



AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

Information and Resource Packet

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FUNDING / GRANTS / SERVICES

Life Path Systems (formerly known as MHMR)

administers 3 programs for monetary help:

1. Family Support Grant (used to be called In-Home Family Support)
Fern Gimenez
Phone: 972-727-9133
 2. HCS (Home and Community Services)
Fern Gimenez
Phone: 972-727-9133
 3. C.L.A.S.S.
Administered through the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS)
Austin, TX
Phone: 1-877-438-5658
- All of these programs have a long waiting list, so you need to call and get on these lists ASAP. (1st come 1st serve)

HCS and C.L.A.S.S. are Medicaid waiver programs, meaning they are tied to your child's income, not the family's.

Insurance: Private or Group

- Some Insurance Companies do not help with related therapies connected to an ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) .
- Some Insurance Companies WILL help pay for things like:
 1. Speech Therapy
 2. Occupational Therapy
 3. Physical Therapy
 4. Neurofeedback
 5. Chiropractic

* Important: Each Insurance Plan is different and Insurance Codes can be perceived in different ways for services rendered. NO GUARANTEE here.

Typically, you just need to be diligent and persistent and not give up on getting whatever monies you can from them.

* See "Organizations" in Resources of Information in this packet for more information on available resources for funding.

Pediatricians:

MEDICAL

Doctors / Dentists / Chiropractors / Psychologists

Pediatricians:

Thomas Newell M.D.
The North Texas Health & Wellness Center.
1306 N. Locust St.
Denton, TX 76201
Phone: 940-381-0333
Website: www.northtexashealthcenter.com/

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3100 Midway Rd # 16A
Plano, TX 75093
Phone: 972-608-2688

Dr. Deborah Bain M.D.
4851 Legacy Dr. Ste 601
Frisco, TX
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Dr. Daniel Ramirez
Kids Docs Pediatrics
Website: www.kidsdocspediatrics.com/
Phone: 972-608-0200

Dr. Peter Sherrod
3721 West 15th Street, Suite 603
Plano, TX 75075
Phone: 972-867-6880

General Practitioners:

John Bailey MD
1428 West Hebron Drive, Ste #110
Carrollton, TX
Phone: 972-939-4555

Dr. John Moon M.D.
5425 W. Spring Creek Parkway, Suite 200
Plano, Texas 75024
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Dr. Lisa Genecov
Medical City Children's
Phone: 972-566-8466

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Phone: 972-353-0733

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12870 Hillcrest, Suite 201
Dallas TX 75230
Phone: 972-991-1153
Fax: 972-991-1346
Email:  admin@neurotherapydallas.com
Website: www.neurotherapydallas.com/index.php

Dallas Pediatric Neurology Assoc. (Group)
Steven Linder, M.D.
David B. Owen, M.D.
David Sperry, M.D.
7777 Forest Lane (Medical City Dallas)
Dallas, TX 75230
Phone: 972-566-8600

Optometrists:

Charles Shidlofsky, O.D., P.A.
Neurodevelopmental Sensory Enhancement Center
5934 W. Parker Rd., Suite #500
Plano, TX 75093
Phone: 972-312-0177
Email:  info@dr-s.net

Dentists:

Holistic Dentist: Dr. Stacy Cole DDS, FAGD in Fort Worth.
Phone: 817-731-9291
Website: <http://www.svcole.com/>

Dr. Patrick Ryan
Grin Central Station.
6225 Chapel Hill Blvd
Plano, TX 75093
Phone: (972) 608-4746

Dr. Paul Rubin
Frisco, TX
Phone: 214-618-5200
Website: www.friscokidsdds.com

Dr Clapp
Website: www.pediatricdentalworld.com
Parent comment: 'He is really good with kids, takes medicaid and uses sedation'

Jason Clapp
Pediatric Dentistry
2000 Highland Village Rd
Highland Village, Texas, 75077-7139

Diane L Lide DDS
Website: www.drclide.com
Parent comment: 'She does offer sedation dentistry, though only one day a month, but it's set up

Jeffrey Holt of Kids Dental
Phone: 972-378-5437

Dr. Robert Morgan
375 Municipal, #104
Richardson, TX
Phone: 972-669-3663
Also in Irving

Terri E. Train, DDS, MS
Pediatric Dentistry
1000 N. Central Expwy., Suite 1108
Richardson, TX 75080
or
3740 N. Josey Lane, Suite 201
Carrollton, TX 75007

Dr. Ronald Garza
9757 White Rock Trail
Dallas, TX 75238
Phone: 214-349-9400

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2548 Lillian Miller Pkwy, Suite 120
Denton, Texas 76205
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Fax: 972-874-1220
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Dental Care 4 Kids
Dr. Tom Wickersham
Dr. Andrea Gonzales
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Flower Mound, TX 75022
Phone: 972-874-2800

Fax: 972-355-5827
Website: www.dentalcareforkidstexas.com

Dr. Rubin
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Frisco, TX
Phone: 214-618-5200.

