



Elwyn's Philadelphia Resource List for Autism Services and Supports

This listing is compiled by a Network of Philadelphia professionals and families. The purpose of this listing is to share information about resources and in no manner whatsoever supports, profits or takes responsibility for the agencies, services, and individuals noted herein. This listing is updated every six months by Karen Krivit, at Philadelphia Elwyn; please submit new or updated information to krivitk@elwyn.org, call 215-222-7344, or mail: 4025 Chestnut Street, 2nd Floor Philadelphia PA 19104

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You can find this listing on line at <http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/> under Resources

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Diagnostic Evaluations

(Elwyn does not endorse any of the individuals and agencies listed here. Agencies provided here are for information only. Please be sure to ask all providers about fees and insurance coverage before hand as Elwyn does not assume any financial responsibility for the agencies.)

(in alphabetical order)

- **Eric Berger, M.D. and Vicki Morrow, M.D.**
SPIN, Inc. -- Behavioral & Developmental Services Department
10521 Drummond Road
Philadelphia, PA 19154
215-612-7625 www.spininc.org
Approximate wait list: 4-8 weeks
- **Dr. Thomas Casey**
937 E. Haverford Rd Suite 103
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010
Phone: 610-527-0147
- **Children's Hospital of Philadelphia/Children's Seashore House**
34th Street and Civic Center Boulevard
Philadelphia, Pa 19104
Phone: 215-590-7500
 - **Autism/PDD** : Approximate wait list: About 12 months
 - **ADHD**: Approximate wait list: 4-6 weeks
 - **Developmental Evals**: Approximate wait list: 4 months
 - **Behavioral/ADHD**:
 - **Department of Child Psychiatry**: 215-590-7555
 - **Department of Neurology**: 215-590-1719
- **The Center for Autism** (formerly: The Center for Autistic Children)
Jean Ruttenberg, Executive Director
3965 Conshohocken Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19131
Phone: 215-878-3400 <http://www.thecenterforautism.org/> info@thecenterforautism.org
Approximate wait time: Psychiatric evals for autism/PDD about 3-6 weeks
- **Dr. James Coplan**
Neurodevelopmental Pediatrics of the Main Line
919 Conestoga Road, Building 1, Suite 100
Rosemont, PA 19010
Phone: 610-520-2130, info@NDPeds.com
- **Dr. Anne Marie DeCosta**
Kids First Roxborough
5003 Umbria Street
Philadelphia PA 19128
Phone: 215-483-3444

For Psychiatric Emergencies:

Einstein Crisis Response at Germantown Hospital (CRC)—

Chew Rd and Olney Ave
Philadelphia, PA 19144
215-951-8300

-Angela Cantwell-Director
-24 hours, all insurance, city wide
assessments of children in emergency
psychiatric situations. Families and
professionals are encouraged to call CRC
before going for evaluation.

- **Drexel Autism Center at Friends—Dr. Richard Malone**
Scattergood Building, 4641 Roosevelt Boulevard
Philadelphia, PA 19124
Phone: 215- 831-4058

- **Einstein Hospital**
Dr. Angela Jones, child psychologist
Dr. Wendy Ross- 215-456-8704
Developmental Medicine Department
The Levy Building, 5501 Old York Rd,
Philadelphia, PA 19141
Phone: 215-456-6786
Approximate wait list: 3-4 months

- **Multidisciplinary Assessment Program (MAP)**-speech, psych, and medical eval in one session
Developmental Medicine Department
The Levy Building, 5501 Old York Rd,
Philadelphia, PA 19141
Phone: Contact Beth Notradame 215-456-6786

- **Elwyn SEEDS** (for children ages 2.5-5 years old who are in Elwyn SEEDS evaluation process only)
4025 Chestnut Street, 3rd floor
Philadelphia PA 19104
215-222-8054
Annemarie Clarke, Ph.D
Lisa Dissinger, Ph.D.

- **Dupont at Jefferson**
Jefferson Child Development Clinic, Department of Child Neurology
833 Chestnut Street East
Philadelphia, PA
Phone: 215-955-6000, call 800-416-4441 to schedule an appointment

- **Dr. Eric Mitchell, Ph.D.**
6810 Emlen Street,
Philadelphia, PA 19119
Phone: 215-844-6482 ericmpsysc@yahoo.com

- **Northwestern Human Services Child Development Center** (formerly Child Psychiatry Center)
265 E. Lehigh Ave
Philadelphia, PA 19135
Phone: 215-427-1500
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- **Rob Rosenthal, Ph.D.**
Growth Opportunities Center
2910 Franks Road
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006
Phone: 215-947-8654 ext 254

- **St. Christopher's Hospital**
Erie Avenue at Front Street,
Philadelphia, PA 19134
Phone: 215- 427-5531
 - **Department of Developmental Pediatrics-** Drs. Maureen Fee and Beth Parrish
Approximate wait list: 8 months
 - **Department of Neuropsychology-** Dr. Grant 215-427-5081
 - **Department of Neurology** – Drs Hardison and Dr. Legido 215-427-5470

- **Dr. Annie Steinberg**
31 North Narberth Avenue, Narberth, PA 19072
Phone: 610-639-2667
(Dr. Steinberg also does evaluations for children with hearing impairments at the Deaf Services Center at Milestones Community Health Center, 614 Easton Road, Glenside, PA 19038)

