

Website Resources

First 100 Days Kit and Asperger Syndrome and High Functioning Autism Tool Kit
Tool kits to assist families in getting the critical information they need in the first 100 days after a diagnosis of Autism or Asperger Syndrome.
www.autismspeaks.org (search for first 100 days kit)
888-AUTISM-2 (toll-free)

The Office of Autism Services
Helps agencies in Missouri develop programs for children and adults with autism. Provides information about services that help individuals with autism and their families.
800-207-9329 (toll-free)
<http://dmh.mo.gov/dd/autism>

Navigating Autism Services: A Community Guide for Missouri
Provides information about autism and helps guide families through the resources and services available to families in Missouri.
www.dmh.mo.gov/dd/manuals/index.htm
(click on "Navigating Autism Services" to download)

Interactive Autism Network (IAN)
The most recent information on topics such as current therapies and treatments, how parents can tell which therapies are working the best, and the impact of autism on the family. Parents may also participate in online research.
www.ianproject.org

Transitioning into adulthood with ASD
Resources for youth and their families on areas that must be considered as a young person becomes an adult, such as employment, education and community living.
<http://thompsoncenter.missouri.edu>
(search for transition)

Missouri Best Practice Guidelines for Screening, Diagnosis, and Assessment
Informs parents about best practice guidelines for ASD screening, diagnosis and assessment.
www.autismguidelines.dmh.mo.gov
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Help for You and Your Child with Autism



Southwest Missouri Autism Resource Brochure

The Rapid Response Initiative is a cooperative effort among state and local agencies to improve access to care for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families.

For updated autism resources visit:
<http://dmh.mo.gov/dd/manuals/index.htm>



Where Do I Start?

The agencies below can help you find services in your area:

DMH - Division of Developmental Disabilities (all ages)
Is the place to start for services offered by the state for individuals with developmental disabilities. The Regional Offices determine eligibility for Division services.

Springfield Regional Office
<http://dmh.mo.gov/springfield/contact.htm>
888-549-6635 (toll-free) or 417-895-7400

Joplin Regional Office
<http://dmh.mo.gov/joplin/contact.htm>
888-549-6634 (toll-free) or 417-629-3020

First Steps (Birth – 3 years)
Assists families of children with a developmental delay or disability from birth-3 years by providing coordinated supports, resources and early intervention services.
www.dese.mo.gov/divspced/FirstSteps
866-583-2392 (toll-free)

School Districts (3 years and older)
Helps children age 3 or older with a developmental delay or disability.
www.dese.mo.gov/directory
573-751-4212

Autism Centers

Burrell Autism Center
1300 E. Bradford Parkway, Springfield, MO 65804
www.burrellautismcenter.com 417-761-5330

Ozarks Area Autism Clinic
OCH-Christian County Clinic
105 S. Ridgecrest, Nixa, MO 65714
www.ochonline.com/locations/ozark-area-autism-clinic/
417-724-3004

Ozark Center for Autism
2411 S. Jackson Ave., Joplin, MO 64803
www.freemanhealth.com/ozarkcenterforautism
417-347-7850

Children's Mercy Hospitals & Clinics Developmental & Behavioral Sciences
2401 Gillham Rd., Kansas City, MO 64151
www.childrens-mercy.org
(search for developmental sciences)
816-234-3674

MU Thompson Center for Autism & Neurodevelopmental Disorders
205 Portland St., Columbia, MO 65211
<http://thompsoncenter.missouri.edu>
888-720-0015 (toll-free) or 573-882-6081

Education & Child Care

Parents as Teachers

Provides information, support and encouragement to parents of young children.

www.parentsasteachers.org

or contact your local school district

Child Care Aware of Missouri

Helps parents find child care and provides education to child care providers.

<http://mo.childcareaware.org>

866-892-3228 (toll-free)

Head Start/Early Head Start

Offers child development programs for children birth to age 5.

<http://www.moheadstart.org> (search for head start map)

573-884-5078

Special Education Advocacy & Services

Missouri Parents Act (MPACT)

Information and training for parents on their child's educational services.

www.ptimpact.org 800-743-7634 (toll-free)

Missouri Protection & Advocacy

Legal services for families.

www.moadvocacy.org 800-392-8667 (toll-free)

Legal Services of Missouri

Legal services for income eligible persons

www.lsmo.org/Home/PublicWeb/LegalSvcs

Parent Supports

Ozark Center for Autism

Offers an autism support group and periodic parent training. 417-347-7850

Burrell Autism Center

Offers periodic parent workshops.

www.burrellautismcenter.com 417-761-5330

TouchPoint Autism Services

Offers parent classes, respite and recreational activities.

www.touchpointautism.org 573-339-9300

Judevine Center for Autism

Offers periodic parent training/workshops, and support groups.

www.judevinecenter.org 800-780-6545

CounterPoint Autism Services Division of the Arc of the Ozarks

Specializing in individualized behavioral, academic, and social challenges

www.thearcoftheozarks.org 417-864-7887

Missouri Families for Effective Autism Treatment (MO-FEAT)

Provides education & support for families, a resource directory, and support group list.

www.mofeat.org 877-275-8988 (toll-free)

Missouri Family-to-Family (MoF2F)

Is a free statewide program that provides information and referral services, connects parents to other parents who understand what it is like to be there, and offers leadership development opportunities.

www.mofamilytofamily.org or

www.sharingourstrengths.com 800-444-0821 (toll-free)

ParentLink

Provides information about parenting, child development and services in your area.

<http://parentlink.missouri.edu>

800-552-8522 (toll-free, English)

888-460-0008 (toll-free, Spanish)

Mental Health Services

For a listing of mental health providers see

<http://dmh.mo.gov/cps/org/adminagents.htm>



Financial Resources

Private Health Insurance

You may qualify for services under your health insurance policy. For information about Missouri's autism insurance legislation call 800-726-7390 (toll-free) or

visit: <http://insurance.mo.gov/consumer/autismFAQ>

Department of Social Services, Family Support Division

If you do not have health insurance, you can apply for Medicaid at the local Family Support Division office in your county www.dss.mo.gov/fsd/office/index.htm

or complete an application online at

www.dss.mo.gov/mhk/appl.htm

Safety

Autism Safety Project

An online tool kit for first responders, individuals with autism, and families that provides information and strategies to promote safety in emergency situations.

www.autismsafetyproject.org

Isabel's House (children's emergency shelter)

<http://isabelhouse.org>

417-865-2273

Other Services that May Help Your Family

Senate Bill 40 Boards (SB 40)

Boards that provide special county tax dollars to fund programs and services for people with developmental disabilities who live in their counties. Check this website to determine if there is a SB 40 Board in your county.

www.macdds.org/county_info.html

Bureau of Special Health Care Needs (BSHCN)

Offers service coordination and funding for medically necessary services for children and youth with complex physical health care needs and their families. Medical and financial eligibility guidelines must be met to receive funded services. In addition, BSHCN has a Family Partnership program to support families of children and youth with special health care needs.

www.dhss.mo.gov/SHCN

1-800-451-0669 (toll-free)

Missouri Assistive Technology

Loans assistive technology devices to persons with a disability.

www.at.mo.gov

800-647-8557 (toll-free)

Missouri Centers for Independent Living

Provide services to persons with disabilities to enable them to remain in their own home and community.

www.mosilc.org/CIL.htm

877-222-8963 (toll-free)

MSU Project Access

Provides autism resource information to public schools and designs autism specific professional development opportunities.

www.missouristate.edu/access

866-481-3841 (toll-free) or 417-836-6657