Dr. Curtis Crandall
East Plano, TX
Phone: 972-423-4595

Tammy Gough
Allen, TX

Dr Harold Simpson
Childrens Dental Specialists
Phone: 972-394-1722
Located in Richardson and Carrollton

Chiropractors:

BrainWorx
Dr. Homero Cavazos
4508 Legacy Drive #200
Plano, Texas 75024
214-377-4833
Email: DrC@brainworxcenters.com

Dr. Von Bergen
110 W. Louisiana Street
McKinney, TX 75069
Phone: 972-562-7762

Davis Chiropractic
5000 Quorum Dr. Suite # 148
Dallas 75254
Physician's Clinic for chiro & Acupuncture
Drglendavis.com
214-402-7009

New Star chiropractic & Acupuncture
NAET Allergy Treatment
Zhanping (Louie) Lu DC, MD in China
425 Maplelawn Dr. Suite # 101
Plano, TX 75075
972-519-8488
www.autismtx.com

Brantly Chiropractic of McKinney
972-562-1717

Dr. Kathi Maher
Chiropractic, Cranial-sacral therapy, NAET/TBM Allergy

Treatments, Acupuncture and other holistic treatments.
2715 Ave. EE
Arlington, TX 76011-5263
817-640-0032

Psychologists:

The Ziggurat Group
232 Village Creek Drive, Suite 200
Plano, TX 75093
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Richardson, TX 75081-5578
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Richardson, TX
972-690-6700

Pelikan Behavior and Counseling Services
214-930-3110
Lisa Ann Smith,
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www.pelikanbcs.com

Dr. Marilyn Monteiro, PhD., Licensed Psychologist
Licensed Specialist in School Psychology
5310 Forrest Lane, Suite 102
Dallas, TX 75244
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Dr. Kim Johnson
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Licensed Specialist in School Psychology
Johnson Neuropsychology, PLLC
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Fax: 214-256-3390
Office at Alpha and Midway, also.

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Pediatric Neuropsychologist
12860 Hillcrest Road, Suite G206
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(In-depth evaluations of children's cognitive, learning, social,
emotional, and behavioral needs)

THERAPY

Speech Therapy:

Julie R. Liberman, M.A., CCC-SLP
Speech TX
Phone: 214-336-9342
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Website: www.julieslp.com

Speech and Occupational Therapy of North Texas
Frisco Location
3880 Parkwood Blvd, Building 5, Suite 502
Frisco, Texas 75034
Plano Location
1410 14th Street
Plano, Texas 75074
Website: www.speechandot.com
most major insurances accept as well as Traditional Medicaid.

University of North Texas Kristin Farmer Autism Center
940-369-5373
www.autism.unt.edu

Easter Seals North Texas
888-617-7171 or 972-394-8900
www.ntx.easterseals.com
info@ntx.easterseals.com

Two locations:
Trinity Center
4443 N Josey Ln Ste 100
Carrollton, TX 75010
Oak Cliff Center
4201 Brook Spring Dr Bldg II
Dallas, TX 75224

Pathways to Communication
3806 Farmington Dr.
Richardson, TX 75082
(214)642-8217
(972)669-1947
www.communicationpathways.org

pathways2communicate@yahoo.com

Lynn Flintshaw, MCD / CCC
10210 N. Central Expressway, Suite 105
Dallas, TX 75231
Phone: 214-373-7558

Children's Language Development Center
Elissa B. Woods, M.S. / CCC-SLP
Tara Renshaw, M.S.
1700 Alma, Suite 160
Plano, TX 75075
Phone: 972-422-6968

Sage Care Therapy Services
Pediatric Home Health Therapy Provider
214-295-5374
www.sagecaretherapy.com

Melissa Halpern M.S. / CCC-SLP
Dallas Therapy P.C.
5440 Harvest Hill Road
Dallas, TX 75230
Phone: 972-755-0190

Comprehensive Therapy Services (Speech, OT, PT)
Dawn Murphy Butler, MA/CCC-SLP, Director
10210 N. Central Expwy Suite 100
Dallas, TX 75231
Phone: 214-265-1819
or
1216 N. Central Expwy. Suite 203A
McKinney, TX 75070
Phone: 214-544-2678

North Texas Therapy Innovations (Speech, OT, PT)
Clinical Director: Elizabeth "Betty" McBride, OTR
9639 Wendell Road
Dallas, Texas 75243
or
6905 Ave. K, Suite 206
Plano, TX 75074
Phone: 214-349-6178

Integrative Pediatric Therapy
Director: Sally Fryer, P.T., C.S.T.
12860 Hillcrest Road Suite 100
Dallas, TX 75230
Phone: 972.404.3077
or
The Shelton School

Michiels Speech Pathology
Elizabeth Michiels, M.S. / CCC-SLP
Speech Therapy , Language Enrichment Courses
304 Sycamore Drive
Plano, TX 75094

Phone: 972-509-0186
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Therapy 2000
Home Health - Speech, OT, PT
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Lisa Klein M.S., CCC-SLP
Senior Speech Pathologist
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Life Steps Pediatric Rehabilitation Center
Website: <http://www.lifestepstx.com/>
Note: Several locations are available. Please check their website for the one closest to you.