- **Westchester University/SPARC** (Southeastern Pennsylvania Autism Resource Center)
Dr. Jennifer Dawson, PhD (formerly of Johns Hopkins University/Kennedy Krieger Institute specializing in feeding problems)
413 Mitchell Hall, Westchester University,
West Chester, PA 19383
Phone: 610-430-5678 <http://www.wcupa.edu/SPARC> sparc@wcupca.edu

Neurologists

- **Dr. Charles Brill**
Jefferson Hospital:215-955-5800, Bryn Mawr Hospital: 610-581-7570, A.I. duPont Hospital for Children 302-651-4200

- **Children's Hospital of Philadelphia** Phone: 215-590-7500

- **Dr. Peter Kollros**
Abington Hospital
Phone: 215-886-9855

- **The Center for Neurological and Neurodevelopmental Health**
1001 Laurel Oak Road; Suite E-2
Voorhees, NJ 08043
Phone: 856-346-0005
Email: info@thecnnh.org
Web: www.thecnnh.org
Mark Mintz, M.D., Pediatric Neurologist
Daniel LeGoff, Ph.D., Pediatric Neuropsychologist

- **Douglas L. Wilkerson**
Bryn Mawr, PA
Phone: 610-527-8290

Dentists

- Please refer to the CAP4KIDS.ORG website (<http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/>) where you will find up to date listings for dentists as well as by calling the number on the back of your child's insurance card.

Professional Training/consultations

- **Green Tree Partnerships**-Professional training and consultations
Dr. Thomas Lotus or Dr. Eric Mitchell
143 West Walnut Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19144
215-843-4528

Education/Therapy

There are three agencies that provide early intervention and special education services for children in the city of Philadelphia, they are as follows:

- **Childlink: Serves children ages 0-3 years**
260 South Broad Street, 18th floor
Philadelphia PA 19102
Phone: 215-731-2110
 - Early intervention services for developmentally at risk preschool children ages 0-3years old
 - Funded by the Dept. of Public Welfare

- **Elwyn SEEDS** (Special Education for Early Developmental Success):**Serves children ages 0-3 years**
4025 Chestnut St.
Philadelphia PA 19104
Phone: 215-222-8054 for intake, referral and service coordination
 - Early intervention services for children 2yrs 10 months to 5 years old
 - Funded by Dept. of Education
 - There are Autism Service Coordinators who can review specific supports available
 - Elwyn contracts with many providers (for example Ken Crest and SPIN) to offer a variety of services to support the education of children with Autism
 - Elwyn has psychologists on their evaluation team who can determine a diagnosis of Autism
 - **Philadelphia Interagency Coordinating Council (PICC)** is a collaborative partnership between families and Philadelphia Early Intervention Providers offering support, information, trainings and advocacy for the families of children 0-5 years old.
 - Phone: 215-731-2464 philadelphiaicc.org or philadelphiaicc@yahoo.com

- **Philadelphia School District: Serves children ages 5-21 years**
Office of Specialized Services
440 N. Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19130
Phone 215-400-4170
 - Children with Autism are often referred to the “Low Incidence” Coordinator for the region of Philadelphia that you live in
 - **The Philadelphia Right to Education Task Force** is the parent-liaison organization for School District age families.
 - Phone: 215-400-5151 www.philadelphiartf.org

Additional Educational Resources

- **PaTTAN (Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network)**
 - Offers free ongoing training and resources on all aspects related to education and Autism and is open to parents and professionals
 - Contacts for Philadelphia:
 - Preschool or younger: Early Intervention Technical Assistance (EITA)- Susan Kershman ext. 248 skershman@pattan.net
 - School age and older: Donna Salkin ext. 267 dsalkin@pattan.net
 - Phone: 1-800-441-3215
- **Center for Autism** (formerly the Center for Autistic Children(CAC))
3965 Conshohocken Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pa 19131
Phone: 215- 878-3400 info@thecenterforautism.org www.thecenterforautism.org
 - Five day/week full time program ONLY for children with Autism/PDD ages 2-5
 - Capacity: 42 children, waiting list
 - Funded by CBH, child must have (or apply for) Medical Assistance
 - Specialized Autism Services (SAS) are intensive, comprehensive programs that are specifically designed to meet the individual needs of the Center's clients. SAS is available to individuals of all ages.
 - SAS for children ages 2-5 years old: a daily, intensive program from 9:00a-2:00p
 - SAS for Early Assessment and Treatment: a program held Monday through Thursday, from 5:00p.- 7:00p, designed for children newly diagnosed and to assess children transitioning to the SAS for Preschool-aged children.
 - SAS for Social Competency: individual and group programs designed to facilitate social competency skills in children and adults. Monday through Thursday from 5:00p.- 7:00p
 - SAS also includes Family Support Services.
- **NHS School**
2900 Southampton Road
Philadelphia PA 19154
Phone: 215-671-5005 Director is: Laura Bupp www.nhsonline.org
 - This is a licensed private academic school for children with Autism grades k-12
- **Pennsylvania's Initiative on Assistive Technology (PIAT) –**
 - 1-800-204-7428 (voice); 866-268-0579 (TTY); ATinfo@temple.edu
 - Information and referral about Assistive Technology (AT), devices and services
 - PIAT operates Pennsylvania's AT Lending Library, a free, state-supported program that loans devices to Pennsylvanians of all ages. This program allows you to try a device to be sure it meets your needs. PIAT operates the Recycled and Exchanged Equipment Partnership (REEP) which is a network of programs offering ways for people to obtain, donate, or sell AT equipment.
<http://disabilities.temple.edu/programs/assistive>.
- Videos for support and learning at home or school : www.child1first.com

