Southwest Missouri Provider Directory For Autism

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ABOUT US:
The Friends of the Burrell Autism Center is a not-for-profit 501(c) 3 organization. We are dedicated to increasing community awareness of autism and developing, as well as providing, resources and support to families affected by autism. This is an organization made up of concerned parents and professionals who volunteer their time and expertise to serve this population of children.

ABOUT THIS RESOURCE DIRECTORY:
The majority of the resources in this directory are parent-referred. Our hope is that the Directory will evolve over time to include all services in the Southwest Missouri area that are available for people with ASD. If you are aware of services in Southwest Missouri that haven’t been included in this directory please contact us.

We would like to give a special THANK YOU to MO-FEAT (Missouri Families for Effective Autism Treatment). They allowed us to use information from their directory to include in this area directory. For an extensive listing of statewide resources please see the online Statewide Resource Directory at: www.mofeat.org.

Missouri Families for Effective Autism Treatment (MO-FEAT)
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Ballwin, MO 63022
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www.mofeat.org

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ABA CONSULTANTS AND BEHAVIOR THERAPISTS

Bill and Virginia Leffen Center for Autism
PO Box 2526
Joplin, MO 64803
Phone: 417-347-7850
Fax: 417-347-7859
Web: ozarkcenter.com/services/services-for-children/autism

Based in Joplin, Missouri and developed in consultation with Cleveland Clinic Autism Consulting Group, Bill and Virginia Leffen Center for Autism offers child-centered diagnostic, treatment, and education services. The foundational philosophy of Bill and Virginia Leffen Center for Autism is the science of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), imbedded in the principles of child development. The teaching methodology prescribed by ABA is applied to all domains of child development and behavior management.

Burrell Autism Center
1300 E Bradford Pkwy
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-761-5330
Fax: 417-761-5331
Web: burrellcenter.com
E-mail: autisminfo@burrellcenter.com

The Burrell Autism Center provides outpatient behavior consultation services that are founded on evidence based practices. A Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) provides evaluation and consultative services, including direct services in Behavior Day Treatment, First Steps consultation and treatment, as well as consultation with public school districts.

Counterpoint Autism Services
The ARC of the Ozarks
1501 E Pythian St
Springfield MO 65802
Phone: 417-864-7887
Fax: 417-864-4307
Web: thearcoftheozarks.org/counterpoint-autism
Email: info@tharcoftheozarks.org

Easter Seals Midwest
Christine Breig, Director
1740 S Glenstone Ave, Ste S
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-890-1399
Fax: 417-890-1775
Web: eastersealsmidwest.org
E-mail: christine.breig@esmw.org
Judevine Center for Autism
3450 S Campbell Ave
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-213-8018
Fax: 417-708-9244
Web: judevine.org
E-mail: contactus@judevinecenter.org

Our goal is to improve the quality of life for children and adults with autism and their families by sharing the Judevine® method which has been proven to make a real difference in the everyday lives of families affected by autism.

Nelson, Anita, BCaBA
1404 Southern Hills PMB262
West Plains MO 65775
Phone: 417-293-3446
E-mail: aba@centurytel.net

Rivendale Center for Autism
1613 W Elfindale St
Springfield MO 65807
Phone: 417-864-7921
Fax: 417-864-6024
Web: thearcoftheozarks.org/rivendale

We are a private school accredited by the Missouri Department of Education. We provide families an alternative to public education and allow traditional students and students with Learning Disabilities, including Autism, to achieve their full capabilities.

ADULT SERVICES - COMMUNITY LIVING SUPPORTS

The ARC of the Ozarks
1501 E Pythian St
Springfield MO 65802
Phone: 417-864-7887
Fax: 417-864-4307
Web: thearcoftheozarks.org
Email: info@thearcoftheozarks.org

Our mission at The ARC of the Ozarks is to support individuals with disabilities in directing their own lives as valued members of the community. The ARC believes every person should have the opportunity to achieve the highest level of independence. We, at The Arc, are committed to assisting you or your loved one in reaching that level.
In 2012 Burrell Behavioral Health established the Developmental Services Department, which offers specialized services to individuals who have physical or intellectual disabilities.

The Independent Living Center, Inc. (TILC)
2639 E 34th St
Joplin MO 64804
Phone: 417-659-8086
800-346-8951
Web: ilcenter.org

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Lawrence County Board for the Developmentally Disabled
319 S Madison Ave
Aurora MO 65605
Phone: 417-678-6079
Fax: 417-678-6075

Our mission is to maintain or improve the quality of life for citizens of Lawrence County, Missouri with Developmental Disabilities by ensuring that they receive the best services possible with respect, responsiveness and accountability, which will enable them to fulfill their full potential.
NOVA Center of the Ozarks
524 S Union Ave
Springfield MO 65802
Phone: 417-889-3121
Fax: 417-881-2214
Web: novacenteroftheozarks.org

Nova Center of the Ozarks strives to make possible the potential for positive change in the quality of life for every individual with a developmental disability, regardless of its nature.

Southwest Center for Independent Living
2864 S Nettleton Ave
Springfield MO 65807
Phone: 417-886-1188
Fax: 417-886-3619
Web: swcil.org
E-mail: scil@swcil.org

The Southwest Center for Independent Living (SCIL) is a private, not-for-profit agency which was established in 1985 in Springfield MO to provide services, advocacy, and resources for people with any disability in Southwest Missouri. People with disabilities serve on our board of directors and make up much of our staff.

Vocational Rehabilitation DESE
Springfield South
1735 W Catalpa, Ste C
Springfield MO 65807
Phone: 417-895-5720
Fax: 417-895-5725
Web: dese.mo.gov/vr

ADVOCACY

CC Links
728 N 22nd St
Ozark MO 65721
Phone: 417-551-4901
Fax: 417-551-4902
Web: christiancountylinks.net
Center for Human Services
4746 S 131st Rd, Unit C
Bolivar MO 65613
Phone: 417-777-7315
Fax: 866-809-4017
Web: chs-mo.org

Dallas County Autism Team
Mary Hitchings
Phone: 417-343-0612
Email: dallascountyautismteam@gmail.com
Our team works together to bring awareness to our community about autism spectrum disorders.