Functional Communication Evaluation and Consulting

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Auditory Integration Training
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Plano, TX 75075
Phone: 972-964-7494

Sally Bober SLP
6905 Ave. K, Suite 206
Plano TX, 75074
Phone: 214-349-6178

Vision Audio

Ease CD's
(discs that can be used for auditory training at home)
10840 Pfeffers Road
Kingsville, MD 21087
Phone: 410-679-1605

Scientific Learning Corporation (Fast Forward)
300 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 500
Oakland, CA 94612-2040
Phone: 1-888-665-9707
Fax: 510-444-3580
Email: customerservice@scilearn.com

Janice Hardin, M.S., CCC-SP
Auditory Integration Training
3700 W. 15th Street, Suite 102
Plano, TX 75075
Phone: 972-964-7494

Occupational Therapy:

Speech and Language Therapists of North Texas LLC
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Midge Ross OTR
Ashley Bower,
Roxanne Thompson
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Website: www.eastsidespeech.com/Ots.html

University of North Texas Kristin Farmer Autism Center
940-369-5373
www.autism.unt.edu

Easter Seals North Texas
888-617-7171 or 972-394-8900
www.ntx.easterseals.com
info@ntx.easterseals.com

Two locations:

Trinity Center
4443 N Josey Ln Ste 100
Carrollton, TX 75010
Oak Cliff Center
4201 Brook Spring Dr Bldg II
Dallas, TX 75224

Sensory Integration of Coppel
1203 Crestside St., Suite 150
Coppel, TX 75019
Phone: 972-745-8087
Website: www.sensoryintegration.com

Additional Kare for Kids
P. O. Box 710
Bonham, TX 75418-0710
Phone: 1-800-250-5273

Pat Matzke & Mary Pat Bragers
4011 West Plano Parkway, Suite 118
Plano, TX 75093-5629
Phone: 972-596-6192

The Handwriting Clinic
Jan McClesky, MA OTR
3314 N. Central Expressway
Plano, TX 75074
Phone: 972-633-1974

Sage Care Therapy Services
Pediatric Home Health Therapy Provider
214-295-5374
www.sagecaretherapy.com

Physical Therapy:

Easter Seals North Texas
888-617-7171 or 972-394-8900
www.ntx.easterseals.com
info@ntx.easterseals.com

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Carrollton, TX 75010

Oak Cliff Center


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Dallas, TX 75224

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Pediatric Physical Therapy, Sensory Integration Therapy and
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12860 Hillcrest Rd., Suite 100
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Pediatric Home Health Therapy Provider
214-295-5374
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Precision Neurofeedback
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The Fit Mind
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Email: fitmind@swbell.net

Crossroads Counseling & Neurofeedback
William W. Bush MA LMFT
Mary R. Vernon MS LPC
1221 W. Campbell #109
Richardson, TX 75080
Phone: 972 918 9100

The Sams Center for Optimal Performance
Marvin Sams
16990 No. Dallas Parkway Suite 120
Dallas, TX 75248
Phone: 972-407-9895
Website: www.thesamscenter.com

Music Therapy:

Southwestern Music Therapy
Marcie Friedman
214-227-1006
<http://www.southwesternmusictherapy.com/>

UNT Autism Center
www.autism.unt.edu
(940) 369-7426

Music Together
Gila Vinokur
6612 Gold Dust Trail
Dallas, TX 75252
(972) 267-4452

Kamille O'Donnell (Board Certified Music Therapist)

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Plano, TX 75025
Phone: 214-732-3880
Email: tandk96@aol.com
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Cognitive Skills Training:

Learning Rx
5136 Village Creek Dr., Suite 501
Plano, TX 75093
Phone: 972-267-8900
Website: www.learningrx.com
Academic Tutoring and Support

Bridge Builder Academy
520 E Central Parkway, Suite 101
Plano, TX 750745
Phone: 972-516-8822
Website: www.bridgebuilderacademy.com/

Applied Behavior Analysis:

The Behavior Exchange
Tammy Cline, M.Ed., BCBA
6105 Windcom Court, Ste 400
Plano, Texas 75093
Phone: 972-312-8733
Email: tammylynncline@aol.com
Website: www.behaviorexchange.com

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940-369-5373
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Plano, Texas 75074
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4443 N Josey Ln Ste 100
Carrollton, TX 75010

Oak Cliff Center
4201 Brook Spring Dr Bldg II
Dallas, TX 75224

Texas Star Academy
303 W Nash St
Grapevine, TX 76051

Ft Worth Center
1424 Hemphill St
Ft Worth, TX 76104

All Behaviors Considered
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The Academy of Social and Sensory Development
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Website: www.consulting4childrenonthespectrum.com

Therapy and Beyond/ Teach Me LLC.
Regina Crone PhD. BCBA
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DFW Center for Autism (DFWCFA)
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Grapevine, TX 76051
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Grapevine, TX 76051
Website: www.innovativeinterventions.com

Behavior Frontiers, LLC
12200 Ford Road, Suite 189
Dallas, TX 75234
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Website: <http://behaviorfrontiers.com/>