After School Programs

- **The Philadelphia Mental Health Center (PMHC)**

- After School Autism Program (ASAP)
1235 Pine Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19107
Phone: Administrative assistant: 215-735-9379 ext. 252
Coordinator of programs: 215-735-6420
 - **Center City Program**
1235 Pine Street 3rd Floor
Phila., Pa. 19107

215.735.9379 Ext. 252
215.735.7628 (Program)
 - **North East Program**
JCC / Klein Branch
10100 Jamison Ave. Room 133
Phila., Pa. 19116
215.677.2281
- ASAP is an after school program offered at PMHC that provides an additional learning and treatment environment for children between the ages of six (6) and twelve (12) who have been diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder or Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD). The goal of the Program is to enhance and the potential of each child so that they may function more independently and effectively in their home, school and community. Therapeutic goals and intervention strategies emphasize increasing social and communication skills, building reciprocal and interactive play and building positive (age appropriate) behaviors. Programming is based on learning principles and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and includes components of Sensory Integration and Floor Time.

- **The Variety Club**

- For children with disabilities ages 6-21 from 3-6 p.m.
- Located at sites throughout the city (see below)
- Phone: 215- 735-0803 for information. Mike Birnbaum, director

Bok Technical High School

8th & Mifflin Streets
1901 South 9th Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19148

Carousel House

Belmont Avenue & North Concourse Dr
West Fairmount Park
Philadelphia, Pa. 19131

Furness High School George

1900 South 3rd Street
Philadelphia, Pa 19148

Washington High School

10175 Bustleton Avenue
Philadelphia, Pa. 19116

Lincoln High School

3201 Ryan Avenue
Philadelphia, Pa 19136

Widener Memorial

1450 West Olney Avenue
Philadelphia, Pa. 19141

Visitation BVM School

300 E. Lehigh Ave
Philadelphia, PA 19125

Olney High School

100 West Duncannon Str
Philadelphia, Pa 19120

University City High School

3601 Filbert St
Philadelphia, Pa 19104

Information

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- **Greater Philadelphia Chapter ASA (Autism Society of America)**
ASA, Greater Philadelphia Chapter
1847 Strahle Street
Philadelphia, PA, 19152 www.asaphilly.org asa-info@comcast.net
 - To enroll on the ASA listserv go to:
 - <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/asaphilly> -- information, resources and current news in the autism community –open to anyone
 - <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/TALKASAPhilly> -- specifically for families
- **ASCEND**
Phone: 610-449-6776 www.ascendgroup.org info@ascendgroup.org
Philadelphia contact: peggblank@msn.com
 - Support, information, and advocacy for Aspergers Syndrome
- **Bureau of Autism Services, PA Department of Public Welfare**
www.autisminpa.org 1-866-497-6898
 - This new program office is charged with implementing the primary recommendations of the Autism Task Force, including collaborating with and providing training and technical assistance to other program offices that currently provide services to individuals with ASD, ie mental health, mental retardation, medical assistance, EI, OBRA waiver, and education. They are in the process of developing an autism specific Medicaid waiver for adults with ASD. To view progress on initiatives, please see website.
- **CAN—Cure Autism Now**
www.cureautismnow.org
 - Philadelphia branch that offers parents opportunities for trainings, fundraising for research and the annual Walk Now. CAN is combining with Autism Speaks this year.
- **Autism Speaks—**www.autismspeaks.org
- **FACES (Families for Autistic Children Education & Support)**
Phone: Phone: 609-412-3750 Isabelle Mosca
www.facesautismsupport.org facesgroup@comcast.net
 - Our mission is centered on early intervention, education, advocacy, and support for families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder in the South Jersey area but open to families in Philadelphia. This group often has trainings as well as fun activities for families. You can get on their list serve.
- www.kylestreehouse.org A website for the whole family related to many aspects of Autism
- www.autism-watch.org- A website that helps explain the risks and benefits of many treatments and therapies for Autism

- **Special Kids Network/ Parent to Parent**

1-800-986-4550 www.helpinpa.state.pa.us www.parenttoparent.org

- Provides information, referrals support to families with children with special needs. Parent to Parent of PA is a program through the Special Kids Network that matches parents and family members of children with special needs to each other on a one-on-one basis, according to needs and situation

- **www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia**

- Amazing comprehensive listing of resources for children in Philadelphia

- **First Steps Autism Program**

Phone: 267-765-2388 Contact: Suzanne Muench, LSW

- Works with families who have children who are waiting for a diagnosis, or who have been newly diagnosed with ASD
- Helps to review current services and identify additional supports/services that may be beneficial and helps families access services
- Home visiting program that helps families understand autism, as well as navigate education, behavioral health, and community systems
- Program is short term and works with families to identify areas of need and, when appropriate, link to other agencies/services

Support Groups

(Please refer to comprehensive listing of areas support groups on the Philadelphia Variety Club webpage under Programs For Children/Autism Initiative at <http://www.varietyphila.org/>)

