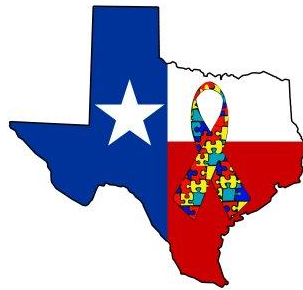


The Autism Society of Greater San Antonio



Resource Guide

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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: 3rd 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 lchill98@juno.com or 210-452-9552.

Monthly Training Session Info

When: 1st 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.

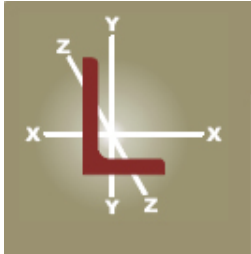
Case Management: The ARC offers The Comprehensive School-Based Case Management (CSCM) Program which provides assistance with community resources for families of children and young adults with developmental delays and medical conditions between 3 and 21 years of age. The CSCM program serves all of Bexar 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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Autism Acronyms & Definitions

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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

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

217 Howard St, San Antonio, TX 78212

210-227-0170

Hugo Hernandez, LBSW, Director of Client Services

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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.

The ARC of San Antonio

13430 West Ave, San Antonio, TX 78216

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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).

Parent Alliance for Learning and Support (PALS)

Brighton, The Center of Inclusive Communities
14207 Higgins, San Antonio, Texas 78217
210-826-4492

Lorene Dillard, Parents Program Manager

pals@brightonsa.org

www.brightonsa.org

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.

Autism Consultants

Lupe Casteneda, MS, BCBA - Autism Behavioral Services of South Texas

210-316-6410

lupe@autismbehavioralservices.com

www.autismbehavioralservices.com

Board Certified Behavior Analyst; provides services to individuals including ABA program development, home consultation, program review, training, and direct implementation of ABA program; provides services to private and public school programs including development of strategies for classroom management and instruction, implementation of ABA strategies in a structured teaching classroom, and staff training; provides functional behavior assessments (FBA) and develops behavior intervention plans (BIP).

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Autism/Educational consultant; TEACCH Consultant; Speech Language Pathologist; Co-author of Task Bonanza, Task Tracker and Print It Teach It CDs; Co-publisher of Word By Word reading program for student with low vocal skills; presents nationally and internationally on classroom strategies for students with autism.

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High Functioning Autism & Asperger's Consultant; Speech Language Pathologist; designs individual programs for children using a multi-disciplinary team approach and the SCERTS methodology; offers parent education and consultation; offers assistance with ARD meetings and drafting IEP goals.

Pat Harwerth, BS, BCABA - The Step Forward School

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Board Certified Associate Behavior Analyst; Director of The Step Forward School; provides ABA home program development and consultation.

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Board Certified Associate Behavior Analyst; provides consultation, individualized assessments, program development, parent and therapist training, and one to one instruction; authorized Tricare provider; serves Austin, San Antonio, and surrounding areas.

Jason Simmons, MS, BCBA - Clinical Behavior Analysis & Living Resources

530 Burnside, San Antonio, TX 78209

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www.abatherapy.net

Board Certified Behavior Analyst; Director of Operations for Clinical Behavior Analysis & Living Resources, LLC; provides a parent skills learning program and in home and community based ABA educational programming consultation; provides functional analysis and behavior support planning; provides full day workshop training for ABA therapy teams, staff, teachers, social workers, psychologists and anyone interested in learning about Applied Behavior Analysis.

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Marci Taylor, OTR, BCABA - Treehouse Pediatric Center & Day Program

10515 Gulfdale, San Antonio, TX 78216

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Board Certified Associate Behavioral Analyst; Executive Director of Treehouse Pediatric Center & Day Program; registered Occupational Therapist, Sensory Integration specialist, Neuro-Developmental Therapy trained.