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Grand Prairie, TX 75052
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ABA based Social Group
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Lovaas Institute for Early Intervention - LIFE
2566 Overland Avenue, Suite #350
Los Angeles, CA. 90064
Phone: 310-840-3366
*(will send consultants locally to you)

Autism Partnership
Dr. Ronald Leaf
Dr. John McEachin
200 Marina Dr.
Seal Beach, Ca. 90740
562-431-9293
*(have local and semi-local consultants)

Center For Autism and Related Disorders: (CARD)
Director: Doreen Granpeesheh, PhD
23300 Ventura Blvd.
Woodland Hills, Ca. 91364
818-223-0123
*(will send consultant locally to you)

BECA (Behavioral Education for Children with Autism)
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Child Study Center
1300 W. Lancaster Ave.
Fort Worth, TX 76102-3484
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Vicki Goodrich: 817-390-2943

Early Intervention:

ECI Life Path
P.O. Box 828
McKinney, TX 75070
Phone: 1-877-789-8889
972-359-1110
Fax: 972-359-1119

Email: info@eci-lps.org

Infant & Toddler Intervention Program of North Texas (ECI)
1701 N. Collins Blvd., Suite 100
Richardson, TX 75080
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CP Preparatory School
972-222-7808
WWW.CPPREPSCHOOL.COM

Children's Developmental Center
12850 Hillcrest Road, Suite F-106
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972-503-7807

Developmental Therapy:

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2305 Choctaw Dr
Plano, TX 75093-3936
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University of Texas at Dallas
School of Human Development
Mary Dodd
Phone: 972-883-2541
OR

Dr. Nina Granott
Phone: 972-883-6349
972-883-2588

Note: This program has a range of areas of focus – but does have an Early Infant Program as well as Early Interventions and they do a lot of research and case study work.

University of Texas at Dallas (Callier Center)
Preverbal Communication Program (involves speech)

Janice Lougeay
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Email: Lougeay@utdallas.edu
OR

Professor Pamela R. Rollins PhD
Phone: 972-883-3153

NACD – National Academy of Child Development
(developmental testing and educational/sensory program development)
Listening Program
Phone: 817-460-3323 (Metro)

UNT Autism Center
www.autism.unt.edu
(940) 369-7426

Easter Seals North Texas
888-617-7171 or 972-394-8900
www.ntx.easterseals.com
info@ntx.easterseals.com

Four locations:

Trinity Center

4443 N Josey Ln Ste 100
Carrollton, TX 75010

Oak Cliff Center

4201 Brook Spring Dr Bldg II
Dallas, TX 75224

Texas Star Academy

303 W Nash St
Grapevine, TX 76051

Ft Worth Center

1424 Hemphill St
Ft Worth, TX 76104

Environmental / Allergy:

Dr. William Rae
Environmental Health Center
8345 Walnut Hill Lane, Suite 220
Dallas, TX 75231
Phone: 972-368-4132

Dr. Mary Ann Block
1750 Norwood
Hurst, TX 76054
Phone: 817-268-3377
Website: www.blockcenter.com
*(listed as a DAN Doctor)

Dr. Seshagiri Rao (Pediatric Allergist)
620 N. Coit Road, Suite 2170 (Promenade Shopping Center)
Richardson, TX 75080-5413
Phone: 972-964-7373

Dr. Alfred Johnson DO
101 S. Coit Rd., Suite 317
Richardson, TX 75080
Phone: 972-479-0400

Dr. Vara Kantipong
3105 W. 15th Street
Plano, TX 75075
Phone: 972-867-7990

Dr. Constantine Kotsanis & Assoc.
Mind and Body Health Center
1600 W. College Street
Grapevine, TX 76051-3580
Phone: 817-481-6342
Dr. Nomita Pathuluri, MD
Clinic for Autism, P.A.

20202 Highway 59 North, Suite 250
Humble, Texas 77338
Phone: 281-312-5600
Fax: 281-312-5610
Website: www.clinicforautism.com

Daniel J. Chartrand, M.D.
Harmony Family Health
406 W Main St.
Allen, TX 75013
Phone: 972-977-7496
Website: www.HarmonyFamilyHealth.com

"Autism & ADHD Institute of Texas"
NAET Allergy Treatment
Zhanping (Louie) Lu DC, MD in China
425 Maplelawn Dr. Suite # 101
Plano, TX 75075
972-519-8488
www.autismtx.com

Nutrition / Diet:

Faye Elahi M.S., M. A.
6101 Windcom Ct., Suite 100
Plano, TX 75093
or
315 S. Jupiter Rd, Suite 210
Allen, TX 75002
Phone: 972-743-1425
Email: faye@specialneedsnutrition.com

UNT Autism Center
www.autism.unt.edu
(940) 369-7426

Elizabeth Strickland M.S., RD, LD
Phone: 830-237-2886
Email: ASDpuzzle@aol.com
Website: www.asdpuzzle.com

Lora Kopec MA CNC
Phone: 972-294-0808

FACILITIES / SCHOOLS

Private School Listings for the North Texas area can be found at:

<http://www.dallasrelo.com/privateschools.html>

Easter Seals North Texas
888-617-7171 or 972-394-8900
www.ntx.easterseals.com
info@ntx.easterseals.com

