

WEBSITES PARENTS MAY FIND HELPFUL:

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American Academy of Pediatrics

www.aap.org/healthtopics/autism.cfm

Autism-specific news, resources.

Arc of the United States

www.thearc.org

Network to improve systems of supports and services; connect families; inspire communities, influence public policy. Advocates for rights, full participation of all persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Autism and PDD Support Network

www.autism-pdd.net/resources-by-state.html

Comprehensive state-by-state guide to local Early Intervention (birth-5 yrs), state agencies, and resources.

AutismInfo.com

www.autisminfo.com/

Extensive list of "A to Z" autism resources; daily updates, studies, and news articles.

Autism Key

www.autismkey.com/

News, videos, information, resources. Autism Message Boards; find other local parents and support.

www.autismkey.com/autism_directory.htm

Resource list of organizations, foundations, and treatment centers.

AutismLink ListServ

<http://lists.autismlink.com/lists/>

Online news service covering autism-related news including biomedical, research, education, advocacy, etc. Sign up for areas of interest nationally or regionally.

AutisticLiving.com

www.autisticliving.com/

Comprehensive web site developed by parents for parents. "The goal of AutisticLiving.com is to allow parents to spend more time living instead of researching, which in turn will give their autistic child a better life". Topics include: news articles, behavioral therapy information, dietary information, doctor directory, events, forum discussion, links, etc.

Autism Research Center, Cambridge University, England

www.autismresearchcenter.com

Mission of ARC is to understand the biomedical causes of autism spectrum conditions, and develop new and validated methods for assessment and intervention. The ARC fosters collaboration between scientists in Cambridge University and outside. Dr. Simon Baron-Cohen, Co-Director, is developer of CHAT screening tool and author of numerous books and research papers.

Autism Research Institute

www.autism.com

Non-profit founded in 1967 by Dr. Bernard Rimland, Ph.D. to conduct and foster scientific research designed to improve the methods of diagnosing, treating, and preventing autism and disseminates findings to parents and others seeking help. The ARI data bank, the world's largest, contains over 40,000 detailed case histories of children with autism from more than 60 countries. Dr. Stephen M. Edelson, Ph.D. is the current director of ARI.

Online resource includes a database covering more than two decades of responses from over 25,000 parents on the behavioral effects of biological interventions. Articles available in Spanish, French, Italian, Russian, and Portuguese.

Autism Research Unit, University of Sunderland, UK

<http://osiris.sunderland.ac.uk/autism/aru.htm>

Provides a basis for research into the cause of autism and an accessible store of traditional and current research on autism. Produces a booklet guide for parents/clinicians with current research and treatment suggestions.

Autism Resources

www.autism-resources.com

Extensive book list and international resource links. Translates into 16 languages: Arabic, Chinese, Danish, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, and Swedish.



Autism Society of America

www.autism-society.org

"Improving the lives of all affected by autism. ASA is the leading voice and resource of the entire autism community in education, advocacy, services, research and support. ASA, a chapter-and member-based organization, is committed to meaningful participation and self-determination in all aspects of life... with a successful network of chapters, members, supporters and organizations."

Autism Society Canada

www.autismsocietycanada.ca

Information, resources, research, treatment, education, events, conferences, links. Available in French.

Autism Speaks

www.autismspeaks.org

Autism Speaks is committed to raising public awareness about autism and its effects on individuals, families, and society, and to giving hope to all who deal with the hardships of this disorder. Autism Speaks raises funds to facilitate effective treatment and research, and is dedicated to uncovering the biology of autism and developing effective biomedical treatments through research funding.



Autism Today

www.autismtoday.com

Creative, interactive, one-stop shop to navigate the maze of autism-related information. Over 2,500 pages, is the largest autism resource online and resource distributors in the world. Bookstore, conferences, online access to experts, etc. Translates into Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, and Spanish.

Autismweb.com

www.autismweb.com/

General information including: Early Warning signs, What's Autism?, Interventions, books, conferences, teaching methods, message board, etc.

CDC Autism Information Center

www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/index.htm

Screening/diagnosis, treatment/therapy, resources, news, research, state and congressional activities, educational materials.

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Children's Disabilities Information

www.childrensdisabilities.info/

General disability information with autism-specific resources including: books, articles, links, etc.

Dan Marino Childnett:

www.childnett.tv

A first-of-its-kind internet web channel dedicated to autism and other neurological disorders.

Dan Marino Foundation

www.danmarinofoundation.com

Non-profit organization founded in 1992 by Claire and Dan Marino, to support programs which provide integrated intervention services for children with special needs: medical, emotional and/or behavioral.

Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation

www.dougflutiejrfoundation.org/

Grants for families, events, resources; education, and advocacy.

First Signs

www.firstsigns.org

Resource for parents and professionals regarding normal/typical developmental milestones. Useful baseline information for parent to discuss with physician if they have developmental concerns about their child.

