



Elwyn's Philadelphia Resource List for Autism Services and Supports

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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
Phone: 215-612-7625 www.spininc.org
Center City Office: 1740 South Street, 214-735-5600 info@centercitypediatrics.com
- **Dr. Thomas Casey –Developmental Pediatrician**
937 E. Haverford Rd Suite 103
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010
Phone: 610-527-0147 (only accepts Aetna)
- **Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia/Children’s Seashore House**
34th Street and Civic Center Boulevard
Philadelphia, Pa 19104
Phone: 215-590-7500
 - **Autism/PDD :**
 - **Developmental Evals:**
 - **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)
3905 Ford Road, Suite 6
Philadelphia, PA 19131
Phone: 215-878-3400 <http://www.thecenterforautism.org/>
E-mail: info@thecenterforautism.org
Approximate wait time: Psychiatric evals for autism/PDD about 3-6 weeks
- **Dr. Anna Baumgaertel-Developmental Pediatrician**
31 North Narberth Avenue
Narberth, PA 19072
Phone: 484-439-1266 drbaumgaertel@gmail.com
- **Dr. James Coplan- Developmental Pediatrician**
Neurodevelopmental Pediatrics of the Main Line
919 Conestoga Road, Building 1, Suite 100
Rosemont, PA 19010
Phone: 610-520-2130, info@NDPeds.com

For Psychiatric Emergencies:

Einstein Crisis Response at Germantown Hospital (CRC)—

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

-Angela Cantwell-Director
-Rebecca Lincoln-social worker
-24 hours, all insurance, city wide
assessments of children in emergency
psychiatric situations.

- **Drexel Autism Center at Friends—**
Dr. Richard Malone—Child Psychiatrist and Susan Hyman, Psychologist
 Scattergood Building, 4641 Roosevelt Boulevard
 Philadelphia, PA 19124
 Phone: 215- 831-4058
- **Einstein Hospital**
Multidisciplinary Assessment Program (MAP)-speech and medical eval in one session
 Dr. Wendy Ross, developmental pediatrician
 Developmental Medicine Department
 The Levy Building, 5501 Old York Rd,
 Philadelphia, PA 19141
 Phone: 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
 Phone: 215-222-8054
 Annemarie Clarke, Ph.D
 Lisa Dissinger, Ph.D.
- **Germantown Hospital CARAT Program**
(Child and Adolescent Rapid Assessment and Treatment Center)
 1 Penn Boulevard, Penn Tower Building,
 3rd Floor, Philadelphia PA 19144
 Phone: 215-951-8390
 -intensive short term psychiatric management and therapy no more than 12 weeks
 -referrals from professionals only, MA only
- **Dr. Eric Mitchell, Ph.D. --Psychologist**
 6810 Emlen Street,
 Philadelphia, PA 19119
 Phone: 215-844-6482 ericmpsync@yahoo.com
- **Robert Naseef and Cindy N. Ariel, PhDs--Psychologist**
 514 South 4th St.
 Philadelphia, PA 19147
 Phone: 215-592-1333 www.alternativechoices.com
- **Northwestern Human Services Child Development Center** (formerly Child Psychiatry Center)
 265 E. Lehigh Ave
 Philadelphia, PA 19135
 Phone: 215-427-1500
****SPANISH SERVICES AVAILABLE****

- **Dr. Marius Popii, M.D. –Child Psychiatrist**
31 North Narberth Ave,
Narberth, PA 19072
Phone: 215-307-5678 marius.popii@gmail.com

- **Rob Rosenthal, Ph.D.-- Psychologist**
Growth Opportunities Center
2910 Franks Road
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006
Phone: 2150947-8654 ,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
 - **Department of Neuropsychology-** Dr. Grant 215-427-5081

- **Dr. Annie Steinberg—Child Psychiatrist**
31 North Narberth Avenue,
Narberth, PA 19072
Phone: 610-639-2667

- **West Chester 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

- **Christine Waanders, Ph.D.-- Psychologist**
The Center
133 Ivy Lane,
King of Prussia, PA 19406
Phone: 610-878-9330 ext.6 email: waandersc@yahoo.com

Neurologists

- **Dupont at Jefferson**
Department of Child Neurology
833 Chestnut Street East
Philadelphia, PA
Phone: 215-955-6000, call 800-416-4441 to schedule an appointment
- **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**
The Neurology Department at CHOP refers all their children with Autism to the Regional Autism Center
- **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@thecnh.org
Web: www.thecnh.org
Mark Mintz, M.D., Pediatric Neurologist
Daniel LeGoff, Ph.D., Pediatric Neuropsychologist
- **St. Christopher's Hospital Department of Neurology –**
Dr. Hardison and Dr. Legido
Phone: 215-427-5470
- **Douglas L. Wilkerson**
Bryn Mawr, PA
Phone: 610-527-8290