One location:

Texas Star Academy
303 W Nash St
Grapevine, TX 76051

Richardson Development Center
Occupational Therapy/ Physical Therapy/Social skills groups
Cindy Myers
7667 Roundrock Road
Dallas, TX 75248
Phone: 972-490-9055

UNT Autism Center
www.autism.unt.edu
(940) 369-7426

North Texas Therapy Innovations
Betty McBride, OTR
9639 Wendell Road
Dallas, TX 75243
(Located 1 mile North of I635 off of Skillman)

Integrative Pediatric Therapy
Sally Fryer, P.T., CST
Main Clinic - 12860 Hillcrest Road
or
Shelton School Clinic - 15720 Hillcrest Road
Phone: 972-404-3077

Pediatric Therapy Services
Presbyterian Hospital of Plano
6200 West Parker Road
Plano, TX 75093
Phone: 214-345-8442

Kidnetix Pediatric Therapy Services
Sandy Buttine, OTR
(Occupational & Speech Therapy)
12880 Hillcrest Road, Suite 102
Dallas, TX 75230
Phone: 972-387-2840
972-386-5112

Dallas Services Therapies Clinic
4106 Office Parkway
Dallas, TX 75204

Phone: 214-828-9900

Star Tracks
(Speech & Occupational Group)
Diane Kalik, OTR
Phone: 972-742-4148
or
Julie Hobert, M.A. CCC/SLP
972-342-5985

Jewish Family Service
Social skills classes
5402 Arapaho Road
Dallas, TX 75248
Phone: 972-437-9950

Apple Creek
Tammie
(Private Pre-School, 3-6 years old, Social Skills Classes)
802 S. Alma Drive
Allen, TX 75013
Phone: 972-396-0099
Social Skills for Children
12850 Hillcrest, Suite 108
Dallas, TX 75230
Phone: 214-314-0820

Autism Treatment Center
10503 Metric Drive
Dallas, TX 75243
Phone: 972-470-9220

Shelton School
15720 Hillcrest Road
Dallas, TX 75248-4161
Phone: 972-774-1772

The Notre Dame of Dallas Schools, Inc.
Theresa Francis, Principal
2018 Allen Street
Dallas, TX 75204
Phone: 214-720-3911

Dallas Day School
4242 Office Parkway
Dallas, TX 75204
Phone: 214-828-9900

Waldon Preparatory School
14552 Monfort
Dallas, TX 75254
Phone: 972-233-6883

DFW Center for Autism
Penny Sahatrungsinee

Phone: 214-731-0410
Email: penny_sahatrungsinee@hopeww.org

North Texas Autism Project
Email: Srosales@scs.cmm.unt.edu

Child Study Center
Vicki Goodrich
1300 W. Lancaster Ave.
Fort Worth, TX 76102
Phone: 817-390-2943
817-336-8611
817-390-2900

Vanguard Preparatory School
Contact Rosalind Funderburgh
www.vanguardprepschool.com
972-404-1616

RESOURCES OF INFORMATION

Organizations:

National Autism Association of North Texas (NAA-NT)
P.O. Box 261209
Plano, TX 75026-1209
Phone: 214-925-2722
Website: <http://naa-nt.org/>

Easter Seals North Texas
888-617-7171 or 972-394-8900
www.ntx.easterseals.com
info@ntx.easterseals.com

Families for Early Autism Treatment: (FEAT)
FEAT-NT
P.O. Box 211764
Bedford, TX 76095
Phone: 972-245-8722
Website: www.FEATNT.org

UNT Autism Center
www.autism.unt.edu
(940) 369-7426

Dallas Asperger Network for Information, Support, and Help (DANISH)
Nancy Mandell
Email: merinance4@aol.com

The Arc of Dallas
12700 Hillcrest, Suite 200
Dallas, Texas 75230
Phone: 214-634-9810
or
1-877-628-1515
Fax: 214-634-9815
Email: info@arcdallas.org

The Autism Society of America
7910 Woodmont Ave. Suite 300
Bethesda, Maryland 20814
Phone: 1-800-3Autism
Website: www.autism-society.org

The King's Commission Special Needs Ministry
Arapaho Baptist Church
Michelle Moore
2256 Arapaho Road
Garland, TX 75044
972-495-2223, ext. 73

Joni & Friends Family Retreats
10310 N. Central Expwy., Suite 350
Dallas, TX 75231
Phone: 214-739-2523
Or Karen Greebon: 972-385-4001

Newsletters:

NAA-NT Newsletter
National Autism Association of North Texas newsletter

The Advocate
The Newsletter of the Autism Society of America
-must be a member of the ASA
- membership fees (individual \$25.00 and family \$35.00)

FEAT-NT Newsletter
-sign up to receive (no fee)
-membership is free

Books:

Autism: Effective Biomedical Treatments
by Jon B. Pangborn, Ph.D. and Sidney M. Baker, M.D.