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12003 Huebner Rd, San Antonio, TX 78230

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Abby Kurth, MPH, MS - The Center for Complementary Medicine

7300 Blanco Rd, Suite 503, San Antonio, TX 78216
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Region 20 Education Service Center

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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

14207 Higgins Rd, San Antonio, TX 78217

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Rainbow Station

322 E Sonterra Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78258

210-495-5222

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Kids R Kids

1909 W Bitters, San Antonio, TX 78248

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Northside ISD Community Based PPCD Programs*

Enrichment Academy

7500 Eckhert, San Antonio, TX 78240

210-521-3884

Lone Star Learning Academy Childcare Center

12740 Bandera Rd, Helotes, TX 78023

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210-696-6599

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Study Hall Learning Center

2046 Babcock Rd, San Antonio, TX 78229
 210-615-1414

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 210-684-4932

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Ft. Sam Houston	1902 Winans Rd, SA 78218 210-368-8700	Kathy McKinney	www.fort-sam-houston.k12.tx.us
Harlandale	934 Flanders Ave, SA 78211 210-921-4700	Denise Stavinoha	www.harlandale.k12.tx.us
Judson	8205 Palisades, SA 78233 210-945-5350	Barbara Moore	www.judsonisd.org
Lackland	2460 Kenly Ave, Bldg 8265, SA 78236 210-357-5042	David Chidgey	www.lacklandisd.net
Military ISD Co-Op (Ft. Sam, Lackland, Randolph Field)	1701 Bowley, SA 78234 210-368-8771	Kathy McKinney	
North East	8961 Tesoro Dr, SA 78217 210-804-7201	Dr. Judith Moening	www.neisd.net
Northside	5651 Grissom Rd, SA 78238 210-397-8742	Denette Krawczynski Dr. Donald Moecker	www.nisd.net
Randolph Field	Building 1225 Randolph AFB Universal City 78148 210-357-2300	Carolyn Stephens	classroom.randolph-field.k12.tx.us/webs/district
San Antonio	1702 N Alamo St, SA 78215 210-225-2406	Vangie Aguilera	www.saisd.net
Somerset	P O Box 279, Somerset 78069 866-465-8828	Joyce St. John	somerset.tx.schoolwebpages.com
South San	2415 W Southcross, SA 78211 210-977-7250	Virginia Trevino	www.southsanisd.net
Southside	1460 Martinez-Losoya Rd SA 78221 210-882-1600	Oralia Lara	www.southsideisd.org
Southwest	11914 Dragon Ln, SA 78252 210-622-4355	Dr. Alana B Collins	www.swisd.net

Atascosa County

Charlotte (Atas-McMull Co-op)	831 Stadium Dr, Pleasanton 78064 830-569-1355	Mary Killian	charlotte.echalk.com
Jourdanton (Atas-McMull Co-op)	831 Stadium Dr, Pleasanton 78064 830-569-1355	Mary Killian	www.jourdanton.k12.tx.us
Lytle	15437 Cottage, Lytle 78052 830-709-5128	Teresa Kreger	lytleisd.com
Pleasanton (Atas-McMull Co-op)	831 Stadium Dr, Pleasanton 78064 830-569-1355	Mary Killian	www.pisd.us
Poteet (Atas-McMull Co-op)	831 Stadium Dr, Pleasanton 78064 830-569-1355	Mary Killian	www.poteet.k12.tx.us

Bandera County

Bandera	P O Box 727, Bandera 78003 830-796-6210	Patricia Galm	www.banderaisd.net
Medina	PO Box 1470, Medina 78055 830-589-2851	Gina Marks	www.medinaisd.org

Dimmit County

Carrizo Springs	300 N. 7th St, Carrizo Springs 78834 830-876-3503	Rogelio Alvarado	www.cscisd.net
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Frio County

Dilley (Spec Ed Co-op 12)	811 E Alabama, Pearsall 78061 830-334-8027	Robert Navarro	www.dilleyisd.net
Pearsall (Spec Ed Co-op 12)	811 E Alabama, Pearsall 78061 830-334-8027	Robert Navarro	www.pearsall.k12.tx.us

Kendall County

Boerne	123 W Johns Rd, Boerne 78006 830-357-2095	April Langston	www.boerne-isd.net
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Kerr County

Center Point	P O Box 377, Center Point 78010 830-634-2171		www.center-point.k12.tx.us
Divide	120 Divide School Rd, Mountain Home 78058 210-640-3322		
Hunt	P O Box 259, Hunt 78024 830-238-4893		www.huntisd.com
Ingram	510 College St, Ingram 78025 830-367-4630	Patty McFarland	www.ingramisd.net
Kerrville	729 Tivy St, Kerrville 78028 830-257-2203	Ron Chew	www.kerrvilleisd.net

Kinney County

Brackett (Cluster 5 Special Ed Co-op)	308 N Piper Ln, Uvalde 78801 830-278-6695	Wendell Allen McAndrew	www.brackett.k12.tx.us
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La Salle County