- **Philadelphia Autism Network**—
 - Contact: Karen Krivit 215-222-7344 or krivitk@elwyn.org
 - Meets: Once a month, free open to all: presentations on many issues related to Autism.
- **Parents of Autistic Children**—West Philadelphia
 - Contact: Roberta Belamy 215-472-2764 or rbell1@verizon.net (that's three 'L's and the # 1!)
 - Meets: Once a month
- **Special Parents of Exceptional Children Group**—Chestnut Hill, Mt. Airy, Germantown
 - Contact: Jean McCoubry 215-248-5930 @ jfmccou@aol.com
 - Meets: One Saturday a month at Chestnut Hill Library
- **Fathers Group** facilitated by Robert Naseef contact: webmaster@alternativechoices.com
 - Meets: in Vorhees, NJ—sign up on website above
- **Autism Sharing and Parenting**-- Center City and Roxborough
 - Contact: Hotline: Renee Henderson- 215-413-7106 @ Nasya06@msn.com
 - Meets: Meets twice a month-once at each location
- **PA Mentor Parent Support Group**--Northeast
 - Contact: Ann Marie Machion at 215-612-8200
 - Meets: Once a month
- **Variety Club Family Resource Center**--
 - Contact: Gail Stein 610-584-4366 ext: 1044 gailstein@varietyphila.org
 - Meets: Once a month in Norriton
- **Best Nest Special Needs Parent Support Group** -- Germantown
 - Contact Dina Mitchell @ 215-546-8060
 - Meets monthly
- **Sensory Integration Dysfunction, SPD Parent S.H.A.R.E groups**
 - Contact: Kim Wilson-215-407-3027 www.spdparentshare.com Wilson.clan@yahoo.com
 - Meets monthly

Sibling/Family Support Groups

- **UCP Chestnut Hill** --Contact Jodi Miscannon at 215-248-7605
- **CHOP** -- Contact Lenore Stern at 215-590-7443
- **www.AutismSiblings.org** -- Offers wonderful on line support and information for kids and families
- **Alternative Choices**
514 South 4th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19147
215-592-1333 -- there is a fee for this service
Contact: Robert Naseef, www.alternativechoices.com
 - Dr. Naseef's website: www.specialfamilies.com offers invaluable insight and advice on parenting children with disabilities therapy center specialized in supporting families with children with disabilities
- **Heather Bowditch**
267-235-3829 or heathbowditch@aol.com
 - A family therapist with a background in Occupational Therapy specializing in supporting families of children with Special Needs there is a fee for this service.
- **Surviving and Thriving After Diagnosis:** support group run by therapist who has a child with ASD
 - Contact: Sonia Voynow 215-247-5832 there is a fee for this service

Support for Spanish Speaking Families

- **HUNE** (Hispanos Unidos Para Ninos Excepcionals)
202 W. Cecil B. Moore Avenue,
Philadelphia, PA 19122
Contact: Yovana Bustamante 215-425-6203 Hotline: 215-425-5112 www.huneinc.org
 - Provide advocacy and support for Latino families with children with disabilities
- **PIN of PA: Bilingual Support Group for Families of Children with Behavior Problems**
 - Contact: Héctor M. Lugardo at 215-751-1800 Ext. 239, Michelle Sánchez, Ext 353 or Becky Español, Ext 214 Hotline: 215-751-1800 ext.513
 - Meets at the Free Library of Philadelphia, Lillian Marrero Branch, 601 W. Lehigh Ave, Philadelphia, Pa 19133 from 10:00am-12:00pm
- El Autism, hoja informativa de NICHCY. www.nichcy.org/pubs/spanish/fs1stxt.htm . This is a general definition of Autism/PDD
- Visite la Asociación Nuevo Horizonte. www.autismo.com It has articles, a forum for families to discuss issues, press coverage of Autism as well as other useful sites.
- Cortesía de Autism Society of America. www.autism-society.org/site/PageServer
- AutismOnline www.autisonline.org/bookspan.htm Spanish books related to ASD, PECS, etc.
- www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/spanish/ency/article/001526.htm
- www.exploringautism.org/spanish/

Advocacy

- **Disabilities Law Project**
The Philadelphia Building,
1315 Walnut Street, Suite 400,
Philadelphia PA 19107-4798
215-238-8070 www.dlp-pa.org dlp.phila@dlp-pa.org
- **Pennsylvania Health Law Project**
924 Cherry St,
Philadelphia, Pa 19107
215- 625-3663 www.phlp.org
- **PA Education Law Center**
1315 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa 19107
1-800-692-7443 (Disabilities Rights Network) www.elc-pa.org elc@elc-pa.org
- **Parents Involved Network (PIN)**
1211 Chestnut St.
Philadelphia, Pa 19107
215-751-1800 800-688-4226 pin@pinofpa.org
 - Organization that assists parents or caregivers of children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral disorders. PIN provides information, helps parents find services and will advocate on their behalf with any of the public systems that serve children.
- **The Arc of Philadelphia**
2350 W. Westmoreland Street
Philadelphia, Pa 19140
215-229-4550 www.arcpddc.org
 - Advocacy organization that provides training, information and referral support to people with disabilities and their families is an advocacy organization that provides training, information and referral support to people with disabilities and their families
- **Vision For Equality, Inc**
718 Arch St. 6th Floor
Philadelphia, Pa 19106
215-923-3349 www.visionforequality.org
 - Advocacy and mentorship for families of children with disabilities

- **Families First**

Phone: 215-204-1772

- This is a one day empowerment training for families with children who receive Early Intervention Services in Philadelphia. Trainings held on Saturdays

- **First Steps Autism Program**

Phone: 267-765-2388 Contact: Suzanne Muench, LSW

- Works with families who have children who are waiting for a diagnosis, or who have been newly diagnosed with ASD
- Home visiting program that helps families understand autism, as well as navigate education, behavioral health, and community systems
- Program is short term and works with families to identify areas of need and, when needed, link to other agencies/services

Supports Coordination and Mental Retardation Services

Supports Coordination Organizations offer a variety of outpatient services for children with either a diagnosis of Mental Retardation of a 50% delay in cognition. If a child qualifies, s/he is eligible for Family Driven Support Funds, which can be used for a variety of things such as respite and camp. A family must apply on behalf of their child through the Central Office intake number and if s/he qualifies, then the family can receive case management services through one of the four centers listed below.