Recovering Autistic Children
Edited by Stephen M. Edelson, Ph.D. and Bernard Rimland, Ph.D

“Unraveling the Mystery of Autism and PDD”
(A Mother’s story of Research and Recovery)
by Karyn Seroussi

“Let Me Hear Your Voice”
by Catherine Maurice

“Special Diets for Special Kids”
by Lisa Lewis

“Autism: Handle with Care”
by Gail Gillingham

“Thinking in Pictures”
by Temple Grandin

“Is This Your Child?”
Allergies, Intolerances & Sensitivities
by Dr. Doris Rapp

“An Anthropologist on Mars”
by Temple Grandin

Children with Autism
A Parent’s Guide
by Michael D. Powers

Understanding and Teaching Children with Autism
by Rita Jordan and Stuart Powell

Catalogs:

Autism Research Catalog
(952) 988-0088

Future Horizons
(Best Book Distributor on Autism)
Phone: 1-800-489-0727
or
817-277-0727
Website: www.FutureHorizons-Autism.com

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Note: Inspirational books are timeless!

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Parent-to-Parent Connection Advocacy Inc. (PPCA)
1402 Corinth Street #229
Dallas, Texas 75215
214-426-2272/214-426-3807 fax

ppca@sbcglobal.net
www.ppconnection.org

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713-560-7923
www.educationaladvocate.net

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972-816-3100
Adina@richeducationalconsulting.com

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1808 Prather Dr., Killeen, TX 76541
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Education Consultants, Inc.
Sharon Winfree
Advocate—advises and represents parents concerning school ARD's, IEP meetings
3936 Saturn Street
Flower Mound, TX 75028
Phone: 972-691-2103
Website: www.educationconsultantsinc.com

Childcare / Babysitting:

(please be sure to check any individuals out, their references, their backgrounds yourself, NAA-NT is not responsible for any background checks, references or incidents regarding child care, this list is for information purposes only)

Child care group:
Website: www.childcaregroup.org/rr/RRSearchforCC.htm

ARC of Dallas resources on childcare:
Website: www.arcdallas.org/resources_childcarefacilities.htm

Around town Kids:
Website: www.aroundtownkidsmckinney.com/html/ChildCare.htm

Beyond Sitters:
Website: www.beyondsitters.com

Adventure Kids Playcare:
Website: web.adventurekidsplaycare.com/about.html

Collaborative for children
(ask specifically for childcare for special needs children)
Website: www.initiativesforchildren.org

Angela J. Lewis

Attendant Care for Children with Special Needs
Phone: 972-849-7578
Email: [A\[Lewis3\]@verizon.net](mailto:A[Lewis3]@verizon.net)

www.gonannies.com

Willmarine Hurst (works as substitute teacher in special needs classroom for PISD)

Email: willmajas@sbcglobal.net Phone: 214-483-2162

Cathy Konrad

Snrespitcare@yahoo.com

972-467-2015

Tamara Kasper (therapeutic babysitting, shadowing, respite)

Cell phone # 713-203-0514

e-mail is tamkasper@aol.com

Plano Family YMCA in Legacy

5101 Tennyson Parkway

Plano, TX 75024

Phone: (972) 378-9622

Fax: (972) 473-6274

Russell Creek Family YMCA

3300 McDermott

Plano, Tx 75025

(214) 705-9459

Metro (972) 335-2331

Mom's Best Friend

www.mbfagency.com

(972) 446-0500

Laurie Winn

214-585-1059

<http://www.lewisvilleyymca.org/Index.cfm?FuseAction=Page&PageID=1000540>

Child care group:

<http://www.childcaregroup.org/rr/RRSearchforCC.htm>

ARC of Dallas resources on childcare:

http://www.arcdallas.org/resources_childcarefacilities.htm

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

Around town Kids:

<http://www.aroundtownkidsmckinney.com/html/ChildCare.htm>

Alex Bradley: (18 yr old)

leighannbradley@aol.com

Beyond Sitters:

www.beyondsitters.com

Attendant Network

<http://www.attendantnetwork.org/attnet/index.jsp>

Robin Montgomery is 15yo and also good with kids. She has a brother with Asperger Syndrome and did a research paper on autism to learn more about his

challenges. She attends public school, while her brother is homeschooled. Her number is 972-517-2570

Catherine Irwin
469-222-5613

Adventure Kids Playcare:
<http://web.adventurekidsplaycare.com/about.html>
Collaborative for children: (ask specifically for childcare for special needs children)
<http://www.initiativesforchildren.org/>

Kids Night Out: Call Addy Hjarpe at 972-941-7327 or email at addyh@plano.gov

Randa Sayage: abegail252@sbcglobal.net

Special Needs Catering
Kira Bell
214-794-5213

Margerita Garcia:
Margie Garcia [lisa_noemi2001@yahoo.com]

Giggles Sitter Services:
This was created to provide support for children with special needs and their families by providing in-home respite/babysitting services. All employees are trained in the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis and are CPR and First Aid certified.
To schedule services or for more information, please contact us at:
(817) 731-2293

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ejrahn@verizon.net

Adult Services

DARS (dept. of assistive and rehabilitative services)
Scott McCune DARS Area Manager
<http://www.dars.state.tx.us/supemp/providerlist.shtml>