Cotulla (Spec Ed Co-op 12)	811 E Alabama, Pearsall 78061 830-334-8027	Robert Navarro	www.cotullaisd.org
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Maverick County

Eagle Pass	1420 Eidson Rd, Eagle Pass 78852 830-773-5181		www.eaglepassisd.net
D'Hanis (Cluster 5 Special Ed Co-op)	308 N Piper Ln, Uvalde 78801 830-278-6695	Wendell Allen McAndrew	dhanis.tx.schoolwebpages.com

Medina County

Devine	1225 W Hondo, Devine 78016 830-851-0881	Penelope Strum- Borkert	www.devineisd.org
Hondo	2604 Ave E, Hondo 78861 830-426-5902	Cynthia Gann	www.hondo.k12.tx.us
Medina Valley	8449 FM 471 South, Castroville 78009 830-931-2243	Dr. Lonna Clinch	www.mvisd.com
Natalia	P O Box 548, Natalia 78059 830-663-5603	Martha Posey	www.nataliaisd.net

Real County

Leakey (Cluster 5 Special Ed Co-op)	308 N Piper Ln, Uvalde 78801 830-278-6695	Wendell Allen McAndrew	www.leakey.k12.tx.us
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Uvalde County

Knippa (Cluster 5 Special Ed Co-op)	308 N Piper Ln, Uvalde 78801 830-278-6695	Wendell Allen McAndrew	www.knipppa.k12.tx.us
Sabinal (Cluster 5 Special Ed Co-op)	308 N Piper Ln, Uvalde 78801 830-278-6695	Wendell Allen McAndrew	www.sabinal.k12.tx.us
Utopia (Cluster 5 Special Ed Co-op)	308 N Piper Ln, Uvalde 78801 830-278-6695	Wendell Allen McAndrew	www.utopia.k12.tx.us
Uvalde	1000 N Getty St, Uvalde 78801 830-278-6655	Maria E Martinez	www.uvalde-cons.k12.tx.us

Wilson County

Floresville (Wilson Co Co-op)	908 10th St, Floresville 78114 830-393-5300	Paige Fuller	www.floresville.isd.tenet.edu
La Vernia	13600 US Hwy 87 W La Vernia 78121 210-779-2181	Janis Moore	www.la-vernia.k12.tx.us
Poth (Wilson Co Co-op)	908 10th St, Floresville 78114 830-393-5300	Paige Fuller	www.poth.k12.tx.us
Stockdale	503 S 4th St, Stockdale 78160 830-996-3551		www.stockdale.k12.tx.us

Zavala County

Crystal City	805 E Crockett St, Crystal City 78839 830-374-8085	Mercedes Casarez	
La Pryor	P O Box 519, La Pryor 78872 830-365-4004	Ron Royal	www.lapryor.net

Region 13 School Districts

Comal County

Comal	1421 N Business 35 New Braunfels 78130 830-221-2057	Deb Mahone	www.comalisd.org
New Braunfels	430 W Mill St, New Braunfels 78131 830-643-5700	Martie Rodriguez	www.newbraunfels.txed.net

Guadalupe County

Marion	PO Box 189, Marion 78124 830-914-2803	Barbara Blackman	www.marion.txed.net
Navarro (Caldwell Co Spec Ed Co-op)	401 Bois D'Arc, Lockhart 78644 512-398-0261	Monica Parks	www.navarroisd.net
Schertz-Cibolo- Universal City	1060 Elbel, Schertz 78154 210-945-6015	Rolando Ocanas	www.scuc.txed.net
Seguin	216 E College St, Seguin 78155 830-379-1220	Dr. Sylvia Phipps	www.seguin.k12.tx.us

Bastrop County

Bastrop (Bastrop Spec Ed Co-op)	1507 Pine St, Bastrop 78602 512-321-4488	Sherri Gilmore	www.bastrop.isd.tenet.edu
Elgin	PO Box 351, Elgin 78621 512-281-9737	Janis Linder	www.elginisd.net
McDade (Giddings Spec Svcs Co-op)	PO Box 389, Giddings 78942 979-542-2875	Lanell Lindell	www.mcdadeisd.net
Smithville (Bastrop Spec Ed Co-op)	1507 Pine St, Bastrop 78602 512-321-4488	Sherri Gilmore	www.smithvilleisd.org

