diagnosed with autism. As an early childhood educator, you may be the first to notice when a child is not meeting typical developmental milestones. When this happens, you need to talk to the parents and urge them to have [More...](#)

[Tips for Successful Haircuts](#)

Haircuts can sometimes be difficult for people with autism. The challenges can range from sensory issues to anxiety about what will happen during the haircutting process. Autism Speaks has partnered with Snip-its and Melmark New England to develop a [More...](#)

[Transition Tool Kit](#)

New! Autism Speaks is excited to announce the launch of Version 2.0 of the popular Transition Tool Kit. The Autism Speaks Transition Tool Kit was created to serve as a guide to assist families on the journey from adolescence to adulthood. The guiding [More...](#)

Video Tutorial: Bringing the Early Signs of Autism Spectrum Disorders into Focus

The AAP, Centers for Disease Control, National Institutes of Health, autism advocacy groups, and researchers have all drawn attention to the importance of the early detection of autism spectrum disorders (ASD) to make access to early intervention possible. The scientific literature indicates that the average age of ASD diagnosis is 4 years, despite the fact that about half of children with this neurodevelopmental disorder may be detected by age 14 months. The AAP recommends that ASD-specific screeners be administered within pediatric practices beginning at age 18 months. However, these screeners are imperfect and often require parents to provide 'yes' or 'no' answers to questions about the presence of certain behaviors. Yet ASD-related behaviors often present inconsistently, and are intermixed with behaviors seen in typically-developing children. In addition, ASD-related behaviors often differ from typical development in quality, not just in quantity.

To improve recognition of the early signs of ASD among pediatricians, parents, and early intervention providers, autism researcher Dr Rebecca Landa of Kennedy Krieger Institute has developed a free 9-minute video tutorial on ASD behavioral signs in one-year-olds. The tutorial consists of 6 video clips comparing toddlers who show no signs of ASD to toddlers who show early signs of ASD. Each video is presented with voice-over explaining how the specific behaviors exhibited by the child, as they occur on screen, are either indicative of ASD or typical child development. Dr Landa is the director of the Kennedy Krieger Institute's Center for Autism and Related Disorders. The videos and information presented within this tutorial were obtained through her research, funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, focused on early markers

of autism spectrum disorders and early developmental characteristics of children with and without ASD.

Easter Seals Autism Services

Easter Seals programs across the country provide a wide variety of interventions that help individuals of all abilities, including those with ASDs. Easter Seals currently has a combination of services specifically targeting individuals with the diagnosis of ASDs as well as other services that include individuals with ASD among their service recipients.

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

The NIMH is part of the National Institutes of Health. The NIMH site contains autism information including: identification, treatment, clinical trials, statistics, and free publications.