Link Ability
178 Saints Street
Branson MO 65616
Phone: 417-335-1366
Fax: 417-334-1316
Web: developmentalconnections.com
Email: info@developmentalconnections.com
Service Coordinators
178 Saints St
Branson MO 65616
Phone: 417-334-8985
Fax: 417-334-8984
Serving Taney, Stone and Ozark counties.

Governor’s Council on Disability
301 W High St, Room 840
Jefferson City MO 65102
Phone: 573-751-2600
800-877-8249
Web: disability.mo.gov/gcd
Email: gcd@oa.mo.gov

AUTISM QUICK FACT
ASDs are “spectrum disorders.” That means ASDs affect each person in different ways, and can range from very mild to severe.
Lawrence County Case Management
PO Box 677
Aurora MO 65605
Phone: 417-678-7695
Fax: 417-678-7710

Missouri Autism Coalition
PO Box 1431
Jefferson City MO 65102
Web: missouriautismcoalition.com
E-mail: missouriautism@gmail.com

The Missouri Autism Coalition is an alliance of individuals concerned about statewide autism issues who collaborate to improve the lives of individuals and their families with autism spectrum disorders.

Missouri Protection & Advocacy Services
925 S Country Club Dr
Jefferson City MO 65109
Phone: 800-392-8667
573-659-0678
Web: moadvocacy.org
Email: app.unit@mo-pa.org

MO P&A is a federally mandated system in the state of Missouri which provides protection of the rights of persons with disabilities through legally-based advocacy.

MPACT: Missouri Parents Act
8301 State Line Rd, Ste 204
Kansas City MO 64114
Phone: 800-743-7634
Fax: 816-531-4777
Web: ptimpact.org

MPACT is a statewide parent training and information center that serves parents of children with all disabilities. Our primary goal is to assist parents in their effort to effectively advocate for their children’s educational rights and services. MPACT staff and volunteers are located throughout Missouri and work with public and private agencies, parent groups, professional organizations and advocacy groups to achieve that goal.
The goal of The Next Step is to facilitate a trusting, caring relationship between the Service Coordinator and the individual, which will lead to better planning and achievement of the goals set by the individual and the family.

WC Partners
PO Box 9
Marshfield MO 65706
Phone: 417-630-0170
Fax: 417-630-0171

AUDIOLOGY

Ferrell Duncan Clinic – Audiology
960 E Walnut Lawn St, Ste 102
Springfield MO 65807
Phone: 417-875-3600
Web: ferrellduncan.com

Mercy Clinic Audiology – Surgery Center
1229 E Seminole St
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-820-5071
Fax: 417-820-3757
Web: mercy.net/practice/mercy-clinic-audiology-surgery-center

Missouri State Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic
609 E Cherry St
Springfield MO 65806
Phone: 417-836-5275
Fax: 417-836-7662
Web: clinic.missouristate.edu

The Clinic provides evaluation and treatment for all ages in the areas of Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Early Intervention for children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.
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Fax:  417-708-9244
Web:  judevine.org
E-mail:  contactus@judevinecenter.org

CHILDCARE

Child Care Aware® of Missouri
1000 Executive Parkway Dr, Ste 103
St. Louis MO 63141
Phone:  800-200-9017
Fax:  314-754-0330
Web:  mo.childcareaware.org

Child Care Aware® of Missouri coordinates the activities and services of child care resource and referral agencies across all 115 counties in Missouri. We are affiliated with Child Care Aware® of America, the nation’s leading voice for child care.

Child Care Aware® of Southern Missouri
1710 E Chestnut Expressway
Springfield MO 65802
Phone:  417-887-3545
  800-743-8497
Fax:  417-823-9459
Web:  ccozarks.org

Providing information and education which reinforces the importance of quality care, providing child care data and statistics, assisting employers and community agencies, and the Early Childhood One Stop for Springfield area families. Please call 1-866-892-3228 for the childcare referral service.
Wesley Kids of Creation
922 W Republic Rd
Springfield MO 65807
Phone: 417-720-1053
Fax: 417-889-9294
Web: wesleymethodist.com

Kids of Creation is a program at Wesley United Methodist Church offering childcare and preschool for children ages 6 weeks to 6 years old. We have an educational and God-centered curriculum and provide inclusion for children with special needs.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND AWARENESS SPEAKERS

Bill and Virginia Leffen Center for Autism
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Web: burrellcenter.com

Easter Seals Midwest
Christine Breig, Director
1740 S Glenstone Ave, Ste S
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-890-1399
Web: eastersealsmidwest.org
E-mail: christine.breig@esmw.org

Easter Seals Midwest offers in-home parent training for any age person with an autism spectrum disorder. Easter Seals Midwest also offers and intensive three-week parent training program where behavior therapy techniques are taught.
Our goal is to improve the quality of life for children and adults with autism and their families by sharing the Judevine® method which has been proven to make a real difference in the everyday lives of families affected by autism.

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS

The Missouri Department of Mental Health is divided into three main areas:

- Division of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (DD)
- Division of Comprehensive Psychiatric Services (CPS)
- Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse (ADA)

Services through the Regional Offices are part of the Division of DD. If mental health is also a significant issue, you may want to call the local community mental health center and request an assessment to see if you may qualify for services through that division, as well.