- **Philadelphia Office of Mental Retardation (OMR)**

701 Market Street, Suite 5200,

Philadelphia PA 19106

(215) 685-4677 (intake and registration), (215) 685-5900 (main number)

- Local Supports Coordination Offices:

Partnership for Community Supports
9350 Ashton Road, Philadelphia, PA 19114
Main Number 267-350-4518

Quality Progressions
125 S. 9th St, Suite 400, Philadelphia, PA 19107
Main Number 215-627-0321 or 267-765-2000

PHMC/PersonLink
260 S. Broad St, 8th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19102
267-295-3800

The Consortium
5828 B Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19139
215-472-1707

- If you are a parent or family member of a person receiving Mental Retardation Services in Philadelphia and looking to make a connection in your area, please contact the following:

Parents/Caregivers United Support Group Contact: Lynn Youngman 215-928-0765

West & Southwest Parents Together Support Group Contact: 215-473-8744

NW Family Support Group Contact: Verna Edwards 215-248-4415 or Sandra Champion 215-848-3624

There's A Place For Us Support Group Contact: 215-763-9733

Roxborough Parent Support Group Contact: Carol Costello 215-487-1240

South Philadelphia West Support Group Contact: Mary Curcio 215-462-3477

Northeast Parent Support Group Contact: Elizabeth Kennedy 215-324-6905

For more information, Contact Vision for Equality at 215-923-3349
Barbara Nattile Ext. 114, Sharon Harper-Young Ext. 132

Childcare/ Preschools

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- **Child Care Information Services (CCIS)**

- This agency helps families locate preschools and childcare in their community as well as assisting with obtaining subsidized childcare
- www.philadelphiachildcare.org 1-888-461-KIDS

- **Philadelphia Inclusion Network**

Suzanne Milbourne, director 215-503-1608

- This is a grant funded program that assists families in making appropriate preschool and childcare choices for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with special needs. Additionally this program helps families to coordinate and integrate supports for a child who is having difficulties in their present child care setting. Call for a copy of "Choosing Childcare for Children with Disabilities".

- **Prekindergarten Head Start**

215-400-5670 <http://www.phila.k12.pa.us/offices/earlychild/PrekHeadStart/PrekindHeadStart.html>

- Prekindergarten Head Start provides three and four year olds with educational, health and nutritional services to ensure optimal school readiness. This program is federally- funded and free to eligible families.
- The following agencies also have Head Start programs:
- **Learning Tree Head Start**, contact Carol King 215-748-2422,ext 241 or CKing@hslt.org
- **North Philadelphia Head Start**, contact Dawn Nock: 267-278-9033 or DNock@philaymca.org
- **PPC Head Start**: Shola Oyemola: 215-684-2620

- **Bright Futures Preschools**

215-400-5686 <http://www.phila.k12.pa.us/offices/earlychild/FocusonFour/FocusonFours.html>

- Bright Futures Prekindergartens follow the school day and school year schedule and provide educational, health and nutritional services to ensure school readiness for those children who are three or four years old by September 1st. There are 38 programs held in community elementary schools, (formerly Parent Co-Op Nurseries).

- **Bucks County Childcare**

- <http://www.buckschildcare.net/> Has an area wide classified section that often serves families and individuals in the Philadelphia area.

- **Frankie's World**

Linda Hesson --215-763-0151

- They are a daycare for medically fragile children that have to have nursing prescribed by a doctor

Respite

- **Youth Service, Inc. (YSI)—respite for preschoolers**
 - Respite is free 24 hour emergency care for children (ages 0-5 only) for up to 30 days per year provided by YSI in two home style sites (see below). These centers offer a warm, loving home environment with trained and seasoned staff. Staff can give medications including nebulizers (but no feeding tubes). Relatives can visit with parent's permission. Parents can use respite for caring for a child or their sibling during a medical evaluation or a court appearance, or during job hunting or if the parent just needs a break. Some parents just use the preschool component to see how their child socializes in a preschool setting. Care can be for a few hours or a few days or overnight. The centers can sometimes be full, so a parent should call ahead of time to reserve a space. Telephone intake process includes proof of your child's immunizations.
 - The Sally Watson Center, 5128 Wayne Avenue (Germantown)
(215)844-6931 Rhonda Johnson, Director
 - Baring House, 3401 Baring Street (West Philly)
(215) 386-0251 Jean Wisnowski, Director

- **The Variety Club: Weekend Retreats**
 - Children and young adults, ages 8 to 21 are invited to participate in "Weekend Retreats" at the Variety Camp & Developmental Center. One weekend a month families are invited to send their child to our "Weekend Retreats". The goal of this program is promote independence and to provide meaningful experiences for the attendees within a supportive and nurturing environment.
 - Applications can be accessed by calling (610) 584-4366 x1044. An interview is scheduled to determine if the resources at Variety meet the child's needs. A non-refundable fee of \$100.00 is due upon acceptance to the program.