Blanco County

Blanco (Hays-Blanco Spec Ed Services Co-op)	PO Box 479, Dripping Springs 78620 512-858-0606	Sandy Gravenor	www.blancoisd.com
Johnson City (Hays-Blanco Spec Ed Services Co-op)	PO Box 479, Dripping Springs 78620 512-858-0606	Sandy Gravenor	johnsoncity.tx.schoolwebpages.com

Burnet County

Burnet	208 Brier Ln, Burnet 78611 512-756-2124	Tom Bagwell	www.burnet.txed.net
Marble Falls	2001 Broadway, Marble Falls 78654 830-693-4357	Susan Maughan	marble.tx.schoolwebpages.com

Caldwell County

Lockhart (Caldwell Co Spec Ed Co-op)	401 Bois D'Arc, Lockhart 78644 512-398-0261	Monica Parks	www.lockhartisd.org
Luling (Caldwell Co Spec Ed Co-op)	401 Bois D'Arc, Lockhart 78644 512-398-0261	Monica Parks	www.luling.txed.net
Prairie Lea (Caldwell Co Spec Ed Co-op)	401 Bois D'Arc, Lockhart 78644 512-398-0261	Monica Parks	

Fayette County

Fayetteville (Giddings Spec Svcs Co-op)	PO Box 389, Giddings 78942 979-542-2875	Lanell Lindell	www.fayettevilleisd.com
Flatonia (Gonzales Co. Co-op)	PO Box 1691, Gonzales 78629 830-672-6441	Robert Pacini	www.esc13.net/flatonia
La Grange (Bastrop Spec Ed Co-op)	1507 Pine St, Bastrop 78602 512-321-4488	Sherri Gilmore	www.la-grange.k12.tx.us
Round Top- Carmine (Giddings Spec Svcs Co-op)	PO Box 389, Giddings 78942 979-542-2875	Lanell Lindell	www.rtcisd.net
Schulenburg	517 N St, Schulenburg 78956 979-743-3448	Susan McPherson	www.schulenburg.txed.net

Gillespie County

Doss (Hill Country Spec Ed Co-op)	234 Friendship Ln Fredericksburg 78624 830-997-9551	Debra Wilks	
Fredericksburg (Hill Country Spec Ed Co-op)	234 Friendship Ln Fredericksburg 78624 830-997-9551	Debra Wilks	www.fisd.org
Harper (Hill Country Spec Ed Co-op)	234 Friendship Ln Fredericksburg 78624 830-997-9551	Debra Wilks	www.harper.txed.net

Gonzales County

Gonzales (Gonzales Co. Co-op)	PO Box 1691, Gonzales 78629 830-672-6441	Robert Pacini	www.gonzales.txed.net
Nixon-Smiley	Box 400, 800 Ranch Rd, Nixon 78140 830-582-1536	Linda Parks	www.nixonsmileycisd.org
Waelder (Gonzales Co. Co-op)	PO Box 1691, Gonzales 78629 830-672-6441	Robert Pacini	www.esc13.net/waelder

Hays County

Dripping Springs (Hays-Blanco Spec Ed Services Co-op)	PO Box 479, Dripping Springs 78620 512-858-0606	Sandy Gravenor	www.dripping-springs.k12.tx.us
Hays	4125A Fm 967, Buda 78610 512-295-5301	Gloria Beare	www.hayscisd.net
San Marcos	500 W Hutchison, San Marcos 78666 512-393-6933	Kathy Hutto	www.smcisd.net
Wimberley (Hays-Blanco Spec Ed Services Co-op)	PO Box 479, Dripping Springs 78620 512-858-0606	Sandy Gravenor	www.wimberley.txed.net

Kendall County

Comfort (Hill Country Spec Ed Co-op)	234 Friendship Ln Fredericksburg 78624 830-997-9551	Debra Wilks	www.comfort.txed.net
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Llano County

Llano	200 E Lampasas, Llano 78643 325-247-3790	Janna Lilly	www.llano.k12.tx.us
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Lee County

Dime Box (Giddings Spec Svcs Co-op)	PO Box 389, Giddings 78942 979-542-2875	Lanell Lindell	www.dimebox.groupfusion.net
Giddings (Giddings Spec Svcs Co-op)	PO Box 389, Giddings 78942 979-542-2875	Lanell Lindell	www.giddings.txed.net
Lexington	8731 N Hwy 77, Lexington 78947 979-773-2254	Alexandria North	www.lexington.isd.tenet.edu