Jewish Family Service, Dallas:
Services for Adults with Special Needs
General
(Please contact Gretchen Ladd, PhD at
GLadd@JFSdallas.org **or 972.437.9950.)**
Psycho-Social Assessment / Individual Counseling
Diagnostic Testing
Family Counseling
Case Management

Social Skills Groups for Adults
Psychiatric Consultation
Employment
(Please contact Camille Kramer, MS, CDMS at
CKramer@JFSdallas.org or 972.437.9950.)
Assessment of Job Skills
Job-Search Training
Interview Training
Job Development & Placement
Job Coaching
Long-Term Coordination with Employer
(Working in conjunction with the Texas
Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services
http://www.nichcy.org/EducateChildren/transition_adulthood/Pages/adult_services.aspx

High School and College Students Coaching and Support
Carol Laman: carol_laman@att.net
214-912-8968

Rhea M. Wolfram, CEP (Certified Educational Planner)
College Counseling
Special Needs
972-233-1115
RHEAMWOLFRAM@GMAIL.COM

College Living Experience Support
<http://www.cleinc.net/home.aspx>
College Living Experience Austin
Martha Dorow, Admissions Coordinator
11800 Stonehollow Drive, Ste. 200, Austin,
TX 78758
512-339-7878 800-486-5058
www.cleinc.net

Lifepath Systems (MHMR) STARR Employment program
Brent Harris, Employment Specialist
<http://www.lifepathsystems.org/MR/Docs/Document%20M.pdf>
<http://www.lifepathsystems.org/MR/Services.aspx>

My possibilities Day program for adults with special needs:
<http://www.mypossibilities.org/>

Achievement Center Day Habilitation
<http://www.achievementcenteroftexas.org/>

Launch Ability
<http://www.launchability.org/>

Easter Seals North Texas employment services for adults with special needs
http://ntx.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=TXNW_workforce

Imagine Enterprises Inc.
<http://www.imagineenterprises.com/>

Job Accommodation Network
<http://www.jan.wvu.edu/>
800-526-7234 (TTY 877-781-9403)

nonPareil Institute
Office Phone Number: 972-473-3593
Address: 5240 Tennyson Parkway, Suite 105, Plano, TX
75024
Mailing address: P.O. Box 260652, Plano, TX 75026-0652

Disability and Employment Campaign
<http://www.whatcanyoudocampaign.org/>
Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas
www.dfwjobs.com

Teryl Cozby
Disability Navigator
Rockwall Workforce Center
Phone:972-722-1573 ext. 4204
Fax: 972-722-1798

Professional Psychological Solutions, PLLC
Transition Training and social skills training for
young adults 19-25 years of age.
Patrick M. Martin, Ph.D
Dr. Sylvia Garza
www.ppsdfw.com.
drmartin@ppsdfw.com
214-537-5943

REACH of Plano
<http://www.reachcils.org/home/plano.php4>
Location:
720 E. Park Blvd., Suite 104
Plano, TX 75074-8844
972-398-1111
972-398-9649 fax
Email: reachplano@reachcils.org

REACH of Dallas
<http://www.reachcils.org/home/dallas.php4>
8625 King George, Suite 210
Dallas, TX 75235-2275
Voice:(214) 630-4796
TTY: (214) 630-5995

Fax: (214) 630-6390
Email: reachdallas@reachcils.org
Ready to Work program
972-896-7800
www.serviceprovidersolutions.org

Disability Program Navigator
Janice Ferguson
Texas Workforce Commission
101 East 15th St.
Austin, TX 78778
512-305-9637
Janice.ferguson@twc.state.tx.us
http://www.doleta.gov/disability/new_dpn_grants.cfm

DARS Plano Field Office
(214) 365-2800
520 CENTRAL PARKWAY EAST SUITE 232
PLANO, TX 75074

All Medicaid Waiver programs should have supported employment and habilitation opportunities for adults with special needs. If you have CLASS or HCS, these services should be offered by the provider you choose.

Respite Activities:

Friday Night Out
Custer Road Methodist Church
6601 Custer Rd. (at Legacy)
Plano, TX
Phone: 972-618-3450

- Parents night out – 1st Friday of month
- Respite for Dev. Disability children

Kids Night Out
City of Plano Parks and Recreation
Therapeutic Recreation
Addy Hjarpe
Phone: 972-941-7327
Email: addyh@plano.gov

- Parents night out – 2nd Friday ea. month
- Respite Care for Dev. Disability children (up to age 12)
- Donation basis- \$5.00

Recreation & Activities:

Very Special Arts Festival:
Date varies year to year
Plano Center (Plano)
Joan Shopoff, Director of Plano Parks & Rec./ Therapeutic Recreation
Phone: 972-941-7272

Therapeutic Recreation-City of Plano Parks and Recreation
Activities vary
Addy Hjarpe
Phone: 972-941-7327
Email: addyh@plano.gov
or
Joan
Phone: 972-941-7272
Request a Therapeutic Recreation Brochure

ARTS for People (Artistic, Recreational & Therapeutic Services)
11300 N. Central Expressway, Suite 316
Dallas 75243
Phone: 214-891-9200
Non-profit organization that uses registered therapists and other artists/performers to provide music, dance, art, and storytelling services for people in nearly 100 local healthcare facilities and other community agencies.