- **Temple University Family Friends**

Contact Nancy Hale Sills, program coordinator at 215-204-3193

 - National program in which older adults provide in home support to families of children with special needs, families are matched with volunteers.

- **Home health aides and nursing services**
 - In exceptional cases where a child with autism has other medical issues and the parent works some families have been able to obtain home health aide services for their child from a home-nursing agency
 - **Bayada Nursing** 215-413-5000
 - **Ridegway Phillips Nursing** 215-643-1200
 - **Pediatric Services of America**-215-887-4009

Recreation/Arts/Camps/Spirituality

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- **Vision For Equality**
 - Puts out a wonderful Resource Guide called, [It's Fun to Have Fun in Philadelphia](#) for families with young children in Philadelphia, call 215-923-2239 for a copy.

- **HeARTS for AUTISM**
www.HeartsforAutism.org or robin@heartsforautism.org or 267-231-7585
 - A wonderful monthly workshop for families with children with Autism to use art as means of expression. Located at the Norcom Center in Northeast Philadelphia with activities for caretakers and siblings as well. Preregistration is required, the workshop is FREE

- **Holy Terror Stars**
Contact: Cindi Hinchey at 215-331-9876, Kim Wilson 215-407-3027 wilson.clan@yahoo.com
www.freewebs.com/holyterrorstars
 - Location: Perzel Community Center- 2990 St. Vincent St, 19149 (Northeast) 6-8 pm
No fee, no age limit , registration, parents take turns providing snacks or drinks. ANY kind of special needs, also need older typical kids as 1:1 mentors for the special needs athletes (preferably 14 years and up)!
 - Friday night sports program for children with special needs, operates year-round with additional activities scheduled throughout the year.

- **Kardon Institute for Music**
10700 Knights Road, Philadelphia PA 19114 215-637-2077
 - Provides individual music, dance, art therapy sessions for children and adults w/ special needs, tailored to the individual

- **Settlement Music School**
Contact : 215 320-2600, smsmusic.org or Mark Bottos at 215-637-2077
 - Offers creative arts therapy through dance and music in 4 sites throughout Philadelphia, managed by Kardon

- **Smith Memorial Playground**
215-765-4325 or www.smithplayhouse.org
 - Free indoor playhouse located in Fairmount Park for children 5 and under also outdoor playground for children 10 and under with the famous "Giant Slide".

- **Imagination Land Playground**
Hulmeville and State Roads in Bensalem PA 19020
 - Fully handicapped accessible playground for children with special needs

- **Little Wonders Child Growth and Development Center**
100 West Germantown Pike, East Norriton, PA 19401 610-275-KIDS www.littlewonderscenter.com
 - Social skills, therapies and playgroups and camps for special needs children

- **Norcom Community Center**
10980 Norcom Rd Philadelphia, PA 19154 (215) 613-1070
 - Offers all sorts of year round recreational activities for children with special needs

- **Quinn Developmental Services**
Ambler PA 215-654-7577 www.BehaviorExcellence.com
 - Offers gymnastics classes for special needs children

- **Kix & Giggles Children's Playland**
9356 Old Bustleton Ave, Philadelphia, Pa 19115 215-677-4140 www.kixandgiggles.com
 - Indoor and outdoor play land for ages1-10
 - On Tuesday the entry fee is waived for children with disabilities

- **Horse Riding**
 - **Pegasus:** 1019 Ripley Street, Philadelphia, PA 19111 215-742-1500
 - **One Step At a Time:** P. O. Box 125, Bristol, PA 215-945-4499
 - **Special Equestrians:** 215-918-1001
 - **Work To Ride, Inc.** @Chamounix Equestrian Center 215-877-4419

Spirituality

- **Archdiocese of Philadelphia: Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities**
222 N. 17th Street , Philadelphia, PA 19103
Contact: Janell Lavender, Coordinator 215-587-5665, 215-587-3530
jlavende@adphila.org , pcpddeaf@adphila.org
 - The Department for Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities provides pastoral resources to parishes and families. The department can assist families with children with Autism and other disabilities to access Religious Education and integration into their Catholic Parish. The department provides training and resources to parish staffs. <http://www.archdiocese-phl.org/evangelization/resplife/pcpd.htm>

- **Special needs CCD classes**
St Matthews Church 3000 Cottman Avenue, Philadelphia PA 19149
Contact Deacon Burns at 215-333-0585

- **Auerbach Central Agency for Jewish Education**
Contact: Debbie Gettes, dgettes@acaje.org 215-635-8940
 - Provides supports, education, and trainings to Jewish preschools and synagogues throughout the 5 county area specific to facilitating inclusion of special needs persons of all ages.

Camps

- **Philadelphia Safe and Sound** puts out a comprehensive listing of summer camps each year that can be found at their website: www.philasafesound.org or call their parent helpline at: **215.568.0737**.
- **PA Mentor**
10601 Decatur Road, Suite 400
Philadelphia, PA 19164
215-612-8200
www.thementornetwork.com
 - Has a summer camp for children with ASD ages 5-15. Children must have MA, 2 sites in Northeast, 1 site in South Philly.
- **Madeline Moore Summer Camp Grant**
 - provides up to \$600/ year for camp available through CBH, 215-685-4737 for children who are receiving services through CBH such as Wrap-Around
- **Variety Club Developmental Overnight Camp**
 - (7-21 years old) contact 610-584-4366 or katieleach@varietyphila.org.
- **Dragonfly Forest**
 - Residential Summer Camp for ages 7-14, in Westtown, PA Chester County
 - 610-298-1820 www.dragonflyforest.org

Wraparound

What is Wrap Around?

