

# Elwyn's Philadelphia Resource List for Autism and Special Needs 2012

This listing is compiled by a network of Philadelphia professionals and families. The purpose of this guide 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 annually by Karen Krivit, at Philadelphia Elwyn; please submit new or updated information to [krivitk@elwyn.org](mailto:krivitk@elwyn.org), call 267-784-2009, or mail: 4025 Chestnut Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Philadelphia PA 19104. If you are looking for information or resources and you can't find it in here please contact us.

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This document is available on line at <http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/> under Resource

**Medical(Diagnosis, Evaluations and Treatment)**

(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.)

**For Children’s Psychiatric Emergencies:  
Crisis Response at Germantown Hospital (CRC)**

Chew and Olney 19144 215-951-8300

-24 hours, all insurance, city wide assessments of children in emergency psychiatric situations

**Dept of Behavioral Health Acute Services Line**

215-685-6440 24- hour phone support /referral regardless of insurance

**Developmental Pediatrics Teams that accept Medical Assistance**

**Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Developmental Pediatrics**

3550 Market Street, 19104, 215-590-7500 9 month waiting list

**St. Christopher’s Hospital** Erie Ave at Front Street, 19134, 215- 427-5531

9 month waiting list Maureen Fee, M.D. and Beth Parrish, M.D. (Also can be evaluated at Abington Hospital with Dr. Thomas Casey, but call the same number)

**Dupont Hospital Department of Developmental Pediatrics**

1600 Rockland Road Wilmington, DE 49803, 302-651-4511

Accepts Keystone Mercy MA

**Child Psychiatry Programs, Psychiatrists, Psychologists and agencies that accept Medical Assistance for help with behavior, diagnosis, therapy, medication and parent guidance**

**APM** (SPANISH) psychological evaluations, support and therapy for children and families

4301 Rising Sun Ave 19140, 267-296-7220

3263-65 North Front St., 19122, 215-426-1077

**Assessment and Treatment Centers** 1225 Vine Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor 19107, 215-405-2100, outpatient evaluations, individual and family therapy, wrap-around

**Bethanna** (two sites): comprehensive output evaluation, therapy and support for parents and children ages 3 and up. <http://www.bethanna.org/bethanna/Outpatient%20Mental%20Health%20Services.php>

-1030 Second Street, Southampton, PA 18966 215-355-6500

-1212 Wood Street, 19107, 215-568-2435

**The Center for Families and Relationships, Inc** 1600 Magee Ave 19149, 215-537-5367 (offers parent training and support, anger management , individual, family and child therapy and psychological evaluations age 5 and up)

**The Center for Autism** Headquarters: 3905 Ford Road, PA 19131, 215-220-2163

Northeast: 2801 Grant Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19114, 215-878-3400

Website: <http://www.thecenterforautism.org/> email: [info@thecenterforautism.org](mailto:info@thecenterforautism.org)

Child psychiatrists (staff may rotate) and outpatient therapy

**Child Guidance Resource Center** 2000 Old West Chest Pike, Havertown PA 19083 (easily accessible from 69<sup>th</sup> street station via bus) Child psychiatrists, psychologist, behavior and family support (610)565-6000  
<http://www.cgrc.org/about.html>

**CHOP Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Behavioral Science**

3440 Market Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor: 215-590-7555

**Cognitive Behavioral Services** –3255 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, 19140

( age 5 and up, SPANISH speaking staff) 215-634-3976 child psychiatrist and psychologists

**Community Council** 4900 Wyalusing Ave 19131, 215-473-7033 output and w/a, ages 3 and up

**Children’s Crisis Treatment Center**-psychiatrists and psychologists and wrap around

417 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia 19123, 215-496-0707/0584

**Citywide Community Counseling Services**-psychiatrist and psychologists (age 3 and up)

537 East Allegheny at B, Philadelphia 19134, 215-291-9500

**CNNH** (The Center for Neurological and Neurodevelopmental Health) accepts some insurances, based in South Jersey but have an office in Bala Cynwyd. Dr. Drew Nagel, neuropsychologist. diagnostic evaluations for Autism 856-346-0005

**CO-MHAR, Inc.** <http://comhar.org/services/children> 215-203-3000

3825 Whittaker Ave 19124, 215-425-9212 outpatient behavioral health including wrap-around

166 West Lehigh 19133, 215-739-2453 SPANISH SPEAKING

2055 East Allegheny Ave 19134, 215-427-580 (5 and up)

**Einstein Hospital Outpatient Child and Adolescent Psychiatry** (ages 5 and up)

1200 W. Tabor Road, Philadelphia Phone: 215-456-9832 Outpatient treatment, **NOT** diagnostic

**Elwyn Outpatient Behavioral Health Services**-psychiatrist and psychologist (age 5 and up)

4040 Market Street, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Philadelphia 19104, 215-895-5588

**Empowerment Resource Associates** 1822 Spring Garden Street, 19130, 215-564-0680 (3 and up)

psychological and family support and evaluations, Spanish and Turkish speaking staff!

**Family Practice and Counseling Network** (psychological, psychiatric, individual and family)

850 N. 11<sup>th</sup> street, (Drexel Family Health Services) 19123, 215-769-1100

4700 Wissahickon Ave 19144, 215-843-2580

6102-B Woodland Avenue 19143, (267) 350-5170

**Irene Feigin**-psychologist 215-969-2420 (also speaks RUSSIAN!)

2375 Woodward Street, Suite 108 19115 **AND** 1601 Walnut Street, Suite 1424, 19102

**Steven Glazier**-psychologist (DIR Facilitator) (all ages) 3900 City Avenue, 19131, 215-82-3160

**Greater Philadelphia Health Action** –psychologists, evaluation, diagnosis, treatment (ages 5 and up) Two

sites: 1401 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street 19147

4510 Frankford Avenue 19124, 215-831-9882

**Hall Mercer/Pennsylvania Hospital** - 245 South 8th Street 19106, 215-829-5554

Psychiatrists and therapists (some regional limitations/catchment areas) - Also have Chinese speaking staff!!!

Ages 4 and up

**Hispanic Community Counseling Services** - 3160 Kensington Ave, 19134, 215-291-8151

(Ages 5 and up) Evaluations, diagnosis and counseling, many resources for families including help for children with anxiety, phobias, depression, ADHD, anger, behaviors....dance movement therapy is also available...see website for more details: <http://www.hccsphila.org/>

**Intercultural Family Services**—psychologist and psychiatrists

4254-56 Chestnut Street 19104, 215-386-8490

2317 S. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street 19145, 215-468-4673

**INTERAC, Inc (intercommunity Action Inc.)**—child psychiatrist and psychologists (ages 3 and up)

6122 Ridge Avenue 19128, 215-487-1330 evening hours

**Juniata Community Mental Health Center**- child psychiatrist and psychologist (ages 6 and up)

2254 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 19133, 215-291-0804

**JFK Community M.H.Centers** (psychologist and psychiatrists, family and children)

112 North Broad Street 19102, 215-568-0860

321 West Girard Ave 19123, 215-235-6250

SPANISH: 2742 North 5<sup>th</sup> St. 215-427-3400

**Jefferson Psychiatric Association** 833 Chestnut Street 19107, 215-955-8962

<http://www.jefferson.edu/jmc/psychiatry/clinical/programs.cfm> evaluation and diagnosis apparently not for Autism but for other concerns, children with Autism are referred to their Neurology Dept.

**Sheila Mcmanus** – psychologist, 7600 Stenton Ave, 19118, 215-247-2127

**Tracy Jones, M.D.** - Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, 1511 Carpenter St. 19146 215-923-2690

**Natan Nemirovsky, M.D.**- general psychiatrist, (6 and up, evening hours)

1500 Bustleton Avenue, Philadelphia 19116, 215-856-7140

**Northern Home for Children** - 5301 Ridge Ave 19128, (215)482-1423. Child psychologist, psychiatrist and family mental health services including Wrap–Around, no age limit

**Northeast Community Mental Health Center(NET)** - 215-408-4944 499 North 5<sup>th</sup> ST. (Spring Garden) 19123

<http://www.netcenters.org/netservicespa/pachildrenyouthfamilyservices>

Outpatient services for children and families including home-based family therapy and wrap around.

Dr. Manely Ghaffari, a child and adolescent psychiatrist.

**Northwestern Human Services-Physician Group** - psychiatrists and therapists (children 5 and up)

11082 Knights Road, 19154, 215-632-9040 Saturday hours

**Northwestern Human Services** 27 East Mount Airy Ave 19119, 215-248-6700 (4 and up)

**Northwestern Human Services Child Development Center (also called Children’s Reach)**

265 E. Lehigh Ave 19135, 215-427-1500 (3 years and up) Child psychiatrists, and psychologists, SPANISH

**Nueva Via** Mental Health Center (SPANISH) child psychologists, psychiatrist , individual and family therapy, hours on weekends and evenings as well. Three locations:

112 E. Allegheny Ave, 19134, 215-291-1250

3169 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street (at Allegheny) 19140, 215-426-9680

616 West Lehigh Ave, 19133, 215-291-2917

**Michael Schuman, PhD** 1730 Welsh Road, 19115, 215-552-8101

**Annie Steinberg, M.D.** 31 N. Narberth Ave, Narberth, PA 19072 610-639-2667

**Tree of Life Behavioral Services** 7040 Castor Ave 19149, 215-533-5433 Child psychologists and psychiatrists, individual and family therapy, evening hours SPANISH, PORTUGUESE, ARABIC AND RUSSIAN

**Warren E. Smith** 1315 Windrim Ave 19141 215-455-3900 outpt therapy ages 5 and up

**South East Regional Keys** <http://www.seregionalkey.org/site/index.php/services/keystone-stars/> Early Childhood Mental Health Support: Consultants focus on the following three issues: 1. Reduce the number of children expelled from Early Childhood Centers do to behavioral issues. 2. To Increase the understanding of social and emotional development and it's impact on educational success. 3. To link and bridge systems and services on behalf of a child, family and program. To make a referral please contact Melissa Stueck at [mstueck@phmc.org](mailto:mstueck@phmc.org) 267-773-4408

### **INPATIENT AND PARTIAL PROGRAMS**

**Belmont Center** 4200 Monument Road 19131 215-877-2000 (INPATIENT children's unit ages 5-12)

**CCTC (Children's Crisis Treatment Center)** Partial Day Treatment Program (2.9 years -5) 215-496-0707 1823 Callowhill Street 19130, Ages 3-5, NO Autism, must be toilet trained. Behaviorally based preschool.