Milam County

Thorndale	300 N Main, Thorndale 76577 512-898-2538		www.thorndale.txed.net
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Travis County

Austin	1111 W 6 th St, Austin 78703 512-414-1731	Joan Altobelli	www.austin.isd.tenet.edu
Del Valle	5301 Ross Rd, Del Valle 78617 512-386-3080	Marlyse Summer	www.del-valle.k12.tx.us
Eanes	601 Camp Craft Rd, Austin 78746 512-732-9020	Cynthia Martin	www.eanes.k12.tx.us
Lake Travis	3322 Ranch Rd 620 S, Austin 78734 512-533-6460	Pamela Carroll	www.laketravis.txed.net
Lago Vista	PO Box 4929, Lago Vista 78645 512-267-8328	Valerie Lynn Guerra	www.lagovistaisd.net
Manor	PO Box 359, Manor 78653 512-278-4000	Becky Burnett	www.manorisd.net
Pflugerville	1401 W Pecan, Pflugerville 78660 512-594-0160	Dr. Barbara Booth	www.pflugervilleisd.net

Williamson County

Coupland (East Williamson Co. Co-op)	602 W 12 th St, Taylor 76574 512-365-9398	Dale Lewis	www.couplandisd.org
Florence	PO Box 489, Florence 76527 254-793-2540	Karen Collum	www.florence.k12.tx.us
Georgetown	603 Lakeway Dr, Georgetown 78628 512-943-5000	Stephanie Blanck	www.georgetownisd.org
Granger (East Williamson Co. Co-op)	602 W 12 th St, Taylor 76574 512-365-9398	Dale Lewis	www.grangerisd.net
Hutto (East Williamson Co. Co-op)	602 W 12 th St, Taylor 76574 512-365-9398	Dale Lewis	www.hutto.txed.net
Jarrell	PO Box 9, Jarrell 76537 512-746-2124	Alice Bartley	www.esc13.net/jarrell
Leander	PO Box 218, Leander 78646 512-434-5006	Kendra Shaffer	www.leanderisd.org
Liberty Hill	PO Box 68, Liberty Hill 78642 512-260-5590	Marsha Scott	www.libertyhill.txed.net
Round Rock	1311 Round Rock Ave Round Rock 78681 512-464-5140	Linda Noy	www.roundrockisd.org
Taylor (East Williamson Co. Co-op)	602 W 12 th St, Taylor 76574 512-365-9398	Dale Lewis	www.taylorisd.org
Thrall (East Williamson Co. Co-op)	602 W 12 th St, Taylor 76574 512-365-9398	Dale Lewis	www.thrallisd.com

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
sdresser@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

Palomino Center, Room 119, 1400 W Villaret, San Antonio, TX 78224
210-921-5287
210-921-5227 (TTY)
Lydia Hannawi, Coordinator, disABILITY Support Services
lhannawi@accd.edu
www.accd.edu/pac/htm/Current/services/dss

San Antonio College - disABILITY Support Services

Chance Academic Center, Room 124, 1300 San Pedro Ave, San Antonio, TX 78212
210-733-2347
210-733-2362 (TTY)
Maria T. Gomez, Coordinator disABILITY Support Services
mgomez@accd.edu
www.accd.edu/sac/students/dss

St. Mary's University

One Camino Santa Maria, San Antonio, TX 78228
210-436-3135
Mary Jo Porter, PhD, Counseling and Testing
mporter@stmarytx.edu
www.stmarytx.edu/disability

St. Phillips College – Educational Support Services, Special Needs Program

Norris Technical Building, Room 116, 1801 Martin Luther King Dr, San Antonio TX, 78203
210-531-3394
Tim Rasch, Manager of Academic Support
Rasch@accd.edu
www.accd.edu/spc/spcmain/ess

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

210-458-4157

210-458-4981 (TTY)

Lorraine Harrison, Director Disability Services

lorraine.harrison@utsa.edu

Nestor Reyes, Assistant Director Disability Services

nestor.reyes@utsa.edu

www.utsa.edu/disability

The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) Downtown Campus – Disability Services

Room 1.302 Buena Vista Building (BV), 501 W Durango Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78207

210-458-2945 (voice & TTY)