Missouri Department of Mental Health

Division of Psychiatric Services
Phone: 573-751-8017
Web: dmh.mo.gov/mentalillness
Email: cpsmail@dmh.mo.gov

Burrell Behavioral Health

1300 E Bradford Pkwy
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-761-5000
Web: burrellcenter.com

Additional Locations: Springfield, Branson, Bolivar and Marshfield
Certified Programs: Comprehensive Psychiatric Rehabilitation for Adults/Children and Youth, Outpatient Mental Health
Additional Services: Burrell Autism Center, Children’s Day Treatment, Outpatient, Residential Crisis Stabilization Unit, Inpatient, Family Focus Program and Pharmacy
Counties Served: Christian, Dallas, Greene, Polk, Stone, Taney and Webster
Clark Community Mental Health Center
104 W Main St
Pierce City MO 65723
Phone: 417-476-1000
Web: clarkmentalhealth.com

Certified Programs: Comprehensive Psychiatric Rehabilitation for Adults/Children and Youth, Outpatient Mental Health
Additional Services: Case Management, Intensive In-Home Services
Counties Served: Barry, Dade and Lawrence

Pathways Community Behavioral Healthcare
1800 Community Dr
Clinton MO 64735
Phone: 660-885-8131
Web: pathwaysonline.org

Certified Programs: Comprehensive Psychiatric Rehabilitation for Adults/Children and Youth, Outpatient Mental Health
Counties Served: Bates, Benton, Cedar, Henry, Hickory, St. Clair and Vernon

Ozark Center
PO Box 2526
Joplin MO 64803
Phone: 417-347-7600
Web: freemanhealth.com/ozarkcenter

Additional Locations: Joplin, Neosho and Carthage
Certified Programs: Comprehensive Psychiatric Rehabilitation for Adults/Children and Youth, Outpatient Mental Health
Additional Services: Pharmacy, Youth Residential Services
Counties Served: Barton, Jasper, McDonald and Newton

AUTISM QUICK FACT
More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than AIDS, diabetes and cancer, combined.
Buzbee Dental
1244 E Lark St
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-881-1388
Fax: 417-889-1209
Web: buzbeedental.com
Email: info@buzbeedental.com

Jordan Valley Community Health Center
618 N Benton Ave
Springfield MO 65806
Phone: 417-831-0150
Web: jordanvalley.org

Parkcrest Dental Group
Stuart W Scott, DDS
540 W LaSalle St
Springfield MO 65807
Phone: 417-887-1220
800-798-0112
Web: parkcrestdental.com

Teresa Fay Morris, DDS, PC
3259 E Sunshine St, Ste K
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-882-2444
Web: drtmorris.com

Smile Zone
1531 E Sunshine St, Ste E-10
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-883-5866
Web: smilezonedentist.com

Spring View Dental Care
5133 S Campbell Ave, Ste 202
Springfield MO 65810
Phone: 417-886-1010
Fax: 417-886-1216
Web: springviewdentalcare.com
DEVELOPMENTAL THERAPISTS

Ability Network
284 Merchant St
Ste. Genevieve MO 63670
Phone: 573-883-8181
866-483-3555
Fax: 573-883-8182
Web: abilitynetwork.org
E-mail: info@abilitynetwork.org

Ability Network is located in Ste. Genevieve but provides developmental, speech, occupational and physical therapists, dietitians, and social workers throughout Missouri. Services are provided in natural, inclusive environments such as homes, schools, and community.

Easter Seals Midwest
Christine Breig, Director
1740 S Glenstone Ave, Ste S
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-890-1399
Fax: 417-890-1775
Web: eastersealsmidwest.org
E-mail: christine.breig@esmw.org

DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATIONS – OTHER RESOURCES

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The Burrell Autism Center provides a comprehensive multidisciplinary evaluation for individuals who may have an autism spectrum disorder. Using a variety of formal and informal evaluation and assessment measures, the team identifies specific neuro-developmental cognitive processes that are affecting a child's ability to function within his/her daily routine.

The Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Evaluation includes:
- Psychological Evaluation
- Medical Evaluation by the Developmental Pediatrician
- Occupational Therapy Evaluation
- Speech Language Evaluation

After the comprehensive multidisciplinary evaluation is completed, the Autism Center Diagnostic Team discusses the evaluations and determines the diagnosis for the child. The team then makes recommendations for treatment. Based on the Diagnostic Team’s recommendations, the Psychologist completes a Multidisciplinary Diagnostic Summary.

Individual evaluations, such as Occupational Therapy or Speech Language Therapy are also available for children who have an established ASD diagnosis. Appropriate avenues for those specific evaluations are determined during the multi-disciplinary screening.

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**Mercy Autism**
1235 E Cherokee St
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-820-2229

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**EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES**

See also, School Districts

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Fax: 417-864-4307
Web: thearcoftheozarks.org
Email: info@thearcoftheozarks.org

Developmental Center of the Ozarks
1545 E Pythian St
Springfield MO 65802
Phone: 417-831-1545
Fax: 417-831-7539
Web: DCOonline.com

First Steps: Infant-Toddler Early Intervention
Diana Patten, Director
1370 E Primrose St, Ste A
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-886-0404
Fax: 417-886-0405
Web: abilitiesfirst.net

First Steps is Missouri’s Early Intervention system for infants and toddlers, birth to age 3, who have delayed development or diagnosed conditions that are associated with developmental disabilities. Families play an integral role in their child’s development. The First Steps system provides families the tools they need to help their child be successful.

Parents as Teachers - Springfield
1423 W Atlantic St
Springfield MO 65803
Phone: 417-523-1160
Web: springfieldpublicschools.mo.org
E-mail: mriley@spsmail.org

The Parents as Teachers program helps parents promote a child’s learning at an early age so that the child can begin kindergarten ready to succeed. Free developmental screenings are also available to children aged 1-5 who live in the SPS attendance area. Families need not be enrolled in Parents as Teachers to take advantage of screening services.
EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS AND RESOURCES

Behavior Based Learning
Brooke Allen, MS, BCBA
Phone: 617-869-1591
Web: behaviorbasedlearning.com
Email: behavioral_educator@yahoo.com

Burrell Autism Center
Susan Henderson, Psychologist, Director
1300 E Bradford Pkwy
Springfield MO 65804
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Fax: 417-761-5331
Web: burrellcenter.com

Given the complexity of Autism Spectrum Disorders and the ongoing evolution of our understanding about ASD, it is critical that a repository of knowledge be available to families, caregivers, teachers, and providers. The Center seeks to fill this need through:

- Family and caregiver education and training, including information on best practices in diagnosis, treatment, and management of children with autism.
- Interdisciplinary training for current professional and professionals-in-training, including behavior health professionals, physicians, nurses, therapists, teachers, and others.