**Community Council** 19131 (267)295-8850 (2.9 years -5) Preschool Family Intervention (no Autism)

**Devereaux Children's Behavioral Health Ctr** inpatient psych children 4-18 Malvern PA 800-935-6789 (yes: Autism)

**Fairmount Behavioral Health** 19128 (215)487-4000 partial hospitalization for 14-17 y.o.

**Foundations Behavioral Health** (NO MA) Doylestown 215-345-0444 INPT Autism Unit [www.fbh.com](http://www.fbh.com) 5-18 years old Doylestown PA NO MA, private insurance only

**RHD Stepping Stones Program**, Partial psychiatric program for 6-11 year olds, no Autism 215-849-4300

**The following clinicians do NOT take insurance for their services they are private fee; for more providers such as this please consult with Gail Stein at CAR [steing1@email.chop.edu](mailto:steing1@email.chop.edu) 267-426-4910**

**Anna Baumgaertel, M.D.**- Developmental Pediatrician 31 N. Narberth Ave Narberth, Pa 19072 Phone: 484-439-1266 [drbaumgaertel@gmail.com](mailto:drbaumgaertel@gmail.com)

**Eric Berger, M.D.** Developmental Pediatrician Accepts MA on a limited basis Center City Pediatrics 1740 South Street, Phone: 214-735-5600 Email: [info@centercitypediatrics.com](mailto:info@centercitypediatrics.com)

**Chestnut Hill College** : (215) 242-7726 1107 Bethlehem Pike, 19031. psychoeducational, psychological, and psychosocial evaluations on a sliding fee. They do not perform therapy or emergency services at this time. Evaluations are conducted by doctoral students who are supervised by licensed clinicians. Ages 5 and up.

**James Coplan, M.D.**- Developmental Pediatrician  
**Neurodevelopmental Pediatrics of the Main Line** 610-520-2130, [info@NDPeds.com](mailto:info@NDPeds.com)  
919 Conestoga Road, Building 1, Suite 100, Rosemont, PA 19010

**Manely Ghaffari, MD** Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist 129 N. 4th Street, 19106 [267-702-0543](tel:267-702-0543). Dr. Ghaffari also works at Northeast Treatment Centers (NET) and had previously worked at the Drexel Autism Center. Her services at NET are payable through Medical Assistance!

**Growth Opportunities Center/Rob Rosenthal** 2910 Franks Road Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006 , accepts most insurance except MA, but have sliding fee  
Phone: 215-947-8654 ,ext 254 [rjrpsych@gmail.com](mailto:rjrpsych@gmail.com) [www.gocenter.net](http://www.gocenter.net)  
Psychiatry, psychology , individual and family therapy, and social skills groups

**Amy McIntyre, MD** – child psychiatrist 610-667-1781 111 Presidential Boulevard; Bala Cynwyd

**Eric Mitchell, - Psychologist** 6810 Emlen St, Philadelphia, PA 19119  
Phone: 215-844-6482 [ericmpsync@yahoo.com](mailto:ericmpsync@yahoo.com)

**Robert Naseef and Cindy N. Ariel, --Psychologists** (Specializing in working with families with children with disabilities! See their extremely helpful website!) Take some insurance, sliding fee  
319 Vine Street 19106, 215-592-1333 [www.alternativechoices.com](http://www.alternativechoices.com)

**Brad Norford, PhD** - child psychologist (610)525-4828 Norford Psychological Associates  
14 South Bryn Mawr Avenue, Bryn Mawr PA 19010

**Wendy J. Ross, MD, FAAP** Center For Pediatric Development, LLC, 610-952-6601  
259 East Lancaster Ave, Wynnewood, PA 19096 (in office space of dermatology associates)

#### **SPIN Behavioral & Developmental Services Department**

Anne Marie Clarke, Ph.D, and colleagues [www.spininc.org](http://www.spininc.org) 10521 Drummond Road 19154  
Phone: 215-612-7625 ext 5 Contact: Scott Sadowsky for appointments diagnostic evaluations, counseling, family and individual therapy, behavioral consultation. Accepts Magellan and Aetna Insurance

**West Chester University/SPARC** (Southeastern Pennsylvania Autism Resource Center)  
Jennifer Dawson, PhD <http://www.wcupa.edu/SPARC> [sparc@wcupa.edu](mailto:sparc@wcupa.edu)  
Westchester University, West Chester, PA 19383, 610-430-5678

### **Neurologists**

**Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Department of Neurology:** 215-590-1719

**Dupont at Jefferson** Department of Child Neurology Dr. Charles Brill  
833 Chestnut Street 215-955-6000, call 800-416-4441 Newtown Square 610-557-4800  
A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children, Wilmington DE 302-651-4200

**St. Christopher's Hospital** Department of Neuropsychology- Dr. Grant 215-427-5081  
Department of Neurology – Dr. Hardison and Dr. Legido Phone: 215-427-5470

### **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.

**Elwyn Dental Clinic (accepts MA)** 215-895-5533/5666/6108  
4040 Market Street Philadelphia 19104, free parking, ages 3 and up

### Education/Therapy/Early Intervention

There are three agencies that provide free special education and therapy services for children in the city of Philadelphia, they are organized by the ages they serve. (for children outside of Philadelphia call CONNECT at 1-800-692-7288)

**Childlink: Ages 0-3 years** 260 South Broad Street, 18<sup>th</sup> floor 19102 215-731-2110  
Developmental assessment, coordination and services for children ages 0-3years old, funded by the Dept. of Public Welfare

**Elwyn SEEDS :Ages 2.6-5 years** <http://www.elwyn.org/program/seeds/>  
Intake and new referrals: 4025 Chestnut Street: 215-222-8054  
Service coordination: 4040 Market Street: 215-921-7164 (see website for a phone list)  
Developmental assessment, coordination and services for children 2.6-5 years old. Funded by Dept. of Education, contracts with many providers (for example Ken Crest and SPIN) to offer a variety of services to support the educational needs of children in a variety of settings.  
Parent Partners 215-222-4181 : parents who have children in the Elwyn system who can provide guidance and support to others.

**Philadelphia School District: Ages 5-21 years** <http://webgui.phila.k12.pa.us/offices/s/oss/>  
440 N. Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19130, 215-400-4000 [www.philasd.org](http://www.philasd.org)  
Office of Specialized Instructional Services 215-400-6040/4170 coordinates special education services and supports for children with special needs. Charter Schools Michael Andrews: 215-400- 6086.

**Philadelphia Interagency Coordinating Council (PICC) for families with children ages 0-5** is a collaborative partnership between families Childlink, Elwyn and their provider agencies offering support, information, trainings special events and advocacy for the families of children 0-5 years old.  
215-731-2464 philadelphiaicc.org or [philadelphiaicc@yahoo.com](mailto:philadelphiaicc@yahoo.com) ( to get on mailing list)

**The Philadelphia Right to Education Task Force for families with children 5-21** This is a parent-led association focused on providing appropriate special education services and programs to students with disabilities (eg: Autism) <http://www.philak12.pa.us/parents/getinvolved.html> 215-400-5151

**The Parent Resource Centers:** open 7:30 a.m.-6p.m. m-f 215-400-4180 (Main Building)  
8 centers located throughout the city designed to address such things as: student placement, wrap-around, after school programs, supports for multilingual families, information and referrals for mental health supports, and emergency family needs, all services are free

**Parent University 215-400-4180/** (also see <http://webgui.phila.k12.pa.us/offices/p/publicengagement/parent-universit-of-the-school-district-of-philadelphia> ) free workshops and trainings for School District guardians, parents and caregivers including GED, ESL, child development, discipline and behavior, and even home improvement! Contact the office for a complete listing also offers free translations of educational documents for family members.

**CBH: STS**(School Therapeutic Services). School-based behavioral health support for children in elementary and middle school. Contact the Special Education Liaison or CBH (215-413-3100) in your child's school to find out more about this service.

## **Additional Educational /Behavioral Resources/Trainings**

**The Center for Autism** 215-878-3400 <http://www.thecenterforautism.org/> [info@thecenterforautism.org](mailto:info@thecenterforautism.org)  
Medical Assistance ONLY and overseen by CBH.  
Two locations: 3905 Ford Road, 19131 and 2801 Grant Avenue, 19114  
Preschool: 2-5 yrs. and Social Competency Program for children 6-15 yrs.

**PATTAN** (Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network) 800-441-3215  
Offers free training and resources related to children with Special Needs, open to parents and professionals.  
Training events and publications can be accessed at [www.pattan.net](http://www.pattan.net)  
Ages 0-5 contact Julia Slater at [j Slater@pattan.net](mailto:j Slater@pattan.net) Ages 5 and up contact Donna Salkin [dsalkin@pattan.net](mailto:dsalkin@pattan.net)

**Pennsylvania's Initiative on Assistive Technology (PIAT)** – 800-204-7428 (voice); 866-268-0579 (TTY); [ATinfo@temple.edu](mailto:ATinfo@temple.edu) (email). PIAT provides information, assessment and trainings for individuals with disabilities who would benefit from Assistive Technology (AT), device demonstrations 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) that is a network of programs offering ways for people to obtain, donate, or sell AT equipment such as iPads and SmartPhones. For more information, please contact us or visit our website at <http://disabilities.temple.edu/tech/>

**ABOARD** (Advisory Board on Autism and Related Disorders) <http://aboard.web.officelive.com/default.aspx>  
800-827-9385 This is a statewide agency that offers wonderful information on their website including iPhone, iPad apps for children with special needs as well as an Autism glossary to better understand abbreviations.

**Pennsylvania's Education for All Coalition** [www.paedforall.org](http://www.paedforall.org)  
Diane Perry at 267-232-0570. Free consultation for schools, programs and families related to supporting inclusion options for children with disabilities.