Professional Training/consultations

- **Steven B. Glazier, M.A. --Licensed Psychologist**
3900 City Avenue, Suite D106
Philadelphia, PA 19131
Phone: 215- 782-3160 sbglazier@comcast.net
- **Green Tree Partnerships**-Professional training and consultations
Dr. Thomas Lotus or Dr. Eric Mitchell
143 West Walnut Lane,
Philadelphia, PA 19144
Phone: 215-843-4528
- **Potential Inc.**-home and school based behavioral consultation, social and music therapy
Kristin Quimby, Director
638 Newtown Yardly Road,
Commons West Suite 1F
Newtown, PA 18940
Phone: 215-579-0670 info@potentialinc.org www.potentialinc.org

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.

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.philadelphiatf.org

Additional Educational Resources

- **PaTTAN** (Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network)
 - 800-441-3215
 - Offers free ongoing training and resources on all aspects related to education and Autism and is open to parents and professionals. Training events and publications can be accessed at www.pattan.net
 - Early Intervention Technical Assistance (EITA)- Susan Kershman ext. 248
skershman@pattan.net
 - School age and older Technical Assistance- Donna Salkin ext. 267
dsalkin@pattan.net

- **Pennsylvania's Initiative on Assistive Technology (PIAT)** –
 - 800-204-7428 (voice); 866-268-0579 (TTY); ATinfo@temple.edu (email). PIAT offers information and referral about Assistive Technology (AT), device demonstrations, and awareness-level presentations.
 - PIAT operates Pennsylvania's AT Lending Library, a free program that loans AT devices. This program allows you to try a device for a limited time to be sure it meets your needs. PIAT also 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. For more information, please contact us or visit our website at <http://disabilities.temple.edu/programs/assistive>.

- **The Center for Autism** (formerly: The Center for Autistic Children)
3905 Ford Road, Suite 6
Philadelphia, PA 19131
Phone: 215-878-3400 <http://www.thecenterforautism.org/>
E-mail: info@thecenterforautism.org
 - Five day/week full time program ONLY for children with Autism and Medical Assistance ages 2-5
 - 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

- **NHS School**
2900 Southampton Road
Philadelphia PA 19154
Phone: 215-671-5005
 - Director is: Laura Bupp www.nhsonline.org
 - A licensed private academic school for children with Autism grades k-12

- Videos for support and learning at home or school : www.child1first.com

After School Programs

- **The Center for Autism** (formerly: The Center for Autistic Children)
3905 Ford Road, Suite 6
Philadelphia, PA 19131
Phone: 215-878-3400 <http://www.thecenterforautism.org/>
E-mail: info@thecenterforautism.org
- **The Philadelphia Mental Health Center (PMHC)**
 - Serenity After School Autism Program located at
JCC / Klein Branch, 10100 Jamison Ave, Phila., Pa. 19116
Phone:215.677.2281 Contact→ Anthony Russo or Jamilla Lawry
 - This 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. 3:1 child to adult ratio, sports including swimming
- **The Variety Club**
 - For children with disabilities ages 6-21 from 3-6 p.m.
 - Located at sites throughout the city (see below)
 - Phone: Kiana Berry 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

Kensington High School

2501 Coral Street
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 list serve 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
 - Look for “The First 100 Days” a wonderful guide to coping with a new diagnosis
- **About Autism** - <http://autism.about.com/>
- **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, a good resource fo online support and information

- **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
- **Metro Kids/Special Kids**
 - <http://metrokids.com/specialkids05/skmainpage05.html>
 - Delaware Valley Publication that has a wonderful website for Special Needs Kids, including resources, family articles and events for families and siblings

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, currently not active
- **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 Norristown Autism Support Group**
 - Contact: Cindi Sharma or Gail Stein 610-584-4366 ext: 1044 gailstein@varietyphila.org
 - Meets: Once a month in Norristown
- **Best Nest Special Needs Parent Support Group** -- Germantown
 - Contact Dina Mitchell @ 215-546-8060
 - Meets monthly