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Fax: 417-864-4307
Web: thearcoftheozarks.org
Email: info@thearcoftheozarks.org

Missouri Autism Consultants
Web: education.missouristate.edu/access/FactSheet19.htm

On-site child specific consultations can be arranged through the use of Missouri Autism Consultants from Project ACCESS. District staff can be trained to be in-district autism consultants.
Project ACCESS
Missouri State University
901 N National Ave
Springfield MO 65897
Phone: 417-895-5575
866-481-3841
Fax: 417-895-5576
Web: education.missouristate.edu/access
E-mail: projectACCESS@missouristate.edu

Project ACCESS is funded by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and provides autism resource information to public schools in the form of onsite and telephone consultations, as well as support via internet. Local autism-specific trainings are offered through the Regional Professional Development Centers (RPDCs) to Missouri school district staff and educators who work with youngsters age 0-21 years, who experience Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and related disabilities.

Springfield SEPTA (Special Education Parent Teacher Assoc.)
639 W Chestnut Expy
Springfield MO 65802
Web: www.springfieldsepta.org
Email: drethman@springfieldsepta.org

FUNDING SOURCES

See also, Regional Office in Additional Resources

See also, Senate Bill 40 (SB40) Board in Additional Resources

Abilities First
1370 E Primrose, Ste A
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-886-0404
Fax: 417-882-5400
Web: abilitiesfirst.net

AUTISM QUICK FACT
Most children identified with ASD were not diagnosed until after age 4, even though children can be diagnosed as early as age 2.
**Autism Cares Grant**  
Phone: 888-288-4762  
Web: [autismcares.org](http://autismcares.org)  
Email: autismcares@autismspeaks.org

Financial Support Awards provide financial relief up to $1,000 for individuals with ASD and their families to help cover costs associated with critical living expenses such as housing, utilities, car repair, funeral expenses, and other essential items on a case-by-case basis.

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**Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services**  
Web: [cms.gov](http://cms.gov)

Information for people who utilize Medicaid, including info on eligibility and providers.

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**Children’s Miracle Network**  
Phone: 417-269-5437  
Web: [childrensmiraclenetwork.org](http://childrensmiraclenetwork.org)  
[coxhealth.com](http://coxhealth.com)  
E-mail: heather.fesperman@coxhealth.com

In Springfield, children receiving PT, OT and Speech Therapies through Cox Health Systems may apply for a family care grant for possible assistance with the services.

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**Midwest Special Needs Trust**  
PO Box 7629  
Columbia MO 65205  
Phone: 573-256-5055  
877-239-8055  
Fax: 573-303-5866  
Web: [midwestspecialneedstrust.org](http://midwestspecialneedstrust.org)  
E-mail: mftbt@midwestspecialneedstrust.org

A program that provides small financial assistance grants to persons with disabilities who meet the eligibility criteria for disability and income.

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**Autism Quick Fact**  
*Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the U.S.*
Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Services (MACDDS)
29 S 9th, Ste 211
Columbia MO 65201
Phone: 573-442-5599
Web: macdds.org

In the state of Missouri there are 47 member county SB40 boards (See Senate Bill 40 Boards), related private organizations, and affiliated agencies to share information, discuss common problems, and act cohesively in areas of concern. Each year MACDDS sponsors a fall conference, seeks to bring together technical assistance and innovative ideas to broaden the perspective of member counties, related private organizations, and affiliated public agencies as they endeavor to serve people of Missouri with developmental disabilities.

Missouri Health Net Coverage for People with Disabilities
Phone: 800-735-2466
Web: dss.mo.gov/fsd/massist.htm

Missouri Health Net for Kids
Phone: 888-275-5908 to request an application
Web: dss.mo.gov/mhk/index.htm

Missouri Health Net Participant Handbook
Web: dss.mo.gov//mhd/participants/pdf/hndbk_ffs.pdf

Missouri Medicaid
MO HealthNet Division
615 Howerton Ct
PO Box 6500
Jefferson City MO 65102-6500
Phone: 573-751-3425
Web: dss.mo.gov/mhd

Missouri’s Office of Autism Services
Missouri Department of Mental Health
Division of Developmental Disabilities
Kit Glover, Director
PO Box 687
Jefferson City MO 65102
Phone: 573-526-3848
573-526-1201 (TT)
800-207-9329
Web: dmh.mo.gov
Email: kit.glover@dmh.mo.gov
The mission of the National Autism Association is to respond to the most urgent needs of the autism community, providing real help and hope so that all affected can reach their full potential.

Regional Office - Springfield
1515 E Pythian St
Springfield MO 65801
Phone: 417-895-7400
888-549-6635
Fax: 417-895-7412
Web: http://dmh.mo.gov/springfield/

Regional Office - Joplin
3600 E Newman Rd
Joplin MO 64802
Phone: 417-629-3020
888-549-6634
Web: http://dmh.mo.gov/joplin/index.htm

The Missouri Division of Developmental Disabilities (DD) serves individuals with developmental disabilities such as cognitive disabilities, cerebral palsy, head injuries, autism, epilepsy, and certain learning disabilities.

Regional Offices are the primary points of entry into the system. In general, regional offices do not provide paid services. However, regional offices purchase services from contracted agencies licensed by the Department of Mental Health or other national accrediting agencies.

Social Security Administration - Disability Starter Kits
Web: ssa.gov/disabilitystarterkits.htm

These Social Security Administration (SSA) kits are designed to help individuals prepare for a disability interview and/or complete an online benefits application. Kits are available for adults and for children under age 18, and provide information about the specific documents and the information that is required in order to apply.

AUTISM QUICK FACT
Boys are five times more likely than girls to have autism
Social Security Administration - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Phone: 800-772-1213 (to apply)
Web: ssa.gov/disability

The Social Security Administration (SSA) is responsible for the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. The SSI program pays benefits to adults and children with disabilities who have limited income and resources. You can contact your local Social Security office to make an appointment to complete the SSI application form in person or over the phone.