**Elwyn Parent Friendly Workshops and the Philadelphia Autism Network** Free professional trainings open to families who have children in the 0-5 Early Intervention system. <http://www.elwyn.org/program/seeds> (click on "Professional Development and Workshops for Families" for this year's calendar)

**Bancroft Neurohealth** - Haddonfield, NJ 856-429-0010 [www.bancroftneurohealth.org](http://www.bancroftneurohealth.org)  
This website offers practical guides and resources about a great deal of difficult issues for families and professionals including toileting, behavior, sexuality, sleeping and eating problems and sibling issues [http://www.bancroft.org/resource\\_library/fcr\\_webresources\\_home.html](http://www.bancroft.org/resource_library/fcr_webresources_home.html)

**Autism Sharing and Parenting** [www.autismsharingandparenting.org/](http://www.autismsharingandparenting.org/)  
trainings and support for families with children with a dx of autism. Contact: Renee Henderson 215-413-7106 or [nasya06@msn.com](mailto:nasya06@msn.com)

**Variety Autism Ambassadors** a school based peer mentoring program see this website for more info: <http://www.varietyphila.org/serve/autism-initiative/programs-and-services/>  
Contact Nicole Simon at 215-735-0803 or email at : [autism@varietyphila.org](mailto:autism@varietyphila.org)

**FAST (Turning Points for Children)** Families and Schools Together: Free school based workshops to increase parents effectiveness with their children in collaboration with 30 elementary and charter schools in Philadelphia. Contact Kim Jones [kjones@turningpointsforchildren.org](mailto:kjones@turningpointsforchildren.org) 215-875-4943



## **After School Programs**

**The Center for Autism** 3905 Ford Road, 19131 215-878-3400 MA ONLY

<http://www.thecenterforautism.org/> [info@thecenterforautism.org](mailto:info@thecenterforautism.org)

Social Competency Program for children 6-15 yrs. old (M-Th, 5-7pm).

**Philadelphia Mental Health Center (PMHC) MA ONLY**

Serenity After School Autism Program located at JCC / 10100 Jamison Ave, 19116

215-677-4314 :Anthony Russo, ext: 103 or Damaris Torres, ext 100

For children ages 6-12 with Autism. 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 or Nichelle Hill 215- 735-0803 for information.

**The Kinney Center of St. Joseph's University** [kinneyautism@sju.edu](mailto:kinneyautism@sju.edu) or 610-660-2170

[http://kinneyautism.sju.edu/services/social\\_skills.html](http://kinneyautism.sju.edu/services/social_skills.html)

Afterschool Social Skills Program -1 hour classes that meet twice a week, there is a fee

**YMCA** <http://www.philaymca.org/> has after school programs at the following locations:

Columbia North: 1400 N. Broad St. 19121, 215-235-6440

Roxborough: 7201 Ridge Ave 19128 215-482-3900

Christian St: 1724 Christian St. 19146, 215-735-5800

West Philly: 5120 Chestnut St. 19139, 215-476-2700

The programs offered at all locations are for children of any age, depending on the programs they are interested in. This includes sports, daycare/childcare, after school programs, and summer camps.

**Out of School Time:** a listing of community based agencies that provide after school, weekend and summer activities for children in the community. Please refer to this website for a complete listing :

[http://phmc.org/site/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=135&Itemid=1537](http://phmc.org/site/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=135&Itemid=1537)

In addition, please call CCIS for referrals to after school programs at 888-461-KIDS

## **Information/Resources**

(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)

**FIRST SIGNS**-not sure if your child has Autism? Many of the diagnostic tools that professionals use are right here. This organization will also guide you about what to do next for your child  
<http://www.firstsigns.org/screening/index.htm>

**Autism Speaks**—[www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org) 1888-AUTISM2 (1888-288-4762)  
Look for “First 100 Days Kit” a generic guide for families who have a child with Autism.  
Families of children who are diagnosed under age 5 can call and receive a free “Toolkit” sent to their home. Available in SPANISH as well!

### **Autism Society of America/ Greater Philadelphia Chapter ASA**

[www.asaphilly.org](http://www.asaphilly.org) [asa-info@comcast.net](mailto:asa-info@comcast.net) <http://asaphilly.org/index.php>

This is a great website for all information about Autism both nationally and locally  
24 hour information and support phone line: 610-358-5256

- <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** 610-449-6776 [www.ascendgroup.org](http://www.ascendgroup.org) [info@ascendgroup.org](mailto:info@ascendgroup.org)  
Support, information, resources, and advocacy for Asperger’s Syndrome (now a \$35 fee to access their resource data base) ASCEND families and individuals hold many meet up groups throughout the year, you can sign up for them at this site: <http://www.meetup.com/autism-414/>

**CDC**- Autism Case Training shows actual videos of children with and without Autism this website offer information about diagnosis treatment and  
<http://www.cdc.gov/NCBDDD/video/actearlycurriculum/index.html>

**OAR(Organization for Autism Research)** <http://www.researchautism.org/>

Comprehensive resource for families and professionals about Autism and Asperger’s throughout the Lifespan including information for families in the Military and many items in Spanish

**ABOARD** (Advisory Board on Autism and Related Disorders)

<http://aboard.web.officelive.com/default.aspx> ALSO: **Autism Connection of PA** : <http://autism-support.org/> 800-827-9385 statewide support information and resources , great info on applying for Medical Assistance, great resource for techniques on behavior, communication as well as free downloads of visual schedules

**Autism Sharing and Parenting List-serve:** [crocmei11@gmail.com](mailto:crocmei11@gmail.com) List-serve compiled by Cathy Roccia-Meier gives weekly up-to-date info on local and state Autism events. Sign up so you don't miss anything!

**Special Families Guide List-serve:** email to Dr. Robert Naseef at [RNaseef@alternativechoices.com](mailto:RNaseef@alternativechoices.com)

This list serve offers monthly bulletins that are very helpful to families coping with a child with any special need. Also see: <http://alternativechoices.com/>

### **Bureau of Autism Services, PA Department of Public Welfare**

[www.autisminpa.org](http://www.autisminpa.org) 1-866-497-6898

Excellent website re: benefits and legal issues related to Autism in the state such as information about ACT 62, annual Mini Grants, the Adult Waiver program.

### **Next Steps Trainings from CHOP**

Very low cost one-day trainings held twice a year geared toward newly diagnosed families to increase the knowledge and skills of family members regarding Autism. Presenters include professionals from the fields of developmental and behavioral pediatrics, speech and occupational therapy, education, and special education. There is also a panel of parents who have made the next steps with their children. Participants receive a binder of information to take home and use as a reference. Contact Gail Stein at 267-426-4910 or [steing1@email.chop.edu](mailto:steing1@email.chop.edu).

**La Salle University LADDER program** (LaSalle Autism and Developmental Disabilities Educational Resources) trainings for families and also college and graduate students wanting to specialize in Autism therapies. <http://www.lasalle.edu/autismladdercenter/>

**About Autism** - <http://autism.about.com/>

**University of Penn Autism Resource Guide** [www.pautism.org](http://www.pautism.org)

[www.polyxo.com](http://www.polyxo.com): Not sure what all these different therapies are all about? This is a great website that explains the range of teaching methods for children with Autism. Very informative and parent friendly.

**OASIS@MAAP**-The Online Asperger's Syndrome Information and Support Center  
<http://aspergersyndrome.org/Home.aspx>

**CAP4KIDS:** [www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia](http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia)

Local resources for families including camps, childcare and dentists, also screening tools for Autism called the MCHAT, the information on this website can be available in many languages

**Variety Club's Autism Initiative** help in finding and connecting families to various resources, receive periodic emails to alert you regarding upcoming workshops, events, etc. [autism@varietyphila.org](mailto:autism@varietyphila.org) or call Nicole Simon at 215-735-0803

**PA Families Inc, PFI** is offers information and resources for Pennsylvania residents who have children with special needs. [www.pafamilies.com](http://www.pafamilies.com) [pafamilies@windstream.net](mailto:pafamilies@windstream.net) 1800-947-4941

## Research/Treatment

There are hundreds of theories and techniques regarding Autism. The following sites may be helpful in exploring the best treatment options for your child. There are many things on the Internet. The following sites can help guide you through making informed decisions about your child's treatments and therapies.

<http://www.nationalautismcenter.org/learning/family.php> National Autism Center Parents Guide to Evidence Based Practice-comprehensive guide that helps parents learn how to navigate the confusing information they may hear about Autism treatment and helps parents learn how to be better consumers and advocates for their children

[www.asatonline.org](http://www.asatonline.org) **Association for the Science of Autism Treatment:** describes every type of treatment method and the research behind it.

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/act/class.html> a comprehensive college of videos and training materials for both professionals and parents to learn effective ways to help recognize and treat Autism as early as possible

[www.autism-watch.org](http://www.autism-watch.org) A website that helps explain the risks and benefits of many treatments and therapies for Autism

[www.autism-society.org](http://www.autism-society.org) The website from the Autism Society of America, reviews many questions families have about the causes and treatments of Autism

[www.researchautism.org](http://www.researchautism.org) Organization for Autism Research

[www.paautism.org](http://www.paautism.org) University of Penn Autism Resource Guide (exclusive to Pennsylvania)

[www.autismsciencefoundation.org](http://www.autismsciencefoundation.org)

[www.nccam.nih.gov](http://www.nccam.nih.gov) National Center for Complimentary and Alternative Medicines

[www.nimh.nih.gov](http://www.nimh.nih.gov)

[www.polyxo.com](http://www.polyxo.com) this is a very family friendly website that explains the "nitty gritty of treatments and therapies such as "floor-time" and "ABA"

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

- **University of Pennsylvania:** [autism@mail.med.upenn.edu](mailto:autism@mail.med.upenn.edu) to find out about the latest research that U. Penn is doing go to : <http://paautism.org/research.html>
- **CAR: The Center for Autism Research at CHOP**  
<http://www.centerforautismresearch.com> 1-866-570-6524 CAR also offers free lecture series from prominent scientists , this and many other resources can be found on their website Autism Match is a program that can help families living with Autism to link to research that is related to their needs. This link can be found at the site above.

Dr. James Coplan's book, **Making Sense of Autism** is extremely useful in helping to understand "what the future holds" for your child in his chapter "The Natural History of ASD". This book also has an excellent review of current treatments and explains them in a practical and easy to understand manner

## **Family Supports / 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**— \*\*Free monthly trainings on practical issues such as behavior, toileting and language development, free childcare, no registration For this year's schedule go to : <http://www.elwyn.org/program/seeds> (click on "Professional Development and Workshops for Families" for this year's calendar) or contact Karen Krivit 267-784-2009 or [krivitk@elwyn.org](mailto:krivitk@elwyn.org)

**West Phila. Parents of Autistic Children**—\*\*Free, no registration meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Weds of the month from 5-6:30 at Huey Elementary School 52<sup>nd</sup> and Pine 19139  
Roberta Bellamy 267-231-4120 or 215-472-2764 or [rbell11@verizon.net](mailto:rbell11@verizon.net) (that's three 'L's and the # 1!