Lorraine Harrison, Director Disability Services

lorraine.harrison@utsa.edu

Patrick Slonaker, Assistant Director Disability Services

Patrick.slonaker@utsa.edu

www.utsa.edu/disability

University of the Incarnate Word – Student Disability Services

Administration Bldg, Rm 117, 4301 Broadway, CPO #28, San Antonio, TX 78209

210-802-5813

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.enclsa.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

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

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.fsatx.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 (NACCRRRA and TACCRRRA) 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 (TACCRRRA)

702 San Pedro, San Antonio, TX 78212

210-299-2424

TACCRRRA@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

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

ICF-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

andrade@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_respites.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.psysolutions.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.echr.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](mailto: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

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

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

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, Pipecreek, 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.echr.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

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

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

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.

Sports & Recreation

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.ahll.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.vsatx.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.

Churches

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.archdiosasa.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.enclsa.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 Castrovilla 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

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

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 Proband, 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.

SAMMinistires 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.angelfoodministires.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.ellaustin.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-Heatly Bldg, 4900 N Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78751
1-877-KIDS-NOW or 1-877-543-7669
1-800-735-2988 (TYT)

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-Heatly 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.

Education

Texas Education Agency (TEA)

1701 N Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78701
1-800-252-9668
1-512-463-9734

www.tea.state.tx.us/special.ed

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 or 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

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

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.txpta.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.chadonline.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 sanantoniaasa:

<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/sanantoniaasa>

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:

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/sanantoniaaspergers>

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 collaboration 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

tsgonzales@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.dotolearn.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 Rachele 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 (wristtag) 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.ldaamerica.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

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

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

Formerly known 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

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.

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

Public Information and Communications Branch
6001 Executive Blvd, Rm 8184, MSC 9663, Bethesda, MD 20892
1-866-615-6464
1-866-415-8051 (TTY)
www.nimh.nih.gov

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.

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)

NIH Neurological Institute
P.O. Box 5801, Bethesda, MD 20824
Voice: 1-800-352-9424
TTY: 1-301-468-5981
www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/autism/autism.htm

Strives to reduce the burden of neurological disease by conducting research, providing grants for research, providing fellowships to increase scientific expertise in the neurological fields, and collecting and disseminating research information related to neurological fields. 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)

2000 North 14th St, Suite 480, Arlington, VA 22201
Phone: 1-703-243-9710
www.researchautism.org

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)

www.aspergersyndrome.org

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

www.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

A free surf camp for children with autism. Founded by parents of a child with autism. Check website for dates and locations.

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

AAC	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.
ABA	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.
ABC	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.
ABLLS	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.
ADA	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.
Adaptive PE	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.
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADI-R	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.
ADOS-G	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.
Advocacy	The act of arguing on behalf of a particular issue, idea or person.
AIT	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.
AMC	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.
ALE	Adaptive Learning Environment – a non-inclusive setting in which children learn self-help skills, life-skills, and vocational skills.
Aphasia	The loss of the ability to use or understand words.

Apraxia	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.
ARD	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
ASA	The Autism Society of America
ASDS	Asperger’s Syndrome Diagnostic Scale – an assessment tool consisting of 50 yes/no questions that can be used to determine if an individual is likely to have Asperger’s Syndrome.
ASGSA	The Autism Society of Greater San Antonio
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder
Aspie	A term that some use to describe a person with Asperger’s Syndrome.
AT	Assistive Technology
Auditory Processing Disorder	A brain disorder in which an individual has difficulty recognizing and interpreting auditory information including sounds and speech.
Augmentative Communication	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.
Augmentative Communication Device	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.
Autism Addendum/Supplement	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.
Autistic Spectrum Disorders	A group of developmental disabilities including Autistic Disorder, Asperger’s Syndrome, Rett’s Disorder, B and Childhood Disintegrative Disorder (CDD).
Boardmaker	A computer software program used to make communication boards, picture schedules, instruction sheets, and more.
BCBA	Board Certified Behavior Analyst
BCABA	Board Certified Associate Behavior Analyst
BIP	Behavior Intervention Plan
BMC	Behavior Management Class
CAN	Cure Autism Now - a nonprofit organization devoted to accelerating the pace of biomedical research in autism through raising funds for research, education and outreach.
CARS	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.