Wrap Around is a behavioral health support service provided by a team that may consist of a Mobile Therapist (MT), a Behavior Specialist Consultant (BSC), a Case Manager and a Therapeutic Support Staff (TSS) Worker. The Wrap Around team helps the child in the location where they need support, for example at school or at home or both. Wrap Around Services do take at least 2-6 months to put in place, they are provided only through CBH contracted providers and paid for only by Medical Assistance. The child must have a psychiatric or psychological evaluation recommending Wrap Around. This child's service is re-assessed every 4 months. Families who have MA can contact a wraparound service provider directly or apply through CBH. This service is NOT provided through the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

- **Community Behavioral Health (CBH)**

801 Market Street, 7th Floor,
Philadelphia, PA 19107

1-888-545-2600, www.phila-bhs.org

- CBH is the mental health HMO for any resident of Philadelphia who has Medical Assistance. CBH oversees many programs that private insurances do not pay for such as therapeutic preschools and Wrap-Around services (see below).
- Families with private insurance can obtain Medical Assistance (in most cases) for their disabled child (see above).
- Website for the Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Mental Retardation Services: <http://philadelphia.pa.networkofcare.org/mh/home/index.cfm> . Offers a great deal of information about services and resources in Philadelphia

WRAP-AROUND AGENCIES-Serving Preschool Age
(updated for Early Intervention 3/2/08)

AGENCY	CONTACT PERSON	ADDRESS	PHONE #	CITY	ZIP CODE
ATA	Lyn Weise	1225 Vine St. , 3 rd floor	215/405-2100	Philadelphia	19107
Carson Valley School	Ed Jones	1419 Bethlehem Pike Floutown PA 19031	215/753-8111, ext 1529	Flourtown	19031
Children's Outreach	Jessica Feldman	90 Rochelle Ave.	215/508-3200 Ext: 127	Philadelphia	19128
Children's Services	Holly Brayer	1315 Walnut St., 3 rd Floor	215/546-3503	Philadelphia	19107
Community Council	Cecily Bradford	4900 Wyalusing St.	215/473-7033	Philadelphia	19131
Children's Crisis Treatment Center	Edith Lopez	1823 Callowhill St.	215-496-0707 Ext: 1152	Philadelphia	19130
Elwyn Inc.	Charlotte Izard	1 Winding Drive Suite 104	215-578-3101	Philadelphia	19131
Foundations of Delaware Valley	Courtney Miller	833 E. Butler Ave.	215/340-1500, extension 107	Doylestown	18901
Green Tree School	Lin Hammerman	146 West Walnut Ln	215/843-4528	Philadelphia	19144
Interac Inc. (BSU 6)	Christie Fick	6122 Ridge Ave.	215/508-6715	Philadelphia	19128
Juvenile Justice Center	Ebony Clarke	100 W. Coulter St. 4 th Floor	215/849-2112 Ext.5236/5194	Philadelphia	19144
MCC(Maternal Child Care) Home Health Care	AnneMarie Lynch or Missy DePalma	800 Clarmont Ave., Suite B	267/525-7000	Bensalem	19020
PA Mentor	Dawn Vitello-Mangan	10601 Decatur Rd, Suite 400	215/612-8200	Philadelphia	19154
Northeast Treatment Center	Jennifer Jung	493 N. 5 th Street, Suite E	215/ 408-4993	Philadelphia	19123
Northern Homes for Children & Family Services	Craig Wagner	5301 Ridge Ave.	215/482-1423 Ext: 1272	Philadelphia	19128
Network For Behavior Change	Steve Kossor	848 Kings Highway	610-383-1432	Coatesville serving Phila	19320
Phila. Mental Health Center	Abboud Wali	1235 Pine St.	215/735-7068	Philadelphia	19107
Eugenia/Progressions	Maria Jordan	6521 North Broad St	215/924-0684	Philadelphia	19120

Miscellaneous

- **Hearts and Smiles Foundation**

P.O. Box 1253

Southampton, PA 18966

215-669-4221

heartsandsmiles@comcast.net

- The mission of Hearts and Smiles is to provide in kind assistance to low income families with special needs in Montgomery, Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Philadelphia Counties with a particular focus on the needs of siblings in these families.

- **Autism Safety Toolkit**

- This is a comprehensive guide to help families and caregivers understand how to adapt your child's environment and community to assure they are safe. It can be accessed under the National Autism Association website:
<http://www.nationalautismassociation.org/safetytoolkit>

- **Transportation to medical appointments**

- The Medical Assistance Transportation program can provide rides or reimbursement for public transportation or car use for a parent and a child going to or from a medical appointment
- Call LogistiCare at 1-877-835-7412 or online go to
http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/Resources/Documents/Pdf/MATP_LongBrochure.pdf

- Autism Song: <http://www.frinkfest.com/>

- Apraxia and Speech information: <http://www.apraxia-kids.org/>

- Sign language Resources: <http://www.lifeprint.com/asl101/index.htm>

Services/Information for Adults

- **ALAW-Autism Living and Working**
1528 Walnut Street, Suite 815
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Phone: 267- 322-5800 alaw@autismlivingworking.org
 - ALAW's mission is to help adults with autism form and sustain households, hold jobs, and contribute to community life, through individual supports and accommodations.