**Surviving and Thriving After Diagnosis:** [www.survivingthriving.com](http://www.survivingthriving.com) Contact: Sonia Voynow 215-247-5832 , groups for parents and grandparents! Very low cost and accessible evening workshops for families who have newly diagnosed children.

**SPEC (Special Parents of Exceptional Children)** for families of children with ALL disabilities  
Jean McCoubry 215-248-5930 @ [jfmcou@aol.com](mailto:jfmcou@aol.com) Monthly support group with a speaker on Saturdays at Chestnut Hill Library , \*\*Free, no need to register, light food

**Autism Sharing and Parenting**--[www.autismsharingandparenting.org/](http://www.autismsharingandparenting.org/) \*\*Free Childcare, no need to register. Contact:Renee Henderson- 215-413-7106 @ [Nasya06@msn.com](mailto:Nasya06@msn.com) Meets monthly alternating evenings in Center City and Saturdays in Wynnfield. Childcare is provided by Katheryn Snyder Art Therapist!! Each month there is a different topic/presentation.

**heARTS for Autism** has a monthly support group for parents at the Norcom Center contact: [www.HeartsforAutism.org](http://www.HeartsforAutism.org) or [robin@heartsforautism.org](mailto:robin@heartsforautism.org) or 267-231-7585 \*\*\*Free

**ASCEND** (support for families of children with Asperger's) to find out about meet –up groups that are ongoing parent run please log on to this website: <http://www.meetup.com/autism-414/>  
610-449-6776 [www.ascendgroup.org](http://www.ascendgroup.org) info@ascendgroup.org

**Penn Early Childhood Center/Fairmount Center**- 5548 Chestnut Street, 19139  
Contact Damina Durham @ 215-471-3320 ext 106 or [ddurham@fssinc.org](mailto:ddurham@fssinc.org)

**UCP Sibling Group** -- Contact Jodi Miscannon at 215-248-7605 - [ucpjodi@aol.com](mailto:ucpjodi@aol.com) \*\*Free

**CHOP Sibshops**-- Contact Lenore Stern at 215-590-7443 or [stern@email.chop.edu](mailto:stern@email.chop.edu)

**Jewish Family and Children's Services** - 101125 Verree Road, 19116  
Parent and Grandparent Support groups, open to the whole community regardless of religion  
Contact: Lisa Ney [lney@jfcsp Philly.org](mailto:lney@jfcsp Philly.org) (267)256-2269

**PA Families Inc, PFI** has a listing of support groups for Pennsylvania residents who have children with a variety special needs. [www.pafamilies.com](http://www.pafamilies.com) Phone: 1-800-947-4941

## **Family and Sibling Supports**

**Parent to Parent 1888-727-2700** [www.parenttoparent.org](http://www.parenttoparent.org) and the Special Kids Network (800-986-4550) connecting parents who have children with similar disabilities within their community, a great resource for families who feel alone and can't get out. Services available in Spanish and Chinese!!!

**Elwyn Parent Partners** 215-222-4181 : parents who have children in the Childlink or Elwyn system (0-5 years old) who provide guidance and supports and resources to others. For more information go to:  
<http://www.elwyn.org/program/seeds/>

**Alternative Choices**-Drs. Cindy Ariel and Robert Naseef and staff  
319 Vine Street, 19106, 215-592-1333 [www.alternativechoices.com](http://www.alternativechoices.com)  
Special Families Resource Center: guidance on navigating the system, treatment options, and managing family issues while raising a child with special needs.

**Surviving and Thriving After Diagnosis:** Sonia Voynow, LCSW (215)247-5832  
114 Forrest Avenue, Narberth PA 19072 [www.survivingthriving.com](http://www.survivingthriving.com) support for individuals, couples, families, (special GRANDPARENTS GROUPS) and groups run by therapist who has a child with ASD

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**www.AutismSiblings.org** -- Offers wonderful on- line support and information for kids and families

**Sibling support Project** <http://www.siblingsupport.org>  
Workshops, online support for youth and adult siblings of all disabilities, includes mentor matching program, resources, and a dynamic website!

**Jewish Family and Children's Service** 10125 Veree Road, 19116 [www.jfcsphilly.org](http://www.jfcsphilly.org)  
Lisa Ney , [iney@jfcsphilly.org](mailto:iney@jfcsphilly.org) 267-256-2269 Supportive Services for the general community regardless of religion including: Intensive case management and Care coordination and consultation to assist families to navigate the complex system of special needs

**Grand Central, Inc. Kinship Care Resource Center** 1211 Chestnut Street, Suite 200, PA 19107  
215-557-1554 FREE! Support and case management for any relative caring for another's child, Specializing in grandparents. Also has a fantastic support group meeting twice a month!

**Grand Family Resource Center** at SOWN(Supportive Older Women's Network) 215-487-3000 4100 Main Street 19127 [http://www.sown.org/grandfamily\\_resource\\_center.html](http://www.sown.org/grandfamily_resource_center.html) (educational, health-related, counseling, information/referral, and supportive services to grandparents raising families, groups and 1:1 counseling)

**Turning Points for Children: Kinship Care Program ("Kids n Kin")** 215-875-8200 - Support and case management for relatives caring for children with special needs.

**STOMP: Specialized Training of Military Parents** (information and support for military families with children with special needs) <http://stompproject.org> 1800-5-PARENT

**Variety Club Special Events** - (215) 735-0803 [www.varietyphila.org](http://www.varietyphila.org). for children with autism and their families. General admission fee is waived, but there is a small cost per family instead. Venues are open just for families that register through Variety for the event. Special accommodations are made to the venues for individuals with autism. Please check the website for the schedule and to register

**Next Steps Into Adolescence** CHOP Center for Autism Research offers this intensive one day seminar that reviews the multiple issues that face families and individuals with ASD. Very low cost. Contact Gail Stein at [autism@email.chop.edu](mailto:autism@email.chop.edu) or call her at 267-426-4910

## **Supports for Asian Families**

### **SEAMAAC: Southeast Asian Mutual Assistant Associations Coalition**

1711 South Broad St 215-467-0690 [www.seamaac.org](http://www.seamaac.org)

Multi service center offering social supports and activities for many Asian families

**Intercultural Family Services** [ifsi@ifsinc.org](mailto:ifsi@ifsinc.org) 4225 Chestnut Street 19104 (215) 386-1298 2317 South 23<sup>rd</sup> Street 19145(215)468-4673 home based and community based cases management as well as outpatient mental health

**Cambodian Association of Greater Philadelphia** <http://cagp.org/programs.htm>

2416 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street 19148 215-389-0748 and 5412 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 19120 215-324-4070 supports, resources, case management, after school, summer camp, parent enrichment

**Jaisohn Center** (Korean) 6705 Old York Rd 19126 215-224-2000, social services: 215-224-9528

<http://www.jaisohn.org/> Multiservice center for Korean families including medical and family support.

## **Supports for Latino Families**

**HUNE** (Hispanos Unidos Para Ninos Excepcionals) 2200 N. 2nd St, PA 19133 [www.huneinc.org](http://www.huneinc.org)

Contact: Yovana Bustamante 215-425-6203 Hotline: 215-425-5112

Provide advocacy and support for Latino families with children with disabilities

### **PIN of PA: Support for Families of Children with Behavior Problems**

Michelle Sánchez, 267- 507-3869 [msanchez@mhasp.org](mailto:msanchez@mhasp.org) or Becky Español 267-507-3868

[bespanol@mhasp.org](mailto:bespanol@mhasp.org)

### **Abriendo Caminos A Los Latinos Con Familias Excepcionales**

Support group for any family member or friend of a person with a disability.

Ana Pacheco 215-744-5014 Ana Padilla 267-237-4580 [apacheco@visionforequality.org](mailto:apacheco@visionforequality.org)

Spanish language Parent support and education:

**Casa del Carmen** 4400 N. Reese Street 19140 329-5660

**Concilio** 705-09 N. Franklin Street 19123 215-627-3100 <http://concilio.net/>

**APM** 445-47 West Luray Street 19144 215-329-9580

**Congresso** 215-763-8870 216 West Somerset 19133

**Monarch House/ Casa Monarca** 1448 S. 17th. Street, 19148 .215-253-3033

<http://casamonarca.org/> advocacy for Latino families as well as playgroups for children and their parents

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# Special Family Supports

## **HIP Health Intervention Program**

provides home visiting support to families with children who have special health care needs. HIP teams may include nurses, social workers and parent professionals. Services include: advocacy and referral, service system negotiation, case management and counseling. (FAMILIES CAN NOT HAVE AN OPEN CASE WITH DHS) FREE!

## **LaSalle Neighborhood Nursing Center**

(215) 951-5034 (Northwest Philadelphia and parts of North and Northeast Philadelphia)

## **Resources for Children's Health**

215-985-2541 (South Philadelphia, West and Southwest Philadelphia, Center City and parts of North and Northeast)

**Home based support programs** (also called "Pre-ARS") Provides short term intensive in-home social service supports for families (FAMILIES CAN NOT HAVE AN OPEN CASE WITH DHS)

**Family Support Services** 215-438-9890

**YSI (Youth Services, Inc.)** 215-848-6200 ext: 1027, Leslie Rinehart

**Turning Points for Children** 215-875-3400, Louise Livowitz

(you may also call the DHS Prevention Services Line directly at 215-683-4000 for more specific needs)

**PA Elks** <http://www.paelkshomeservice.org/> FREE home based case management support for people of any age with a disability living at home. (Families below Erie Ave: Tracy Johnston 610-990-6381; Families above Erie Avenue: Maureen Fitzpatrick 215-333-4605)

**Parenting Collaborative** there are over 60 agencies that provide a variety of FREE parent support and education including programs for parents with special needs some even provide transportation, evening classes and meals....contact: DHS Prevention Services at 215-683-4000 for referral information or click on the website below to find the list of over 60 agencies

[http://dhs.phila.gov/intranet/scintrahome\\_pub.nsf/Content/Prevention+-+Parenting+Programs+-+Parenting+Collaborative](http://dhs.phila.gov/intranet/scintrahome_pub.nsf/Content/Prevention+-+Parenting+Programs+-+Parenting+Collaborative)

**South East Regional Keys** <http://www.seregionalkey.org/site/index.php/services/keystone-stars>

Comprehensive support to childcare centers including technical assistance, professional development, health care and mental health care consultation. Early Childhood Mental Health Support: Consultants address: 1. Reducing the number of children expelled from Early Childhood Centers due to behavioral issues. 2. Increasing the understanding of social and emotional development and its impact on educational success. 3. Linking systems and services on behalf of a child, family and program. To make a referral please contact Melissa Stueck at [mstueck@phmc.org](mailto:mstueck@phmc.org) 267-773-4408

**Private Pay Parent Training Programs are available through:**

**Equilibriakids.com** (Melissa Brand, PsyD) 525 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street 19147 267-861-3685

**University of Penn/Hall Mercer Child and Parent Center** 245 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street 215-829-5555 offers workshops related to parenting a child with Special Needs  
[http://www.med.upenn.edu/hallmercer/center\\_description.shtml](http://www.med.upenn.edu/hallmercer/center_description.shtml)



## **Advocacy**

**Families First** Cathy Roccia-Meier Training Coordinator 215-204-1772 [cathyrm@temple.edu](mailto:cathyrm@temple.edu)  
FREE community based empowerment training for families with children who receive Early Intervention Services from Childlink or Elwyn in Philadelphia. Workshops cover the basics of Early Intervention, rules, regulations, transitioning to Kindergarten, resources, networking and more. Available in English and Spanish.