Southwest Missouri Autism Project
1515 E Pythian St, PO Box 5030
Springfield MO 65801
Phone: 417-895-7400
888-549-6635
Fax: 417-895-7412
Web: dmh.mo.gov/dd/autism/swautismproject.htm

United Healthcare Children’s Foundation
MN012-S286
PO BOX 41
Minneapolis MN 55440-0041
Phone: 952-992-4459
Web: uhccf.org

National grant that offers medical assistance grants up to $5,000 for medical services or equipment not fully covered by health insurance. Includes Speech, PT and psychological therapies; equipment such as wheelchairs, braces, hearing aids and eyeglasses, orthodontia and dental and other needs.

HORSEBACK RIDING - HIPPOTERAPY

Dynamic Strides
10175 W Farm Rd 156
Republic MO 65738
Phone: 417-300-3192
Web: dynamicstrides.org
Email: margecheesman@gmail.com

Equi-Librium Therapy Center
1148 S Courtney Ln
Rogersville MO 65742
Phone: 417-830-6869
Web: etctherapy.org
Email: etctherapy@gmail.com
Horses of Hope – Missouri, Inc.
55 Kelly Rd
Buffalo MO 65662
Phone: 417-345-5210
Fax: 417-345-0131
Web: horsesofhope.com

Sac River Stables
5798 N Farm Rd 125
Springfield MO 65803
Phone: 417-742-4200
Web: sacriverstables.com
Email: dawn@sacriverstables.com

LENDING LIBRARIES

Easter Seals Midwest
Christine Breig, Director
1740 S Glenstone Ave, Ste S
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-890-1399
Fax: 417-890-1775
Web: eastersealsmidwest.org
E-mail: christine.breig@esmw.org

Friends of the Autism Center
Burrell Behavioral Health
Melissa Davenport, Contact
1300 E Bradford Plky
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-761-5333
Web: burrellcenter.com/education/friends.aspx
Email: melissa.davenport@burrellcenter.com

NEUROLOGISTS

Mercy Clinic Pediatric Neurology
1965 S Fremont Ave, Ste 220
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-820-9055
Fax: 417-820-9056
Web: mercy.net
Mercy Clinic Pediatric Neurology - Whiteside  
2115 S Fremont Ave, Ste 2200  
Springfield MO 65804  
Phone: 417-820-9055  
Fax: 417-820-9056  
Web: mercy.net

Pediatric Neurology of the Ozarks CoxHealth  
1000 E Primrose St, Ste 200  
Springfield MO 65807  
Phone: 417-269-1010  
Fax: 417-269-6755  
Web: coxhealth.com

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Burrell Autism Center  
1300 E Bradford Pkwy  
Springfield MO 65804  
Phone: 417-761-5330  
Fax: 417-761-5331  
Web: burrellcenter.com

Burrell offers:
- Evaluation by a therapist certified in Sensory Integration and Praxis.
- Treatment that focuses on parent training and interaction between the child and family as well as individual skills.

Citizen's Memorial Hospital  
1500 N Oakland  
Bolivar MO 65613  
Phone: 417-326-6000  
Web: citizensmemorial.com

Cox Monett  
700 E Cleveland  
Monett MO 65708  
Phone: 417-326-2480  
Web: coxhealth.com
Mercy Therapy Services
Outpatient Pediatrics
1235 E Cherokee St
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-820-2160
Fax: 417-820-7783
Web: mercy.net

The Meyer Center
3545 S National Ave
Springfield MO 65807
Phone: 417-269-5500
Web: coxhealth.com

Missouri State University Perceptual Motor Development Lab
Department of HPER
901 S National Ave
Springfield MO 65897
Phone: 417-836-6234
Fax: 417-836-5371
Web: missouristate.edu/pmdl
Email: JohnDowning@missouristate.edu

The Missouri State University Perceptual-Motor Development Program is dedicated to the remediation of both psychomotor and academic readiness skills for younger at-risk children in the greater Springfield region.

OCH Evergreen Clinic
1540 E Evergreen
Springfield MO 65803
Phone: 417-823-2900
Web: ochonline.com

Outpatient Rehab Therapies - Cox North
1423 N Jefferson Ave, Ste K-200
Springfield MO 65802
Phone: 417-269-3177
Web: coxhealth.com

Ozark Therapy Institute
1545 E Primrose St, Ste C
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-881-9500
Web: ozarktherapy.com
TheraCare Outpatient Services
3023 S. Fort Ave, Ste B
Springfield MO 65807
Phone: 417-890-4656
Web: theracareozarks.com

OPTOMETRISTS

Family Eye Care
Dr. Wes Kemp, OD
325 S Main
Bolivar MO 65613
Phone: 417-777-9000
Web: visionsource-drweskemp.com
E-mail: drkemp@drweskemp.com

Jordan Valley Community Health Center
440 E Tampa
Springfield MO 65806
Phone: 417-831-0150
Web: jordanvalley.org

Pierce Vision Specialist
Dr. David Pierce, OD
1426 E Bradford Pkwy
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-887-7151
Fax: 417-887-7153
Web: piercevision.com

ORTHOTICS

Alpha-Omega Orthotics and Prosthetics
2121 S Waverly, Ste 300
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-886-8881
Fax: 417-881-8223
Web: alphaomegaop.com
Ozark Prosthetics and Orthotics
3250 S Delaware Ave
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-889-3222
Fax: 417-889-3223
Web: ozarkpo.com

Scott-Larson Orthotics
3525 S National Ave, Ste 104
Springfield MO 65807
Phone: 417-269-4549
Fax: 417-269-5089
Web: slarson.net
Email: info@slarson.net

PARENT EDUCATION

Bill and Virginia Leffen Center for Autism
PO Box 2526
Joplin, MO 64603
Phone: 417-347-7850
Fax: 417-347-7859
Web: freemanhealth.com/ozarkcenterforautism

Burrell Autism Center
1300 E Bradford Pkwy
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-761-5330
Fax: 417-761-5331
Web: burrellcenter.com
E-mail: autisminfo@burrellcenter.com

Easter Seals Midwest
Christine Breig, Director
1740 S Glenstone Ave, Ste S
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-890-1399
Fax: 417-890-1775
Web: eastersealsmidwest.org
E-mail: christine.breig@esmw.org

Easter Seals Midwest offers a full range of services and supports to children and adults with autism and their families.
Judevine Center for Autism
3450 S Campbell Ave
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-213-8018
Fax: 417-708-9244
Web: judevinecenter.org
E-mail: springfield@judevinecenter.org

Our goal is to improve the quality of life for children and adults with autism and their families by sharing the Judevine® method which has been proven to make a real difference in the everyday lives of families affected by autism.