Sibling/Family Support

- **UCP Sibling Group** --Chestnut Hill --Contact Jodi Miscannon at 215-248-7605 **Free
- **CHOP Sibshops**-- Contact Lenore Stern at 215-590-7443
- **SibClub at Elwyn**-Contact Marissa Tabak at 215-254-2087 **Free
- **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
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
- **Surviving and Thriving After Diagnosis:** support group run by therapist who has a child with ASD
 - Contact: Sonia Voynow 215-247-5832
- **Jeffrey Katowitz, LMFT**
 - Therapist specializing in assisting others in coping with a child with special needs, offices in Spring House and Center City 215.307.0055 JeffKatowitz@comcast.net
- **Kathryn Snyder, ATR-BC, LPC**
 - Art and family therapist
 - 737 Bainbridge Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147
 - 215-450-5271 kathrynsnyder@comcast.net
 - social skills, parent support, consultation to schools
- **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. Pre-registration is required, the workshop is FREE

Support for Spanish Speaking Families

- **HUNE** (Hispanos Unidos Para Ninos Excepcionals)
2200 N. 2nd St.
Philadelphia, PA 19133
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/

Research/Treatment

There are thousands of theories and techniques regarding Autism. The following sites may be helpful in exploring the best treatment options for your child.

- www.autism-watch.org- A website that helps explain the risks and benefits of many treatments and therapies for Autism

<http://www.researchautism.org/resources/parents%20guide.pdf>

<http://www.autism-society.org>

<http://www.researchautism.org>

<http://www.nichd.nih.gov/autism>

<http://www.pubmed.gov>

<http://www.scirus.com>

<http://www.eric.ed.gov>

Local opportunities for your child to participate in current research may be found by contacting:

- University of Penn: 1-866-506-5841 or autism@mail.med.upenn.edu
- The Center for Autism Research at CHOP 1-866-570-6524 or autism@email.chop.edu

Advocacy

- **Disabilities Rights Network of PA**
The Philadelphia Building,
1315 Walnut Street, Suite 400,
Philadelphia PA 19107-4798
215-238-8070 <http://www.drnpa.org/>
- **Pennsylvania Health Law Project**
Corn Exchange Building Suite 400
123 Chestnut St.
Philadelphia, PA 19106
1-800-274-3258
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
(Information only—For special education info please call Disability Rights Network)
- **Parents Involved Network (PIN)**
1211 Chestnut St.
Philadelphia, Pa 19107
215-751-1800 800-688-4226 about@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. 6N
Philadelphia, Pa 19106
215-923-3349 www.visionforequality.org
 - Advocacy and mentorship for families of children with disabilities
- **Families First**
Contact: 215-204-1772 susanne@temple.edu
 - This is a one day empowerment training for families with children who receive Early Intervention Services in Philadelphia. Trainings held on Saturdays

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 www.pfcsupports.org
9360 Ashton Road, Suite 102, Philadelphia, PA 19114, 267-350-4500

Quality Progressions www.qualityprogressions.org
125 S. 9th St, 4th Fl, 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 www.consortium-inc.org
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:
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

- **Prekindergarten Head Start**

215-400-4270 <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**

215-400-4270 <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).

- **Frankie's World**

Linda Hesson --215-763-0151

- Child care for medically fragile children that have to have nursing prescribed by a doctor
- www.frankiesworlddaycare.com

- **Lauren's House**

- 1318 West Clearfield Street Philadelphia, PA 19132 (888) 340-9430
- child care for medically or developmentally complicated children up to age 8
- www.laurenshouse.com

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 rhjohnson@ysiphila.org
 - 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
 - **Infinite Care** 267-987-1716 infinitecare2@aol.com
 - **Pediatric Services of America**-215-887-4009 www.psakids.com
 - **RP Homecare** 215-643-1200
 - **Visiting Nurse Group** 215-829-8888 info@visitingnursegroup.com

Recreation/Arts/Camps/Spirituality

(Elwyn does not endorse any of the groups or agencies listed herein. The purpose of this listing is to provide information about resources in the community only)

- **Farimount Arts Center**
 - 2501 Olive Street Philadelphia, PA 19130
 - 215-756-ARTS info@fairmountartcenter.com
 - small group and individual art therapy for special needs children
 - Pre-registration meeting required before enrollment

- **Free Library of Philadelphia**
 - 215-685-5322 or website: <http://libwww.library.phila.gov>
 - Many branches throughout the city have free story and craft hours for children, call or look on the website for the closest location/hours

- **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. Pre-registration is required, the workshop is FREE