**Parents Involved Network (PIN)** 1211 Chestnut St. 19107 [www.mhasp.org](http://www.mhasp.org) 267-507-3860  
Organization that assists parents or caregivers of children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral needs. PIN provides information, resources support services and advocacy they have a great website of helpful information, especially about Wrap Around Services

**Parents Exchange** [pex.tripod.com/](http://pex.tripod.com/) 610-247-0337 an information, referral, and advocacy service for parents and caregivers of children with disabilities and professionals who work with them.

**The Arc of Philadelphia** 2350 W. Westmoreland Street 19140, 215-229-4550 [www.arcpddc.org](http://www.arcpddc.org)  
Advocacy organization that provides training, information and referral support to people with disabilities and their families, services available in any language!

**Vision For Equality, Inc** 718 Arch St. 6N 19106 215-923-3349 [www.visionforequality.org](http://www.visionforequality.org)  
Advocacy and mentorship for families of children with disabilities also provide trainings on a multitude of topics related to disabilities. Services also available in SPANISH!!

**Disabilities Rights Network of PA** 1315 Walnut Street 19107-4798 215-238-8070  
<http://www.drnpa.org/>

**Pennsylvania Health Law Project** 123 Chestnut St. 19106  
1-800-274-3258 215- 625-3663 [www.phlp.org](http://www.phlp.org) \*\*Spanish staff available!!

**PA Education Law Center** 1315 Walnut Street 19107  
1-800-692-7443 (Disabilities Rights Network) [www.elc-pa.org](http://www.elc-pa.org) Information only—For special education info please call Disability Rights Network)

**Pennsylvania's Education for All Coalition** [www.paedforall.org/](http://www.paedforall.org/)  
Free consultation and advocacy for schools, programs and families related to supporting inclusion options for children with disabilities. Contact Jennifer Schrad at 267-232-0570.

**Parents Organized on Education** : guidance, support, advocacy for families with Special Needs Children Contact: Sharon Duckett 215-438-6101/267-584-2553 [sharonduckett53@yahoo.com](mailto:sharonduckett53@yahoo.com) or Roberta Bellamy 267-231-4120.

## **Safety (including Car Seats)**

### **Autism Safety Toolkit** <http://www.nationalautismassociation.org/safetytoolkit>

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. Also covered are issues of bullying, restraints and suicide prevention for this special population.

**Safety Net** - a sophisticated tracking system specially designed for people who wander and may be non verbal. See the website: <https://safetynetbylojack.com/> or call 877-434-6384 there is a fee for this

**Autism Safety Project** is a program of Autism Speaks it reviews a number of issues related to the safety of people with Autism including sexual abuse. Please refer to this website:  
<http://www.autismspeaks.org/family-services/autism-safety-project>

**Autism Risk Management** - ([www.autismriskmanagement.com/](http://www.autismriskmanagement.com/)) is the website of Dennis Debbaudt the leading global voice on autism training for law enforcement and emergency responders.

### **The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's**

**Community Car Seat Program @ the Kohl's Safety Center:** 34<sup>th</sup> & Civic Center Boulevard  
<http://www.chop.edu/service/injury-prevention-program/kohls-safety-center/>

### **Loaner Car Seats**

This program can be accessed in each state from this website (however this is a program that takes a few months to establish and availability varies:

<http://www.drivesafepa.org/Traffic-Safety-Information-Center/Child-Passenger-Safety/>

**E-Z On Vest** <http://www.ezonpro.com/index.shtml1800-323-6598> this company offers a large variety of safety products, see their website for more information

## Childcare/ Preschool

(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)

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

This agency helps families locate preschools, camp and childcare in their community as well as assisting with obtaining subsidized childcare (there is a long wait for subsidies at times)  
[www.philadelphiachildcare.org](http://www.philadelphiachildcare.org) 1-888-461-KIDS

**South East Regional Keys** <http://www.seregionalkey.org/site/index.php/services/keystone-stars> Comprehensive support to childcare centers including technical assistance, professional development, health care and mental health care consultation. **Early Childhood Mental Health Support:** Consultants address: 1. Reducing the number of children expelled from Early Childhood Centers due to behavioral issues. 2. Increasing the understanding of social and emotional development and its impact on educational success. 3. Linking systems and services on behalf of a child, family and program. To make a referral please contact Melissa Stueck at [mstueck@phmc.org](mailto:mstueck@phmc.org) 267-773-4408

### **Prekindergarten Head Start** 215-400-4270 (3-5 year olds)

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

Preschool for 3-4 years old.; free to eligible low-income families. Special Needs Coordinators assist with the educational needs of disabled children in this setting.

### **Approved Private Head Start programs (3-5 year olds)**

**-Acelero, Inc** (two sites: St. Elizabeth's 1801 N. 23<sup>rd</sup> St. 19121 215-235-3198/3196 and Marshall Street Center 961 North Marshall Street, 19123 267-639-3240

**-APM Head Start** 2318 N. Marshall Street 19133 215-763-1040

**-CDI Head Start** 2515 Germantown Ave 19133 267-687-4344 (serves 19122,23, 33)

**-Learning Tree Head Start**, 846 South 57<sup>th</sup> Street 19143 215-471-9782: 14 sites in South and West Phila

**-Norris Square Civic Association Children's Center** 2011 N. Mascher Street, 19122, 215-634-2251

### **Bright Futures Preschools** 215-400-4270 (3-5 year olds)

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

Bright Futures PreK's follow the school day and school year schedule and provide education to those children who are three or four years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>. There are 38 programs held in community elementary schools. Not limited to low-income families.

**Frankie's World** 215-763-0151 1011 Poplar Street 19123 Child care for medically fragile children who have skilled nursing needs [www.frankiesworlddaycare.com](http://www.frankiesworlddaycare.com) 7 days a week from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

**Lauren's House** 1318 West Clearfield Street 19132 (888) 3409430 [www.laurenshouse.com](http://www.laurenshouse.com)  
child care for medically or developmentally complicated children up to age 8

**Pediatrics** 8101 Washington Lane Wyncote PA 19095 215-376-6801 childcare for medically fragile children needing skilled nursing care, provide transportation [www.pediatricakids.com](http://www.pediatricakids.com) ages 0-21

### **Early Head Start (0-3 year olds)**

**-CDI** 2515 Germantown Ave 19133 267-687-4344 (serves 19122,23, 33)

**-The Health Federation of Philadelphia** 1228 N. Franklin Street 215-223-5200 (serves 19120,21,22,24,26,32,33,40,41)

**-Maternity Care Coalition** 2000 Mifflin Street 19145 215-551-6330(serves all of south Phila)

**-CHOP Kirkbride Center** 111 N. 49<sup>th</sup> St., 215-590-7270, (serves 19104 and 19139)

**Out of School Time:** a listing of community based agencies that provide after school, weekend and summer activities for children in the community. Please refer to this website for a complete listing:

[http://phmc.org/site/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=135&Itemid=1537](http://phmc.org/site/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=135&Itemid=1537)

## Respite

### **Youth Service, Inc. (YSI)—respite for preschoolers**

Free 24 hour emergency care for children ages 0-5 in family style centers (see below). These centers offer a warm, loving home environment with trained and seasoned staff. Care can be for a few hours or a few days or overnight. Telephone intake process includes proof of your child's immunizations. Free

- The Sally Watson Center, 5128 Wayne Avenue (Germantown) (215)844-6931
- Baring House, 3401 Baring Street (West Philly) (215) 386-0251

**The Variety Club: Weekend Retreats** Ages 8 to 21 at the Variety Camp & Developmental Center in Norriton, PA. Applications can be accessed by calling (610) 584-4300 ext 1029. An interview is scheduled to determine if the resources at Variety meet your child's needs. A non-refundable fee of \$100.00 is due upon acceptance to the program.

### **Temple University Family Friends [www.philafamilyfriends.org](http://www.philafamilyfriends.org)**

215-204-3193/3199/0690 Nationally renown program matching retired adults who provide in-home companionship and respite to a children with special needs, this is a part time program and families are matched through a coordinator. Free

### **St. Joseph's University Kinney Center for Autism**

5600 City Avenue 19131 610-660-2170 kinneyautism.sju.edu

"Kids Night Out", one Friday/month, \$35.00 for three hours. Fun activities in a safe and structured environment.