Missouri Autism Report
Dayna Busch
P.O. Box 443
Fair Grove, MO 65648
Phone: 417-209-0103
Web: moautismreport.com
Email: moautismreport@yahoo.com

MO-FEAT: Missouri Families for Effective Autism Treatment – Statewide
15455 Manchester Rd, #3865
Ballwin MO 63022
Phone: 636-527-3328
Web: mofeat.org
E-mail: info@mofeat.org

MO-FEAT’s mission is to provide advocacy, education, and support for families and the autism community, and to support early diagnosis and effective autism treatment. Resources include: autism information and resources, parent meetings and family outings, a lending library, and a parent mentor program.

MPACT: Missouri Parents Act - Statewide
Shelley Biere, Regional Coordinator
Phone: 877-837-3536
Web: ptimpact.org
E-mail: sbiere@ptimpact.com

MPACT is a statewide parent training and information center serving all disabilities. Our mission is to ensure that all children with special needs receive an education that allows them to achieve their personal goals.
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
1443 N. Robberson, Suite 408
Springfield MO 65802
Phone: 417-864-7119
Web: namiswmo.com
Email: nami@namiswmo.com

Resources, information, and supports for families dealing with mental illness. Offers a free, 12-week class for families dealing with severe mental illness in the home. Contact the state office for local chapter information.

ParentLink – Statewide
4800 Santana Cir
Columbia MO 65211
Phone: 573-882-7321
800-552-8522
Web: outreach.missouri.edu/parentlink
E-mail: mertensmeyerc@missouri.edu

Library with over 1000 titles in its collection available to Missouri residents for loan, free of charge. Patrons are responsible for postage/insurance to return borrowed items.

Parents as Teachers - Springfield
1423 W Atlantic St
Springfield MO 65803
Phone: 417-523-1160
Web: springfieldpublicschoolsmo.org/earlychildhood/
E-mail: mriley@spsmail.org

The Parents as Teachers program helps parents promote a child’s learning at an early age so that the child can begin kindergarten ready to succeed. Parent educators meet with families in their homes from the time of pregnancy until their child enters kindergarten. Free developmental screenings are also available to children aged 1-5 who live in the SPS attendance area. Families need not be enrolled in Parents as Teachers to take advantage of screening services.

Parents as Teachers – Statewide
2228 Ball Dr
St. Louis MO 63146
Phone: 314-432-4330
866-PAT4YOU
Web: parentsasteachers.org
E-mail: info@parentsasteachers.org
Partners in Policymaking – Statewide
PO Box 687
Jefferson City MO 65102
Phone: 573-751-8611
800-500-7878
Web: moddcouncil.org
E-mail: shanks@mpcdd.com

Partners is an innovative leadership training program for adults with disabilities and parents of young children with developmental disabilities.

STOMP (Specialized Training of Military Parents) – Statewide
6316 S 12th St
Tacoma WA 98465
Phone: 800-572-7368
Web: stompproject.org
Email: stomp@wapave.org

Federally funded Parent Training and Information Center established to assist military families who have children with special education or health needs.

PEDIATRICIANS

CoxHealth Center Nixa
Lora Schauer, MD
411 N McCroskey
Nixa MO 65714
Phone: 417-269-2227
Fax: 417-269-2235
Web: coxhealth.com

Mercy Clinic Pediatrics - Nixa
Tamara Fusco, MD
940 W Mt Vernon St, Ste 220
Nixa MO 65714
Phone: 417-724-5437
Fax: 417-724-5433
Web: mercy.net
AUTISM QUICK FACT
The number of children identified with ASD varied widely by community.
**PHYSICAL THERAPY**

**Ability Network - Statewide**
284 Merchant St
Ste. Genevieve MO 63670
Phone: 573-883-8181
866-483-3555
Fax: 573-883-81812
Web: abilitynetwork.org
E-mail: info@abilitynetwork.org

Ability Network is located in Ste. Genevieve but provides developmental, speech, occupational and physical therapists, dieticians, and social workers throughout Missouri. Services are provided in natural, inclusive environments such as homes, schools, and community.

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**Citizen’s Memorial Hospital**
1500 N Oakland
Bolivar MO 65613
Phone: 417-326-6000
Web: citizensmemorial.com

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**Cox Monett**
700 E Cleveland
Monett MO 65708
Phone: 417-326-2480
Web: coxhealth.com

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**Mercy Therapy Services**
Outpatient Pediatrics
1235 E Cherokee St
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-820-2160
Fax: 417-820-7783
Web: mercy.net

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Springfield MO 65807
Phone: 417-269-5500
Web: coxhealth.com
OCH Evergreen Clinic
1540 E Evergreen
Springfield MO 65803
Phone: 417-823-2900
Web: ochonline.com

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1423 N Jefferson Ave, Ste K-200
Springfield MO 65802
Phone: 417-269-3177
Web: coxhealth.com

Ozark Therapy Institute
1545 E Primrose St, Ste C
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-881-9500
Web: ozarktherapy.com

RECREATION

The ARC of the Ozarks
1501 E Pythian St
Springfield MO 65802
Phone: 417-864-7887
Fax: 417-864-4307
Web: thearcoftheozarks.org
Email: info@thearcoftheozarks.org

Our mission at The ARC of the Ozarks is to support individuals with disabilities in directing their own lives as valued members of the community. The ARC believes every person should have the opportunity to achieve the highest level of independence. We, at The Arc, are committed to assisting you or your loved one in reaching that level.