Help Autism Now Society

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LADDERS

www.ladders.org/

Learning and Developmental Disabilities Evaluation and Rehabilitation Services. Mass. General Hospital for Children, Boston MA. Interdisciplinary program designed to provide services in the evaluation and treatment of children and adults with autism, pervasive developmental disorder and related disorders.



MedLinePlus

www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/autism.html

Links to news, NIH; diagnosis/symptoms, treatment, research, organizations. Available in Spanish.

National Autistic Society, UK

www.nas.org.uk/

Based in UK but provides useful info for US residents. Telephone hotline, free parent-to-parent telephone service, support, schools, news, and events.

NICHCY, National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities

www.nichcy.org/pubs/factshe/fs1txt.htm

Autism facts, resources, organizations. Spanish translation.

www.nichcy.org/states.htm

State agencies and organizations, parent groups in each state.

NIH Autism Website

www.nichd.nih.gov/autism/

Most current information about NICHD research projects, publications, news releases, and other activities related to autism. Publications available in Spanish.

NIMH, National Institute of Mental Health

www.nimh.nih.gov/healthinformation/autismmenu.cfm

Signs/symptoms, treatment, fact sheets, news, links to research.

Northwest Autism Foundation

www.autismnwaf.org

Non-profit organization provides education and information for parents and professionals in the northwestern US. Publishes a useful NW Resource Directory available at no charge.

Pubmed

www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed

Free, immediate, internet access to the most up-to-date and previously published medical studies from numerous US and international medical journals. Can access by subject, author, or title of study. Abstracts often available electronically at no charge.

Schafer Autism Report

www.sarnet.org/

Online newsletter of all major news sources, websites, and latest research for important and practical new developments regarding autism. Studies often available for viewing in advance of publication. Subscription fee.

Syracuse University Autism Web-links:

<http://web.syr.edu/~rjkopp/data/autlinkinfo.html>

Site provides over 100 links to diverse website resources.



Websites in other languages/International Resources

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Action for Autism

www.autism-india.org/worldorgs.html

Worldwide links to autism organizations, resources in almost 100 different countries.

Autism Canada

www.autismcanada.org

"Autism Canada Foundation is a registered Canadian charity focused on engaging, educating, empowering and uniting people to find the cause and the cure for Autism. Autism Canada supports a 'multi-disciplinary' approach to treating individuals on the autism spectrum combining biomedical and educational treatments." Online resources include: signs/symptoms, treatment options, research, news, library, conferences, events, links to organizations and service providers.

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Autism Resources

www.autism-resources.com/links/nonenglish.html

Extensive book list and international resource links. Available in Arabic, Chinese, Danish, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, and Swedish.

Autism Research Institute

www.autism.com

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Future Horizons

www.autismoespanol.com

Extensive resource for publishing and books relating to the autism spectrum; books and tapes available online. Website in Spanish.

National Autistic Society, UK

www.nas.org.uk/

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www.nichcy.org/pubs/factshe/fs1txt.htm

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NIH Autism Website

www.nichd.nih.gov/autism

Most current information about NICHHD research projects, publications, news releases, and other activities related to autism. Available in Spanish.



Autism Online Stores

Autismshop.com

www.autismshop.com/

Store with wide selection of products that focus specifically on autism products including books, videos, games, visuals, timers, picture exchange schedules, etc

Baby Bumble Bee

www.babybumblebee.com/l_landings/Austim_PDD.cfm

Originally developed for typical children however parents of children with autism have found the real-life video format helpful for language development, etc. Video Series includes: Verbs and Nouns, Numbers, Alphabet, Phonics, Colors and Opposites.

Bright Start Therapeutics/The Adaptive Child

www.bright-start.com/

Wide selection adaptive therapy products focus on movement, positioning, sensorimotor, exercise, aquatics and play, including special needs strollers, toys, clothing, learning tools and other adaptive equipment.

Do To Learn

www.dotolearn.com/

Early educational materials, many specifically geared toward "visual learners", including flash cards and schedules. Many free educational products available. Suitable for parents and educators

Future Horizons

www.futurehorizons-autism.com/

Extensive selection of books, conferences, and other valuable information on Autism (ASD), Asperger's Syndrome, Pervasive Developmental Disorders (PDD).

Model Me Kids:

www.modelmekids.com/

Educational video series demonstrates social skills by modeling peer behavior in different scenarios, e.g. school, playdates, birthday parties, playgrounds, library.

Magazines

The Autism Asperger's Digest

www.futurehorizons-autism.com

Features articles and material from around the world; covers the latest people, products, research, news and viewpoints emerging in the autism field. Full-length excerpts from ground-breaking new books on autism, original articles from top specialists, etc.

The Autism Perspective, TAP

www.theautismperspective.org

Provides balanced information on the myriad of therapies and treatments for the vast and complicated realm of autism.