- **Evaluations:**
 - **Penn Autism Network**
Adult Developmental Disorders Program
Dr. Anthony Rostain
3535 Market Street, 2nd floor
Philadelphia PA 19104
Phone: 215-573-1159 , or Deirdre Wright 215-746-1967 www.med.upenn.edu/pan

- **Support Groups**
 - **GRASP Philadelphia**
Contact: <http://www.grasp.org/>
 - Our members range in age from 18 to 65 plus. GRASP Phila was founded in Nov of 2004. We are one of 15 networks of the GRASP organization in New York.
 - We meet monthly at the Easttown Library in Berwyn, PA from 2 to 4 PM on the second Saturday of each month. (We are taking July off for vacation.)
 - We have a lending library of books and materials, and a listserv for members: http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/GRASP_Philadelphia_PA/

- **Listserve:**
 - **Families Of Adults Autism-ASaphilly**
 - A place restricted to families of Adolescents, age 17+ and Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) who reside in Southeast Pennsylvania - Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery & Philadelphia counties. This is an environment to learn about the needs of adults in the whole spectrum of Autism, including Autism/Mental Retardation (MR), Autism, Pervasive Developmental Disorder-Nos (PDD-Nos), Asperger (AS) and other related neurological disorders. Its purpose is to share information and provide support for families who are concerned about the daily needs and future of adults with ASD in Pennsylvania.
 - To view the details of this listserv: <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/FamiliesOfAdultsAutism-ASaphilly/>

Benefits (including Medical Assistance)

- **MA for Children with a Disability – Known as PH95**
 - MA(Medical Assistance) is medical insurance that may cover things that your child's primary insurance does not cover. You can use MA as your primary insurance or you can use it to supplement insurance you may already have. If your child is disabled you may want to explore obtaining MA benefits for him/her.

- **What does MA pay for that my private insurance might not cover?**
 - For a child, MA covers everything that is medically necessary. Among those services are:
 - **Wrap-Around Services**--Wrap-Around services give children with a mental health diagnosis home or school based behavioral supports and therapy.
 - **Medical and Nursing Services**-- MA can pay for medical or therapy equipment , co pays , deductibles, transportation to medical appointments, services from facilities that only take MA insurance, medical bills not covered by your insurance(from up to 3 months ago) and nursing services that are documented to be medically necessary for a child with significant health care needs. Note: MA does not reimburse individuals who have already paid for services. It reimburses providers who delivered services.
 - **The Diaper Program**-- Diapers are paid for by MA when a child continues to need diapers after the age of 3 due to his/her special needs.

MA is a medical insurance program. It is state funded and administered through the PA Department of Public Welfare; HOWEVER, it is NOT WELFARE. Once your child receives MA you will need to recertify his/her case annually, either over the phone or through the mail. MA Insurance is medical insurance for children who do not qualify for SSI because their family income is over the SSI income eligibility guidelines, or for children whose family income is low enough to qualify for MA. If you already have private insurance you can keep it and also obtain MA to supplement your child's coverage.

...a word about SSI:

SSI, (Supplemental Security Income), is a federally funded program which provides a monthly check and Medical Assistance for people who qualify. To qualify you must have:

- a disabling condition PLUS,
- meet the financial cut-off levels. The financial cut-off level for one person is no more than \$2000 in savings and \$800/month in income.

To apply, call **800-772-1213**, or log on to <http://www.ssa.gov>.

How to apply for MA:

1. Call 1-800-986-KIDS (5437) to have a MA application sent to you .
2. Fill out the application. Make sure to write **“MA disabled child Category PH95,”** across the top of the form. This will alert the caseworker to consider the child for eligibility because of their disability.
3. **DOCUMENTATION!!!!** You will need to provide proof of everything you are saying about your child by providing copies. For example: proof of citizenship (a birth certificate), proof of identity (such as a government issued photo ID (school-issued ID card,) address (a utility bill), disability (medical or psychological evaluation written by a licensed clinician within the last 3 months.), proof of any income in the household, including income received in the child’s name, and copies of any unpaid medical bills owed from the last 3 calendar months. -You will also be asked to show proof that you did apply for SSI or were rejected due to income. If you have not already applied for SSI you will be assisted to do this (see above”...a word about SSI”)
4. Mail application to: (*Make copies for yourself of everything you are sending in case it gets lost.*)
**Philadelphia County Assistance Office,
Philadelphia State Office Building, Room 608
1400 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130-4088**
5. The application will be forwarded to your local County Assistance Office. You should hear from them in a letter within 30 days about the status of your application. This letter will contain the name and phone number of the caseworker assigned to your child’s application. They may need more information. Keep in mind that the state rule says that you do not need to go to the office at all for an appointment, you can phone, fax or mail information.
6. OR you can call PCCY at 215-563-5848 X 17 . PCCY ‘s Child Healthwatch Helpline will take your information on the phone, gather documents from you by mail or fax and send your application in for you.

If you have any problems you can contact:

- Philadelphia Citizens for Children and Youth at 215-563-5848
- The Pennsylvania Health Law Project at 215-625-3663
- Disabilities Law Project 215-238-8070