### **The Friendship Circle 215-574-1765 [www.phillyfriendship.com](http://www.phillyfriendship.com)**

Weekly in-home respite by teen volunteers who are matched with Jewish families with children with special needs. Parent must remain at home during the volunteer's time. Free

### **Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health**

<http://www.dbhmrs.org/children-s-services> 215-685-4734 or 4747

Two different types of respite are available for children who are receiving services from the Department of Behavioral Health (Medical Assistance is required)

- Saturday afternoon Respite
- Boys and Girls Club Spring and Winter Break programs

### **Easter Seals of PA 3975 Conshohocken State Road, Philadelphia 19131**

[recreation@easterseals-sepa.org](mailto:recreation@easterseals-sepa.org) 215-879-1000ext: 6088/Recreation

[http://sepa.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=PASE\\_recreation\\_programs](http://sepa.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=PASE_recreation_programs)

Saturday Respite Day: ALL ages: \$75 from 9 a.m -9 p.m. (every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month except in July and August, there is a one time \$50 registration fee)

Respite Weekend Adventures, ages 16 and up, 3 times a year (\$550 includes meals, room and board, transportation and activities (every June is a trip to Wildwood, other trips vary)

Young Adult Social Club meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month (ages teens and up)

### **Home health aides and nursing services**

- In exceptional cases where a child with autism has other medical issues or skilled nursing needs 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** 215-988-9006
  - **Infinite Care** 215-742-3247
  - **Rescare Homecare** 215-643-1200 267-460-6234 ksauder@rescare.com
  - **Visiting Nurse Group** 215-829-8888 [info@visitingnursegroup.com](mailto:info@visitingnursegroup.com)

## **Intellectual Disabilities 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 Intellectual Disabilities Emergency 215-829-5709**

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](http://www.pfcsupports.org)  
9360 Ashton Road, Suite 102, Philadelphia, PA 19114, 267-350-4500

Quality Progressions    [www.qualityprogressions.org](http://www.qualityprogressions.org)  
125 S. 9th St, 4<sup>th</sup> Fl, Philadelphia, PA 19107  
267-765-2000

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

The Consortium    [www.consortium-inc.org](http://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 IDS in Philadelphia and looking to get support, resources, and information your area, please contact the following:  
**Vision for Equality** at 215-923-3349

## **MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND SSI**

- **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. 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 provide some children with a mental health diagnosis home or school based behavioral supports and therapy. (see page 25-26)
    - **Medical, Nursing and Home Health Aide Services--** MA can pay for medical or therapy equipment, co pays, deductibles, transportation to medical appointments, medical bills not covered by your insurance (from up to 3 months ago) and nursing services that are medically necessary (see page 20)
    - **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. (see page 24)

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. If you already have private insurance you can keep it and also obtain MA to supplement your child’s coverage.

### **Medical Assistance Special Needs Coordinators:**

Americhoice: 877-844-8844

Health Partners: Leah French 215-991-4378/ (24 hour number: 4370)

Keystone Mercy: Carolyn Macy: 215-937-8881 (24 hour number 800-573-4100

(see page 21 for Home health aide listings)

- **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](http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/Resources/Documents/Pdf/MATP_LongBrochure.pdf)

### **...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 Medical Assistance:

1. Call 1-800-986-KIDS (5437) (This is the “Healthy Kids Help Line”) OR 215-560-2900 to have a MA application sent to you (ask for application PA600P)  
OR YOU CAN DOWNLOAD YOUR OWN APPLICATION ON LINE AT:  
[http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ucmprd/groups/public/documents/form/s\\_001562.pdf](http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ucmprd/groups/public/documents/form/s_001562.pdf)
2. Fill out the application. Make sure to write “**MA FOR DISABLED CHILD HANDBOOK SECTION 355.4,**” 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 page 23”...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, 215-515-6400**  
**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/>

# DIAPERS

## **The Diaper Program (Only for children over 3)**

If your child is three years of age or older and is using diapers still because of a developmental delay or medical reason he/she can receive a case of diapers and wipes delivered to your home on a monthly basis.

### **For Child with Medical Assistance, here is what you can do:**

Call your child's health provider (this is usually the number written on the back of your medical card).

1. Ask the insurance provider what Durable Medical Equipment Company they contract with in your area and get the name and phone number of that company.
2. Call the equipment company and explain that you want to get your child on the diaper program. They will do an intake with you over the phone and then they will ask you to call your doctor and have the doctor fax a prescription for diapers and wipes to them. **Get the equipment company's fax number.**
3. Call your doctor's office and explain that you need to fax a prescription for diapers directly to the equipment company. The prescription needs to include the child's size and diagnosis.
4. Soon you will begin to receive diapers each month. You will need to renew this process each year if your child continues to need them.
5. If you do not receive the diapers and wipes please call the Medical Equipment Company to check in with them.

For children with Private Insurance in addition to Medical Assistance (i.e. from a parent's job).

1. Submit the diaper prescription to the private health plan for payment to the durable medical equipment company.
2. The private health plan will deny the payment ~ ask for the denial in writing.
3. Resubmit the claim to the medical assistance plan provider with the written denial from the private health plan.
4. The durable medical equipment companies can guide you through the rest of the process.

## **El Programa de Pañal (This is the same information as above but in Spanish)**

Si su niño tiene tardanzas del desarrollo y tiene más de 3 años, él o ella pueden recibir pañales gratis por la asistencia médica.

Siga estos pasos:

1. Llame el 1-800 número de teléfono al dorso de la tarjeta médica de su niño para averiguar a quién su "Equipo Médico Duradero local" abastecedor es.
2. Llame aquel abastecedor, y hable con ellos sobre "el programa de pañal". Ellos le dirán que usted tendrá que conseguir una prescripción del doctor de su niño y ellos le darán el número de fax mandar por fax la prescripción.
3. Llame la oficina de doctor de su niño y dígalos que su niño necesita al doctor para mandar por fax una prescripción para pañales a la compañía. La prescripción debería declarar el diagnóstico de su niño y debería solicitar un suministro de un 3 mes de pañales con recambios. ¡Asegúrese que el doctor escribe el tamaño de pañal de su niño la prescripción también!
5. La farmacia que proporciona estos pañales dispensará automáticamente pañales genéricos a menos que el doctor declare una razón médica de una marca de nombre.
6. Usted puede ser aprobado para limpia también.



## Behavioral Supports

**Community Behavioral Health (CBH) 801 Market Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, 19107**

1-888-545-2600, [www.phila-bhs.org](http://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, Wrap-Around services and home-based family therapy
- Families with private insurance can obtain Medical Assistance (in most cases) for their disabled child (see pg 23)
- Website: <http://philadelphia.pa.networkofcare.org/mh/home/index.cfm>. Offers a great deal of information about services and resources in Philadelphia Special Needs Unit: 215-413-7663

### **What is Wrap Around?**

Wrap Around (aka: BHRS) is a behavioral health support service provided by a team that may consist of a Behavior Specialist Consultant (BSC), a Case Manager and a Therapeutic Support Staff (TSS) Worker. The Wrap Around team helps a child in the location where s/he needs support, for example at school or at home or both. Wrap-Around Services do take at least 2-6 months to begin. The child must have a psychiatric or psychological evaluation recommending Wrap Around that is written by an approved provider. If a child has private insurance, CBH is required to request that the psychological evaluation is done through the private insurance provider first. Services are re-assessed every year, it is expected that families engage in team meetings every three months to assess their child's progress. Families who have MA can contact a wraparound service provider directly (see agencies listed on page 27) or apply through CBH directly.

\*This service is NOT provided through the Pennsylvania Department of Education or Elwyn SEEDS.

\*Wrap Around staff are not childcare staff, they must work with a child when a "responsible adult" is present, they do not participate in personal hygiene care such as changing diapers  
(If your child needs 1:1 assistance with personal hygiene see page 20 for home health aides)

### **Behavioral Health Services and Act 62**

Children who are covered under certain private insurances are entitled to have certain behavioral services covered up to \$36,000/year. Only after this funding has been used would MA then begin to pay for Behavioral Health Services. It is therefore important for families who fall into this category to seek Behavioral Health Services from agencies that take both insurances so that their child's provider remains consistent. To qualify for Act 62 the private insurance must come from an agency that has 50 or more employees and is not "self-insured" or "ERISA".

PA Autism Insurance Act (Act 62) information can be found at the following website:

[www.dpw.state.pa.us/foradults/autismservices/paautisminsuranceact62/autisminsuranceactfactsheet/index.htm](http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/foradults/autismservices/paautisminsuranceact62/autisminsuranceactfactsheet/index.htm)

**Parents Involved Network (PIN)** 1211 Chestnut St. 19107 [www.mhasp.org](http://www.mhasp.org) 267-507-3860

Organization that assists parents or caregivers of children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral needs. PIN provides information, resources support services and advocacy they have a great website of helpful information, especially about Wrap Around Services

**PA Families Inc, PFI** has a listing of support groups for Pennsylvania residents who have children with behavioral health needs. [www.pafamilies.com](http://www.pafamilies.com) 1800-947-4941

**Parenting Collaborative** there are over 60 agencies that provide a variety of FREE parent support and training including programs families with children with behavioral needs some even provide transportation, evening classes and meals....contact: Prevention Services at 215-683-4000 for referral information or click on the website below to find the list of over 60 agencies

[http://dhs.phila.gov/intranet/scintrahome\\_pub.nsf/Content/Prevention+-+Parenting+Programs+-+Parenting+Collaborative](http://dhs.phila.gov/intranet/scintrahome_pub.nsf/Content/Prevention+-+Parenting+Programs+-+Parenting+Collaborative)

**Private Pay Parent Training Programs are available through:**

**Equilibriakids.com** (Melissa Brand, PsyD) 525 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street 19147 267-861-3685

**University of Penn/Hall Mercer Child and Parent Center** 245 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street 215-829-5555 offers workshops related to parenting a child with Special Needs [http://www.med.upenn.edu/hallmercer/center\\_description.shtml](http://www.med.upenn.edu/hallmercer/center_description.shtml)