The Autism Spectrum Quarterly

www.ASQuarterly.com

ASQ is a "magajournal", combining the readability and interest of a high-level magazine with the substance and depth of a professional journal. Features research and commentary aimed at helping parents, teachers, and clinicians to translate research into practice.

Spectrum

www.spectrumpublications.com

For parents of children with autism and developmental disabilities. Wide variety of topics, including educational, biomedical and research. Contains autism-specific news articles and interviews with autism experts and mainstream celebrities affiliated with autism.

Parents can check local newspapers/ health food stores for listings of support groups.

Parents can "search" to find online autism support groups, which are "listservs", electronic mailing lists. Follow directions to join groups of interest, then interact online with other parents dealing with similar issues.

EARLY INTERVENTION: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STATE PROGRAMS 0-5 YEARS

Note for Physicians

If you suspect any developmental delay in any area, refer the child to Early Intervention for Evaluation/ Intervention. It is NOT necessary for the child to have a specific diagnosis prior to referral.

Alabama	(334) 281-8780; (800) 543-3098	Mississippi	(601) 359-3491
Alaska	(907) 465-2824	Missouri	(573) 751-0187
Arizona	(602) 542-2727	Montana	(406) 444-4425; (888) 231-9393
Arkansas	(501) 682-4225	Nebraska	(402) 471-4319
California	(916) 327-3547	Nevada	(775) 687-9170
Colorado	(303) 866-6709 / 6712; (888) 777-4041	New Hampshire	(603) 271-2178
Connecticut	(860) 807-2054	New Jersey	(609) 984-4950
Delaware	(302) 739-4210	New Mexico	(505) 827-6462
District of Columbia	(202) 727-5371		0-3 yrs: (505) 476-2416
Florida	(850) 245-0478	New York	(518) 473-2878
Georgia	(404) 657-9965	North Carolina	(919) 855-3500
Hawaii	(808) 733-4838	North Dakota	(701) 328-2277
Idaho	(208) 332-6917	Ohio	(614) 466-0224; (877) 644-6338
Illinois	(217) 524-4835	Oklahoma	(405) 522-4513
Indiana	(317) 232-0567	Oregon	(503) 947-5600
Iowa	(515) 281-5433	Pennsylvania	(717) 787-9266
Kansas	(785) 296-1944	Rhode Island	(401) 222-8941
Kentucky	(502) 564-8341; (866) 294-0135	South Carolina	(803) 734-4824
Louisiana	(225) 342-3366	South Dakota	(605) 773-3678
Maine	(207) 624-6660; (800) 355-8611	Tennessee	(865) 594-5691
Maryland	(410) 767-0249	Texas	(512) 463-9414; (800) 252-9668
Massachusetts	(617) 988-6600	Utah	(801) 538-7948
Michigan	(517) 373-0923	Vermont	(802) 828-5114
Minnesota	(651) 582-8343	Virginia	(804) 225-2675; (800) 292-3820
		Washington	(360) 725-6078
		West Virginia	(304) 558-2696
		Wisconsin	(608) 267-9172; (800) 441-4563
		Wyoming	(307) 777-8762

PHYSICIAN ONLINE RESOURCES

U.S.: State-by-State Department of Education, Early Intervention Programs, Birth-5 years.

www.nichcy.org/states.htm

American Academy of Pediatrics

<http://aappolicy.aappublications.org/cgi/content/full/pediatrics;107/5/1221>

Pediatrician's Role in the Diagnosis and Management of Autistic Spectrum Disorder in Children.

American Academy of Pediatrics

www.aap.org/healthtopics/autism.cfm

Autism-specific news, resources.

Autism and PDD Support Network

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Autism Society of America

www.autism-society.org/site/PageServer?pagename=about_resources

State-by-state resources, including parent and sibling support groups; education, treatment options, conferences, books.

Autism Treatment Network

www.autismtreatmentnetwork.org/

Dr. Margaret Bauman, Director. Regional treatment centers developing National Medical Database to record results of treatments and studies:

- Massachusetts General Hospital - Boston, MA
- Oregon Health and Sciences University-Portland, OR
- Baylor College of Medicine - Houston, TX
- University of Washington Medical Center-Seattle, WA
- Columbia University Medical Center-New York, NY
- Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH

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MedlinePlus

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NICHCY, National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities

www.nichcy.org/states.htm (Spanish and English)

NICHCY: central source of information on disabilities in infants, toddlers, children, and youth, IDEA, (law authorizing special education), No Child Left Behind (how it relates to children with disabilities), and research-based information on effective educational practices. NICHCY creates disability-related State Resource Sheets including agencies serving children and youth with disabilities, state chapters of disability organizations and parent groups, Parent Training and Information projects.

NIH Autism Website

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NIMH, National Institute of Mental Health

www.nimh.nih.gov/healthinformation/autismmenu.cfm

Signs/symptoms, treatment, fact sheets, news, links to research.

Other languages & International sites listed at end of Parent Resource page