Growth Through Aquatics
Special needs swim lessons
Phone: 972-686-4008

Equest Therapeutic Horsemanship
Therapeutic horseback riding program for children and adults with disabilities.
3800 Troy Rd
Wylie, TX Phone: 972-412-1099

Yoga for the Special Child
Lynne Silberman
Licensed Practitioner
Phone: 214-828-9900 ext. 214

Dallas Services, Inc.
A local non-profit organization dedicated to enabling individuals with disabilities and other special needs to achieve their potential by fostering community inclusiveness and independence
Website: www.dallasservices.org

Spirit Horse Therapeutic Riding Center
1960 Post Oak Drive
Corinth, Texas 76210
Phone: 940-497-2946
Fax: 940-497-4439
Email: info@spirithorsetherapy.com

Angel League Athletic Association
T-Ball teams (and other sports) for special needs kids
Teams located in Allen, McKinney, Richardson, Plano, & other surrounding area cities.

Special Olympics of Texas
Dallas (214)943-9981
Plano (972)682-9030

Hair Salons:

Kids-B-Kids
3100 Independence Pkwy
Plano, TX 75075-9152
972-596-8979

Tots-N-Teens Family Haircuts
2011 W. Spring Creek Pkwy., Suite 800
Plano, TX 75023
972-527-1816



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Plano, Texas

SpeechTX
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www.julieslp.com
<http://tinyurl.com/yar6nqu>

PISD SAGE Committee
sage@planopta.org

Region 10 Educational Service Center
400 E Spring Valley Rd
Richardson, TX 75081-5101
(972) 348-1700

The Future

Much has been learned about autism spectrum disorder in the last ten years. Autism is treatable. Now, with appropriate treatment, many people with autism are active, participating members of their communities. People with ASD can learn to compensate for and cope with their disability, often quite well. While each individual is unique, it may help to know that:

- Children with ASD are learning in regular education classrooms with and from their peers.
- Students with ASD continue their education beyond high school. Some people with ASD graduate from college.
- Adults with ASD, even those who face challenging symptoms, are capable of holding jobs in the community.
- People with ASD are living in a home or community of their own rather than institutions.
- People with ASD receive assistance and support in the natural settings of daily life (at school, on the job, and in their homes).
- People with ASD are becoming self-advocates. Some are forming networks to share information, support each other, and have their voices heard in the public arena.
- More frequently, people with ASD are attending and/or speaking at conferences and workshops on autism.
- People with ASD are providing valuable insight into the challenges of this disability by publishing articles and books and by appearing on television specials about their lives and their disabilities.
- Biomedical intervention along with educational therapies is recovering more and more children from autism every day.
- More and more children with autism are attending regular education classes and succeeding with support.



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<http://www.nationalautismassociation.org/>

The National Autism Association of North Texas (NAA-NT) is a chapter of the National Autism Association (NAA) that was started in Plano, Texas on April 23rd, 2009. The mission of the National Autism Association is to educate and empower families affected by autism and other neurological disorders, while advocating on behalf of those who cannot fight for their own rights. To that end, NAA has launched several programs to support families dealing with autism such as the new safety program, FOUND, which provides immediate Project Lifesaver funding to counties nationwide. Project Lifesaver is a nationwide tracking program established to locate and rescue missing persons, namely those with cognitive impairments and developmental disabilities.

NAA has also launched the FAMILY FIRST PROGRAM. The divorce rate within the autism community has been creeping up for quite some time. With the explosion in autism cases many more challenges surface with couples in our community. Family First was launched to accomplish these four goals:

- To provide couples with access to counseling
- To provide couples with financial aid for counseling
- To raise awareness about the divorce rates within our community and around the country
- To provide a solid support system for all couples affected by autism.

Another wonderful program NAA has launched to support families is The Helping Hand Program which provides families with financial assistance in getting necessary biomedical treatments, supplements and therapy services for their child with autism.

NAA also provides education through yearly conferences that feature the latest autism treatments and therapies with nationally renowned speakers. NAA funds autism biomedical research through research grants, and is actively involved in advocating with our national politicians for autism awareness, autism services throughout the lifespan of individuals and insurance coverage for autism biomedical treatments.

Our chapter is following in the footsteps of our parent organization to provide support for families affected with autism, to educate our community about autism, to help train law enforcement officers in how to deal with individuals with autism. We are committed to bringing autism awareness, education, and information to parents, professionals and emergency personnel, and we are committed to providing programs and networking opportunities that will empower parents and help them navigate the difficult maze of autism treatments and therapies.

“No person was ever honored for what he received. He was honored for what he gave.”
– Calvin Coolidge

Our NAA honors each and every one of our contributors that have made all of the above programs possible. It is from what you gave that our families are able to move forward with success. Please consider a donation of any denomination this holiday season. With your help, our new year will bring many new beginnings for our families affected by Autism.

This letter can serve as your tax deductible contribution.

Date: _____

Amount given: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Amount: \$10 \$20 \$30 \$40 \$50 Other \$___

Thank you so much!