## **BEHAVIORAL SERVICES WRAP-AROUND AGENCIES**

## (updated for Early Intervention February 2012)

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>PHONE #</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>ZIP CODE</b>
<b>ATA</b>	Evita Staton	1225 Vine St., 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor	215/405-2100	Philadelphia	19107
<b>Carson Valley/Children's Aid</b>	Denise Crosby	7500 Germantown Ave	215/753-8111, ext 164	Philadelphia	19119
<b>Children's Outreach RHD/Children's Services</b>	Joanne Brown	90 Rochelle Ave.	215/508-3300 Ext: 162	Philadelphia	19128
<b>Children's Services (5years old and up)</b>	Mary Southerling	1315 Walnut St., 2 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	215/546-3503	Philadelphia	19107
<b>Community Council Children's Services</b>	Alva Johnson	4900 Wyalusing St.	215/473-7033,x128 (outpt children svcs) 267-295.8853(W/A)	Philadelphia	19131
<b>Children's Crisis Treatment Center</b>	Edith Lopez	1823 Callowhill St.	215-496-0707 Ext: 1152	Philadelphia	19130
<b>Elwyn (NON-AUTISM)</b>	Charlotte Izard	1 Winding Drive Suite 104	215-578-3101	Philadelphia	19131
<b>Elwyn (AUTISM ONLY)</b>	Alexis Forte	3300 Henry Avenue	215-254-2014	Philadelphia	19129
<b>Foundations of Delaware Valley</b>	Greg Cicalese	833 E. Butler Ave.(Doylestown) 301 City Ave., (Philly) (located at PSD)	215/345.0444*261 610-667-3501	Doylestown/ and Philly	18901/ 19004
<b>Green Tree School</b>	Zakia Robbins	136 W. SchoolHouse Ln	215-346-7253	Philadelphia	19144
<b>Intercultural Family Services</b>	Leroy Ambrose	424 Chestnut street	215-386-8490	Philadelphia	19104
<b>Interac Inc.</b>	Lisa Holzwarth	6122 Ridge Ave.	215-508-6709	Philadelphia	19128
<b>Juvenile Justice Center</b>	Mr. Bhagya Lawrence	100 W. Coulter St. 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor	215/849-2112 Ext.5221	Philadelphia	19144
<b>MCC(Maternal Child Care) Home Health Care (serves Autism and Deaf and Hard of Hearing only)</b>	Patrick Bevenour	800 Clarmont Ave., Suite B	267/525-7000	Bensalem	19020
<b>PA Mentor</b>	Dorothy Dolan	10601 Decatur Rd, Suite 400	215/612-8200, ext. 200	Philadelphia	19154
<b>Northeast Treatment Center</b>	Jennifer Jung	493 N. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street, Suite E	215/ 408-4993	Philadelphia	19123
<b>Northern Homes for Children &amp; Family Services</b>	Kimberly Lee	5301 Ridge Ave.	215/482-1423	Philadelphia	19128
<b>Phila. Mental Health Center (ages 5 and up)</b>	Courtney Miller	1235 Pine St.	215/735-7068, ext 238	Philadelphia	19107
<b>Eugenia/Progressions</b>	Maria Jordan( Phila) Caroline Sink(Bucks)	4610 Street Rd Trevose/ or/ 3300 Henry Ave, Phila	215/924-0684/215 364-3299	Trevose/ Philadelphia	19053 19129

## **Recreation/Arts/Community Activities**

(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)

### **City of Philadelphia Recreation Department**

- <http://www.phila.gov/recreation/> or call 215-683-3600 (website available in multiple languages)
- After school summer camp and weekend activities for children ages 5-13, low cost, fees vary

**Philadelphia Airport Autism Access Program** <http://www.phl.org/ada.html> This Program provides opportunities for children with autism and their families to become familiar with traveling through PHL, and includes Social Stories by Carol Gray and a simulated airport experience. For more information about this Program, please contact [accessibility@phl.org](mailto:accessibility@phl.org) .

**HeARTS for AUTISM** [www.HeartsforAutism.org](http://www.HeartsforAutism.org) or [robin@heartsforautism.org](mailto: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

**Free Library of Philadelphia** 215-685-5322 or website: [www.freelibrary.org](http://www.freelibrary.org)

Many branches have free story and craft hours for children, call or look on the website for the closest location/hours FREE

### **Kardon Institute for Music Music and Art Therapy covered by CBH/MA!!!!**

Provides music, dance, art therapy for children and adults w/ special needs, tailored to the individual

<http://www.kardoninstitute.org/contact/locations/>

10700 Knights Road, 19114 215-637-2077/ Main Site with 5 Regional sites:

Mary Louise Curtis Branch – 416 Queen Street | Philadelphia, PA 19147

Jenkintown Music School Branch 515 Meetinghouse Road | Jenkintown, PA 19146

West Philadelphia Branch – 4910 Wynnefield Avenue | Philadelphia, PA 19131

Germantown Branch – 6128 Germantown Avenue | Philadelphia, PA 19144

Camden Branch – 531-535 Market Street | Camden, NJ

**Tops Soccer/Topsports** 215.579.2656 [sa.milligan@verizon.net](mailto:sa.milligan@verizon.net) [www.MYTOPSPORTS.ORG](http://www.MYTOPSPORTS.ORG)

FREE-- provides sports and recreations opportunities for children with special needs

**Holy Terror Stars** <http://holyterrorstars.webs.com>

Contact: Cindy Hinchy at 215-331-9876 [cindistars@comcast.net](mailto:cindistars@comcast.net) or Kim Wilson [summermoon713@gmail.com](mailto:summermoon713@gmail.com)

Location: Northeast Philadelphia at New Foundations Charter School (Rhawn and Torresdale) 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, FREE

### **Fox Chases Champions**

Matt McDonald 215-745-2785 [www.foxchasechampions.com](http://www.foxchasechampions.com) [info@foxchasechampions.com](mailto:info@foxchasechampions.com)

Special needs sports organization including indoor/outdoor soccer, bowling and baseball in the Northeast FREE

**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 215-923-3349 for a copy. It can be found on their website although it has not been updated since 2009 it still has a lot of information on it that can be helpful, especially to families who are not familiar with the area.

**Smith Memorial Playground** 215-765-4325 or [www.smithkidsplayplace.org](http://www.smithkidsplayplace.org)

free indoor playhouse located in Fairmount Park for children 5 and under, outdoor playground for children 10 and up with the famous "Giant Slide". Also have story hours and craft hours that are free

**Norcom Community Center** 10980 Norcom Rd 19154 (215) 613-1070 [www.nccfun.org](http://www.nccfun.org)

Offers all sorts of year round recreational activities for children with special needs. Children's activities: Laura Fekete 215-698-3060

### **St. Joseph's University Kinney Center for Autism**

5600 City Avenue 19131 610-660-2170 [kinneyautism.sju.edu](http://kinneyautism.sju.edu)

offers a sports program regardless of ability for children with Autism ages 7-18, there is a fee

**Variety Club** Autism Resource Center 215-735-0803

<http://www.varietyphila.org/serve/autism-initiative/>

recreational events for the entire family including Autism Day at Sesame Place, Please Touch Museum, and many other events all year long

**Variety Club Camp Center** 2950 Potshop Road, Worcester, PA 19490 Jean Merkl, 610-584-4366

- **Saturday Arts Program:** ages 6-21. an opportunity for participants to explore all mediums of art including visual art, dancing, music, and theater. Sessions take place every Saturday from 9AM-3PM for 10 weeks. Sessions take place in the Fall, Winter, and Spring.
- **Teen Club:** a social skills program for teens diagnosed with Autism, Asperger's, PDD-NOS ages 12-16. Group meets one night per week for 1 ½ hours for 10-weeks. Sessions take place throughout the year. Space is limited and sessions fill up fast.

**Parent to Child** - Kathryn Snyder, ATR-BC, LPC Director [www.parent2child.net](http://www.parent2child.net)

215-450-5271 1722 Pine Street 19103

A parent and child therapy center using art and music therapies to promote growth, development and social skills; parent training and Sibling Club, sliding fee

**O'Doodles Toy Shop** [www.odoodles.com](http://www.odoodles.com) 8335 Germantown Avenue, 19119 (215)247-7405

offers Autism specific events, see website for activity calendar

**Quinn Developmental Services** Ambler PA 215-654-7577 [www.BehaviorExcellence.com](http://www.BehaviorExcellence.com)

offers gymnastics classes for special needs children as well as social skills group and camp

**Kix & Giggles Children's Playland** 9356 Old Bustleton Ave, 19115 215-677-4140

[www.kixandgiggles.com](http://www.kixandgiggles.com) Indoor and outdoor play land for ages 1-10

On Wednesdays the entry fee is waived for children with disabilities

#### Horseback Riding

- o **Pegasus Riding Academy Inc.:** 8297 Bustleton Ave, 19152 215-742-1500 Autism Program see website: [www.pegasusridingacademy.com](http://www.pegasusridingacademy.com)
- o **One Step At a Time:** P. O. Box 125, Bristol, PA 215-945-4499
- o **Special Equestrians:** 2800 Street Rd. PO Box 1001, Warrington, PA 18976
- o 215-918-1001 [www.specialequestrians.org](http://www.specialequestrians.org)

**Chang's School of Martial Arts** [www.changsschoolofmartialarts.org](http://www.changsschoolofmartialarts.org)

KAFA (Karate Adapted for Autism) 499 South Henderson Road , King of Prussia 610-277-2919

**Jewish Family and Children's Services** 10125 Verree Road, Philadelphia 19116

Contact: Lisa Ney [lney@jfcsp Philly.org](mailto:lney@jfcsp Philly.org) (267)256-2269 [www.jfcsp Philly.org](http://www.jfcsp Philly.org)

-Social skills groups for Children, Teens and Adults open to the whole community

**Easter Seals of PA** 3975 Conshohocken State Road, Philadelphia 19131

[recreation@easterseals-sepa.org](mailto:recreation@easterseals-sepa.org) 215-879-1000ext: 6088/Recreation

[http://sepa.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=PASE\\_recreation\\_programs](http://sepa.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=PASE_recreation_programs)

See Website for Camp Information

Saturday Respite Day: ALL ages: \$75 from 9 a.m -9 p.m. (every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month)

Young Adult Social Groups , ages 12 and up (every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday from 6-9 p.m.) \$50 for 4 months

Saturday Night Out, ages 18 and up costs vary depending on activity every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month) brochures on line

Respite Weekend Adventures, ages 16 and up, 3 times a year (\$550 includes meals, room and board, transportation and activities (every June is a trip to Wildwood, other trips vary)

**YMCA** <http://www.philaymca.org/> the following locations including swimming for children with special needs :

Columbia North: 1400 N. Broad St. 19121, 215-235-6440

Roxborough: 7201 Ridge Ave 19128, 215-482-3900

Christian St: 1724 Christian St. 19146 215-735-5800

West Philly: 5120 Chestnut Street 19139, 215-476-2700

The programs are offered at all locations are for children of any age - depending on the programs they are interested in.

This includes sports, daycare/childcare, after school programs, and summer camps. There are fees for these programs.