Boy Scout Troop 2
Teddy Heaton
1601 E Pythian St
Springfield MO 65802
Web: ozarktroop2.com
E-mail: teddy.heaton@wfadvisors.com

Boy Scout Troop 2 is one of only forty special needs troops in the nation. Troop 2 Scoutmaster Teddy Heaton believes that every boy, regardless of the severity of his disability, can have a truly rewarding experience in the troop.
Camp Barnabas
PO Box 3200
Springfield, MO 65808
Phone: 417-476-2565 (Camp office)
Web: campbarnabas.org
E-mail: info@campbarnabas.org

Camp located in southwest Missouri and serves the whole state and all disabilities.

Camp Encourage
PO Box 10433
Kansas City MO 64171
Phone: 816-830-7171
Web: campencourage.org
E-mail: camp.encourage@sbcglobal.net


Champion Athletes
Susan Miles
1715 S Kansas Ave
Springfield MO 65807
Phone: 417-890-1599
Fax: 417-890-1613
Web: championathletes.org
E-mail: sqmiles@championathletes.org

To build self-esteem, self-confidence and everyday life skills therefore enhancing the lives of children and adults with disabilities through sports competition and new opportunities.

Special Needs Girl Scouts Troop
Springfield MO
E-mail: gstroop70914@gmail.com

Girls with special needs of all levels from kindergarten through 12th grade are encouraged to see if this group is for you. More information can be found on their Facebook group: Missouri Heartland Special Needs Girl Scouts Unit 724 Troop #70914.
Special Olympics Missouri
2914 E 32nd St, Ste 304
Joplin MO 65804
Phone: 417-624-5505
Fax: 417-624-5517
Web: somo.org/sw
E-mail: lain@somo.org

Our Mission is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with mental disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

Sporting Chance
PO Box 11337
Springfield MO 65808
Phone: 417-881-7373
Fax: 417-881-2020
Web: asportingchance.net
E-mail: sportingchance@sbcglobal.net

Sunnyhill Adventures
6555 Sunlit Way
Dittmer MO 63023
Phone: 636-274-9044
Web: sunnyhilladventures.org
E-mail: dropin4fun@aol.com

Summer camp, year-round adventure programs, and travel programs for youth of all abilities and adults with developmental disabilities.

RESOURCE AGENCIES

Autism Society
4340 E West Hwy, Ste 350
Bethesda, MD 20814
Phone: 301-657-0881
1-800-3AUTISM
Web: autism-society.org
Autism Speaks
9378 Olive Blvd, Ste 206
St. Louis MO 63132
Phone: 866-500-6227
Web: autismspeaks.org
E-mail: Springfield@autismspeaks.org

The Autism Speaks website provides information on national initiative including community service grants, a video glossary, IEP video, autism everyday video, national online database of resource and a federal legal aid appeals project. There is opportunity to serve on local volunteer committees.

Bureau of Special Health Care Needs
P.O. Box 570
Jefferson City, MO 65102
Phone: 573-751-6246
800-451-0669
Web: health.mo.gov/living/families/shcn/

Governor's Council on Disability
301 West High Street, Room 840
Jefferson City, MO 65102
Phone: 573-751-2600
800-877-8249
Web: mo.gov/disability/gc
Email: mailto:gcd@oa.mo.gov

IAN
Web: ianproject.org

IAN, the Interactive Autism Network, was established in January 2006 at Kennedy Krieger Institute and is funded by a grant from Autism Speaks. IAN's goal is to facilitate research that will lead to advancements in understanding and treating autism spectrum disorders (ASDs). To accomplish this goal, we created the IAN Community and IAN Research.

Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Services (MACDDS)
Web: macdds.org

Association of county SB40 boards. Website has info on Regional Office eligibility and local county services.
Missouri Autism Coalition
PO Box 1431
Jefferson City, MO 65102
Web: missouriautismcoalition.com
Email: missouriautism@gmail.com

Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)
PO Box 480
Jefferson City MO 65102
Phone: 573-751-4212
Fax: 573-751-8613
Web: dese.mo.gov

Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council
PO Box 687
Jefferson City, MO 65101
Phone: 573-751-8611
800-500-7878
Web: mpcdd.com

Missouri Developmental Disabilities Resource Center
Institute for Human Development, UCE
215 W Pershing Rd, 6th Floor
Kansas City, MO 64108
Phone: 816-235-1763
800-444-0821
Web: moddrc.org
Email: mofamilytofamily@gmail.com

MODDRC offers a network of support options so that individuals and families are well informed, hopeful, connected within their communities and know they are not alone in their experience with disability.

Missouri Protection & Advocacy Services
925 S Country Club Dr
Jefferson City, MO 65109
Phone: 800-392-8667
573-659-0678
Web: moadvocacy.org
Email: app.unit@mo-pa.org

MO P&A is a federally mandated system in the state of Missouri which provides protection of the rights of persons with disabilities through legally-based advocacy.
Missouri’s Office of Autism Services
Missouri Department of Mental Health
Division of Developmental Disabilities
Kit Glove, Coordinator
PO Box 687
Jefferson City MO 65102
Phone: 573-523-3848
573-526-1201 (TT)
800-207-9329
Web: dmh.mo.gov
Email: kit.glover@dmh.mo.gov

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15455 Manchester Rd, #3865
Ballwin MO 63022
Phone: 636-527-3328
Web: mofeat.org
E-mail: info@mofeat.org

Resources include: autism information and resources, parent meetings and family outings, a lending library, and a parent mentor program.