- **Holy Terror Stars**
 - <http://www.freewebs.com/holyterrorstars/>
 - Contact: Cindy Hinchy at 215-331-9876 or Kim Wilson at 215-407-3027 or summermoon713@gmail.com
 - Location: Purzell Community Center (Northeast) from 6-8 p.m., all sports, every Friday night, 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)! Lots of additional activities as well such as holiday parties and Phillies games

- **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”.Also have story hours and craft hours that are free
- **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
 - social skills, therapies and playgroups and camps for special needs children
 - www.littlewonderscenter.com 610-275-KIDS
- **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 Mondays the entry fee is waived for children with disabilities
- **Dragonflyforest overnight camp**
 - www.dragonflyforst.org 610-298-1820
 - an overnight camp for children with Autism ages 7-14 year old in Chester County PA
- **Horse Riding**
 - **Pegasus:** 8297 Bustleton Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19152 215-742-1500
 - **One Step At a Time:** P. O. Box 125, Bristol, PA 215-945-4499
 - **Special Equestrians:** 2800 Street Rd. PO Box 1001, Warrington, PA 18976 215-918-1001
- **Playground/Sports/Crafts**
 - City of Philadelphia Recreation Department <http://www.phila.gov/recreation/> or call 683-3600
 - Has after school and weekend activities for all children ages 5-13, low cost, fees vary
- **Chang’s School of Martial Arts**
 - KAFA (Karate Adapted for Autism)
 - 499 South Henderson Road , King of Prussia 610-277-2919
info@changsschoolofmartialarts.org.

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.
www.archphila.org
- **Special needs CCD classes**
 - St Matthews Church 3000 Cottman Avenue, Philadelphia PA 19149
 - Contact Deacon Bob Burns at 215-333-0585
- **Auerbach Central Agency for Jewish Education**
 - 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.
 - Contact: Debbie Gettes, dgettes@acaje.org 215-635-8940

Camps

- **PA Mentor**
10601 Decatur Road, Suite 400, Philadelphia, PA 19164
215-612-8200 www.thementornetwork.com
 - Summer camp for children with ASD ages 5-15. Children must have MA, 2 sites in Northeast, 1 site in South Philly.
- **SPIN, Inc**
 - 10521 Drummond Rd, Philadelphia, Pa 19154 215-613-1070
 - Integrated summer camp for special needs and typical children beginning age 5.
- **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 Wesstown, PA Chester County
 - 610-298-1820 www.dragonflyforest.org
- **Carousel House Special Needs Day**
 - Belmont Avenue and North Concourse in Fairmount Park
 - 215-685-0160/61/62 a two week camp for kids with disabilities starting at age 5

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	Stephanie Bastic	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	Charlotte Izard	1 Winding Drive Suite 104	215-578-3101	Philadelphia	19131
Foundations of Delaware Valley	Courtney Miller	833 E. Butler Ave./office in Philly also	215/340-1500, extension 107	Doylestown/ and Philly	18901
Green Tree School	Lin Hammerman	146 West Walnut Ln	215/843-4528	Philadelphia	19144
Interactive Communications	Deborah Finley	400 Presidential Blvd	215-913-7112 drdfinley@hotmail.com	Philadelphia	19131
Interac Inc. (BSU 6)	Christie Fick	6122 Ridge Ave.	215/508-6715	Philadelphia	19128
Juvenile Justice Center	Travis Tany	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		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	4610 Street Rd Trevose/ or/ 3300 Henry Ave, Preston Hall	215/924- 0684/215 364- 3299	Philadelphia	190531912 9

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

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

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 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 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 Rights Network of PA 215-238-8070 <http://www.drnpa.org/>

The Diaper Program

If your child has developmental delays and is over 3 years old, s/he can receive diapers paid for by Medical Assistance. Follow these steps:

1. Call the 800 # on the back of your child's medical card to find out who your local Durable Medical Equipment provider is.
2. Call that provider, and speak with them about the diaper program. They will often tell you whether they will deliver the diapers or you will need to pick them up. They will tell you their fax number that is needed for the doctor's prescription.
3. Call your child's doctor office and tell them that your child needs the doctor to fax a prescription for diapers to the company. The prescription should state your child's diagnosis of Autism and developmental delays and should request a 3-month supply of diapers with refills. Make sure the doctor writes your child's diaper size on the prescription too!
4. The medical equipment company or pharmacy that provides these diapers will automatically dispense generic diapers unless the doctor states a medical reason for a name brand diaper.
5. Sometimes this program also covers wipes; it's worth asking the provider.