CBA	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.
CDC	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.
CHAT	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.
Chelation	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.
Circle of Friends	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.
CLASS	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.
CMC	Content Mastery Class – a non-inclusive, child-directed setting where a child may go for help with a particular task or subject.
Community Based PPCD	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.
CWP	Consolidated Waiver 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.
DADS	Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services.
DAHS	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.
DAN! Protocol	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.
DAN! Doctor	A physician who subscribes to the DAN! Protocol and has attended a DAN Conference.
DARS	Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services.
Day Habilitation	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.
DBMB	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.
DIR	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.

DTT	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 "Discrete Trial Therapy" or "Discrete Trial Teaching" and is part of the Lovaas ABA-based method.
DSM-III, DSM-III-R, & DSM-IV	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.
DVD	Developmental Verbal Dyspraxia – dyspraxia affecting a child's ability to use speech; another name for apraxia of speech
Dyspraxia	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.
Echolalia	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 or phrase just spoken by another person. Delayed echolalia is the repetition of 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 of communication.
ECI	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.
Educational Need	A measurement used to determine if special education services are necessary. All IEP goals must be tied to an educational need.
EEG	Electroencephalogram – a test that measures and records the electrical activity of the brain. May be used to identify seizures.
ESY	Extended School Year
FAPE	Free Appropriate Public Education
Fast ForWord	A computerized training program for individuals with language and reading problems.
FBA	Functional Behavior Assessment
FC or F/C	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.

FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
Floortime	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.
GFCF	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.
HCS	Home and Community Based Services
HFA	High Functioning Autism
Hidden Curriculum	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.
Hippotherapy	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.
Hyperbarics	Uses a pressurized air chamber that is designed to increase oxygen in the cells of the body.
Hyperlexia	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.
Hypotonia	Low muscle tone
ICF-MR/RC	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.
IDEA	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.
IEE	Independent Educational Evaluation
IEP	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.
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan
IHFS	In Home & Family Support
Inclusion	A placement in which a child with a disability is educated with his or her non-disabled peers in a regular classroom.
ITP	Individualized Transition Plan
Ketogenic Diet	A high fat, adequate protein, low carbohydrate diet used to prevent epileptic seizures.
LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social Worker
LD	Learning Disability
The Listening Program	An auditory processing and memory program.
LRE	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.

Mainstreaming	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
M-CHAT	Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers
MDCP	Medically Dependent Children Program
Medicaid Waiver Program	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.
Modifications	Changes in what a student is expected to learn and how the student is taught by the school.
MR	Mentally Retarded or Mental Retardation
MRA	Mental Retardation Authority
MRI	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.
MSDD	Multi System Developmental Disorder – a term used by Stanley Greenspan, founder of The DIR/Floortime Model, to describe an autistic-like set of symptoms.
Music Therapy	The use of music by a trained professional to accomplish individualized, therapeutic goals.
NCLB	No Child Left Behind
Neurofeedback Training	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.
Neuroleptic	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.
NICHCY	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.
NIH	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.
NT	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
OCD	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
ODD	Oppositional Defiant Disorder
OT	Occupational Therapy – a therapy used to help those with delays in fine motor skills and sensory integration dysfunction.
OTR	Occupational Therapist – Registered
Paraprofessional	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.

PDD	Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PDD-NOS or PDD/NOS	Pervasive Developmental Disorder--Not Otherwise Specified
PECS	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.
PEP-R	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.
Perseveration	Persistent repetition of an activity, word, phrase, or movement.
Play Therapy	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.
Pica	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.
PT	Physical Therapy
PTI	Parent Training and Information Centers
RDI	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.
Related Service	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.
Resource Room	A non-inclusive setting where a student receives special education instruction from a special education teacher.
Respite Care	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.
Scaffolding	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.
SCD	Specific Carbohydrate Diet
Serotonin	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.
SI	Sensory Integration - an innate neurobiological process in which the brain integrates and interprets sensory input from the environment.
SIB	Self-Injurious Behavior
SID	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

	vestibular system (movement and changes in the position of the head in relation to the body), and the proprioceptive system (position of the body in space).
SIT	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.
SLP	Speech-Language Pathologist
Social Story	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.
Son-Rise Program	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.
Special Education	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.
SRRI	Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor – a class of anti-depressants used in to treat depression, anxiety disorders and some personality disorders.
SSI	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.
ST	Speech Therapy
Stimming	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.
TEACCH	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.
Therapeutic Horseback Riding	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.
Transition	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.
Visual Supports	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.

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