## Camps

### **The City of Philadelphia Summer Program Guide**

- The Recreation Department: 215-683-3600
- Fairmount Park: 215-683-0200
- Free Library of Philadelphia 215-686-5372

**Out of School Time:** a listing of community based agencies that provide free or low cost weekend and summer activities for children in the community. Please refer to this website for a complete listing : [http://phmc.org/site/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=135&Itemid=1537](http://phmc.org/site/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=135&Itemid=1537)

In addition, please call CCIS for referrals summer programs at 888-461-KIDS

**PA Mentor** 10601 Decatur Road, Suite 400, 19164 215-612-8200 [www.pa-mentor.com](http://www.pa-mentor.com) \*\*\*FREE(MA only)  
Summer camp for children with ASD ages 5-15. Children must have MA, 2 sites in Northeast, 1 site in South Philly. Register EARLY, this camp fills up fast!

**Norcom Community Center** 10980 Norcom Rd 19154 (215) 613-1070 [www.nccfun.org](http://www.nccfun.org)  
Integrated summer camp for special needs and typical children ages 5-18. Children's activities: Laura Fekete 215-698-3060

**Variety Club Developmental Overnight Camp** 2950 Potshop Road, Worcester, PA 19490  
Day Camp: For children and youth with disabilities ages 5-21. Program runs Monday thru Friday throughout the summer. Activities include arts and crafts, swimming, music, sports, theater, nature, etc. 3:1 ratio of campers to staff. Transportation is available, but limited to a pick-up point in Northeast Philadelphia and Bucks County. Before and after hour care is also Siblings are also welcome to attend. For more information and to find out the fees, please call (610) 584-4366.

Overnight Camp: For children and youth with disabilities ages 7-21. Participants stay overnight from Sunday to the next Saturday. Air-conditioned cabins with full bathrooms. Activities include arts and crafts, music, sports, theater, nature, and swimming. For more information and to find out fees, please call (610) 584-4366.

Vocational Program: For youth with disabilities ages 14 and up. Program takes place throughout the summer. Participants learn job skills as they participate in various work-related activities including landscaping, cooking, office duties, camp store, etc. For more information including fees, please contact Jean Merkl at (610) 584-4366 x1101. Space is limited.

**Carousel House Special Needs Day Camp** [www.carouselhousepa.com](http://www.carouselhousepa.com)  
Belmont Avenue and North Concourse in Fairmount Park  
215-685-0160/61/62 a two week camp for kids with disabilities ages 6-25

**Madeline Moore Summer Camp Grant** <http://dbhids.org/summercamp>  
ONLY for children who are receiving services through CBH such as Wrap-Around provides up to \$600/ year for camp available through CBH, 215-685-4737

**Dragonfly Forest FREE!!!!** Limited space register early  
Residential overnight Summer Camp for ages 7-14, in Westtown, PA Chester County  
610-298-1820 [www.dragonflyforest.org](http://www.dragonflyforest.org)

**Easter Seals of PA** 3975 Conshohocken State Road, 19131 See website for Information  
[recreation@easterseals-sepa.org](mailto:recreation@easterseals-sepa.org) 215-879-1000ext: 6088  
[http://sepa.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=PASE\\_recreation\\_programs](http://sepa.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=PASE_recreation_programs)

**YMCA** <http://www.philaymca.org/> has programs at the following locations:

Columbia North: 1400 N. Broad St. 19121 215-235-6440

Roxborough: 7201 Ridge Ave 19128 215-82-3900

Christian St: 1724 Christian St. 19146 215-735-5800

West Philly: 5120 Chestnut Street 19139 215-76-2700

### **St. Joseph's University Kinney Center for Autism**

5600 City Avenue 19131 610-660-2170 [kinneyautism.sju.edu](http://kinneyautism.sju.edu)

a low cost summer camp for kids with Autism that fills up by January! You can get on their email list so you don't miss this opportunity.

**Quinn Developmental Services** Ambler PA 215-654-7577 [www.BehaviorExcellence.com](http://www.BehaviorExcellence.com)

## **Spirituality**

### **Archdiocese of Philadelphia: Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities**

222 N. 17th Street, 19103 Janell Lavender, Coordinator 215-587-3530 [www.archphila.org](http://www.archphila.org)

[jlavende@adphila.org](mailto:jlavende@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.

### **Special needs CCD classes ( every Sunday from 11-12)**

St Matthews Church 3000 Cottman Avenue, Philadelphia PA 19149

Deacon Bob Burns at 215-333-0585/3142

### **Jewish Family and Children's Services** 10125 Verree Road,19116

Lisa Ney [lney@jfcshilly.org](mailto:lney@jfcshilly.org) (267)256-2269 [www.jfcshilly.org](http://www.jfcshilly.org)

Gam Yahad celebrate Jewish holidays together in a synagogue setting

### **Auerbach Central Agency for Jewish Education**

supports, education and trainings for Jewish preschools and synagogues throughout the 5 county area specific to facilitating inclusion of special needs persons of all ages.

Debbie Gettes, [dgettes@acaje.org](mailto:dgettes@acaje.org) 215-635-8940

## Supports for Adults with Autism

**Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare Bureau of Autism Affairs** has a number of resources and programs for adults with Autism including the Adult Autism Waiver and the Adult Community Autism Program. More information can be found at their website:

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/forchildren/autism/index.htm> or by calling 866-539-7689

**ALAW-Autism Living and Working** (267)322-5800 [www.autismlivingworking.org](http://www.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.

**ASAN The Autistic Self Advocacy Network**-national organization, support, advocacy, focus on teens and education opportunities See website for local chapters: [www.autisticadvocacy.org](http://www.autisticadvocacy.org)

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[recreation@easterseals-sepa.org](mailto:recreation@easterseals-sepa.org) 215-879-1000ext: 6088

Saturday Night Out, ages 18 and up, costs vary depending on activity every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month) brochures on line

Respite Weekend Adventures, ages 16 and up, 3 times a year (\$550 includes meals, room and board, transportation and activities (every June is a trip to Wildwood, other trips vary)

**Families Of Adults Autism-ASaphilly** this is a Yahoo group list serve for the Phila area for families of Adults (age 17 and up) with Autism Spectrum Disorder. This is an environment to learn about the needs of adults with Autism, and other related neurological disorders. To view the details of this listserv:

<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/FamiliesOfAdultsAutism-ASaphilly/>

**Eastern University** College Success Program for Students Living with Autism

[http://www.eastern.edu/campus/academic\\_support\\_services/csp/application.html](http://www.eastern.edu/campus/academic_support_services/csp/application.html)

**St. Joseph's University** Kinney Center offers two College bound programs:

<http://kinneyautism.sju.edu/services/index.html>

**Chestnut Hill College** offers a graduate training certificate for a range of people who are looking for more skills and expertise in working with people with Autism, see their website:

[http://www.chc.edu/graduate/programs/autism\\_spectrum\\_disorders\\_certificate/](http://www.chc.edu/graduate/programs/autism_spectrum_disorders_certificate/)

**GRASP Philadelphia** (Global and Regional Asperger's Syndrome Partnership)

<http://www.grasp.org/> members range in age from 18 to 65 plus

Group meets monthly at the Easttown Library in Berwyn, PA from 2 to 4 PM on the second Saturday of each month.

[http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/GRASP\\_Philadelphia\\_PA/](http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/GRASP_Philadelphia_PA/)

**Jewish Family and Children's Services** 10125 Verree Road, 19116

Lisa Ney [lney@jfcsp Philly.org](mailto:lney@jfcsp Philly.org) (267)256-2269 [www.jfcsp Philly.org](http://www.jfcsp Philly.org)

The Network: monthly community-based culturally enriching outings for high functioning adults.

Healthy Relationships and Sexuality: a series of workshops for adults with special needs to address these issues.

Both of these programs are open to the general community regardless of religion.

**PAR Pennsylvania Association of Resources**- connecting people with Autism or Intellectual Disabilities with supports and services in their community <http://par.net> 717-236-2374

**Transition to Adulthood/ Special Healthcare Needs Consultants**: 877-986-4550

[http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/special\\_kids\\_network/14205/transition\\_health\\_care\\_checklist/558090](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/special_kids_network/14205/transition_health_care_checklist/558090)

**University of Penn Social Learning Disorders Program** 3535 Market Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Philadelphia PA 19104 Phone: 215-573-1159, [www.med.upenn.edu/add](http://www.med.upenn.edu/add) not particularly autism specific

[www.wrongplanet.net](http://www.wrongplanet.net) : a online forum for adults, parents and professionals with Autism and ADHD

**ASCEND meet ups** <http://www.meetup.com/autism-414/>

## Grants and Financial Planning

- **Bureau of Autism Services, PA Department of Public Welfare**
  - [www.autisminpa.org](http://www.autisminpa.org) 1-866-497-6898
  - Mini grants: Variety club annual memberships, project Lifesaver fees
  - Act 62 (see website details)

**Hearts and Smiles Foundation** <http://www.heartsandsmiles.org/> 267-663-9125

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.

- **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  
see this website: [www.dbhmrs.org/children-s-services](http://www.dbhmrs.org/children-s-services)
- **Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia** [www.csfphiladelphia.org](http://www.csfphiladelphia.org) 215-670-8411  
Scholarships for 4 years for children K-8<sup>th</sup> grade to fund private, parochial and other tuition-based community schools.  
To apply you must: 1. meet low-income guidelines, 2. fill out an application found on the website, 3. complete a one page essay described in the application  
Applications are due March 1, 2010 for the 2010-2011 school year
- **SCHWALLIE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**  
<http://www.researchautism.org/news/otherevents/scholarship.asp>  
-Overseen by the Organization for Autism Research this scholarship provides \$3,000 for individuals with Autism towards payment for post secondary school.
- **Cradles To Crayons (C2C)**  
215.836.0958 <http://philadelphia.cradlestocrayons.org>  
Provides FREE clothing, school supplies, shoes, coats, bedding and other material goods for low-income and homeless children from birth to 12. C2C does not work directly with families; requests must go through social workers, health care workers, teachers, and people in similar positions, who place orders for children's items on behalf of families they support. Agencies must register with C2C. Follow the guidelines listed on the website.

## Financial Planners

**MetLife Center for Special Needs Planning**, Patrick Bergmaier, 610-832.3759 • Cell: 215.317.4143  
[www.bwmg.net](http://www.bwmg.net)

**Merrill Lynch Special Needs Financial Services Advisors** 877-456-7526 See their website:  
[wealthmanagement.ml.com/wm//pages/ArticleViewer.aspx?TITLE=specializedsupportthatprovidespieceofmind](http://wealthmanagement.ml.com/wm//pages/ArticleViewer.aspx?TITLE=specializedsupportthatprovidespieceofmind)