Project Linus – Springfield/Branson Chapter
2612 E Linwood Dr
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-886-0392
Web: projectlinus.org
Email: diane318@sbcglobal.net

Project Linus, Springfield/Branson Chapter Missouri makes and donates blankets for children ages 0-18 years of age. We also make weighted blankets for the autistic/special needs children. We are here to help assist and meet needs that arise in the community.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Bolivar R-1 Schools
524 W Madison St
Bolivar MO 65613
Phone: 417-326-5291
Web: bolivarschools.org
Branson Public Schools
400 Cedar Ridge Dr
Branson MO 65616
Phone: 417-334-6541
Fax: 417-334-6619
Web: branson.k12.mo.us

Logan-Rogersville R-VIII Special Services
100 E Front St
Rogersville MO 65742
Phone: 417-753-2891
Fax: 417-753-3063
Web: logrog.net

Marshfield R-I Schools
170 State Hwy DD
Marshfield MO 65706
Phone: 417-859-2120
Fax: 417-859-2193
Web: mr1.k12.mo.us

Nixa Public Schools Special Services
205 North St
Nixa MO 65714
Phone: 417-875-5410
Web: nixapublicschools.net

Ozark R-VI Schools
302 N 4th Ave
Ozark MO 65721
Phone: 417-582-5900
Fax: 417-582-5960
Web: ozark.k12.mo.us

Republic Public Schools Special Services
234 E Anderson
Republic MO 65738
Phone: 417-732-3715
Fax: 417-732-3699
Web: republicschools.org
Springfield Public Schools Special Education
639 W Chestnut Expwy
Springfield MO 65802
Phone: 417-523-7700
Fax: 417-523-7595
Web: springfieldpublicschoolsmo.org

Willard R-2 Schools
460 E Kime
Willard MO 65781
Phone: 417-742-2584
Web: willard.k12.mo.us

SOCIAL SKILLS INTERVENTION

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1300 E Bradford Pkwy
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Fax: 417-890-1775
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Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-213-8018
Fax: 417-708-9244
Web: judevine.org
E-mail: contactus@judevinecenter.org
KLASS – Kids Learning about Social Skills
Burrell Behavioral Health
1300 E Bradford Pkwy
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-761-5392
Fax: 417-761-5391
Web: burrellcenter.com

Children must be receiving CPRC services through Burrell Behavioral Health in order to qualify for KLASS.

Mercy Clinic – Psychology
Joyce C. Noble, Ph.D.
Phone: 417-820-9590

Social skills groups for teens, including those with Asperger’s or related disorders. Assessment is required and is covered by many insurance companies, including Medicaid.

Robert Jason Grant Ed.D AutPlay® Therapy Clinic
1613 W. Elfindale
Springfield, MO 65807
Phone: 417-755-9042
Fax: 855-425-0096
Web: robertjasongrant.com

Southwest Center for Independent Living
2864 S Nettleton Ave
Springfield MO 65807
Phone: 417-886-1188
Fax: 417-886-3619
Web: swcil.org

Weekly social groups and monthly social events.

AUTISM QUICK FACT
Autism receives less than 5% of the research funding of many less prevalent childhood diseases.
SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY

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Phone: 417-725-8250
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Web: theracareozarks.com

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Phone: 417-836-5275
Fax: 417-836-7662
Web: missouristate.edu/csd/clinic

The Clinic provides evaluation and treatment for all ages in the areas of Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Early Intervention for children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.
STAFF TRAINING

Missouri Association on Higher Education and Disabilities (MO-AHEAD)
Web: moahead.org

Missouri-AHEAD is a state-wide organization focused on strengthening the professionalism, expertise and competency of those working with students with disabilities at institutions of higher education across the state of Missouri by providing professional development and networking opportunities.

Project ACCESS - Statewide
Tina Neal-Wait, Contact
Missouri State University
Phone: 866-481-3841
Web: education.missouristate.edu/access
E-mail: ProjectACCESS@missouristate.edu

Project ACCESS is funded by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and provides autism resource information to public schools in the form of onsite and telephone consultations, as well as support via internet. Local autism-specific trainings are offered through the Regional Professional Development Centers (RPDCs) to Missouri school district staff and educators who work with youngsters age 0-21 years, who experience Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and related disabilities.

Southwest Missouri Regional Professional Development Center
117 Park Central Sq
Springfield MO 65806
Phone: 417-836-4091
Web: education.missouristate.edu/rpdc

One of nine RPDCs funded by DESE in the state of Missouri located on the Missouri State University campus in Springfield. Provides teacher training on various issues including autism.

AUTISM QUICK FACT
There is no medical detection or cure for autism.
SUPPORT GROUPS

The ARC of the Ozarks
1501 E Pythian St
Springfield MO 65802
Phone: 417-864-7887
Fax: 417-864-4307
Web: thearcoftheozarks.org
Email: info@thearcoftheozarks.org

Our mission at The ARC of the Ozarks is to support individuals with disabilities in directing their own lives as valued members of the community. The ARC believes every person should have the opportunity to achieve the highest level of independence. We, at The Arc, are committed to assisting you or your loved one in reaching that level.

Autism Support Group- Joplin
Freeman Health Center, Business Center
3220 McCelland
Joplin MO 64804
Phone: 417-347-7850
Web: freemanhealth.com

The group is led by a mental health professional from Ozark Center. Special speakers on a wide variety of topics relevant to parents are often invited. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6-8pm in the Freeman Business Center Conference Room.

Christian County Voice
Tiffany Eggleston
728 N 22nd St
Ozark MO 65721
Phone: 417-861-7914
Email: christiancountyvoice@yahoo.com

The group works to provide resources to the community and raise awareness for all developmental disabilities. The meet the second Tuesday of each month in the CC links building.

Dallas County Autism Team
Mary Hitchings
Phone: 417-343-0612
Email: dallascountyautismteam@gmail.com

Our team works together to bring awareness to our community about autism spectrum disorders. Our support group meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6 pm. The meetings are held in the community room of O’Bannon Bank, 1347 South Ash St., Buffalo MO.
Family Connections
Cathy Brown
1533 E State Hwy 76, Ste 1
Branson MO 65616
Phone: 417-335-1366

The group meets during the school year on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. Serving Taney, Stone and Ozark counties.

M.O.C.H.A. – Mothers of Children who Have Autism
Sheila Clark
Phone: 417-299-4736
Web: facebook.com/groups/mothersofchildrenwhohaveautism
E-mail: donaldsheila@gmail.com

M.O.C.H.A. is a group created by moms! Our goal is to create an avenue for moms to connect with other moms and have a place for our children to make friends in a safe, supportive, and accepting atmosphere.

MO-FEAT: Missouri Families for Effective Autism Treatment – Statewide
15455 Manchester Rd, #3865
Ballwin MO 63022
Phone: 314-993-0806
877-275-8988
Web: mofeat.org
E-mail: info@mofeat.org

MO-FEAT’s mission is to provide advocacy, education, and support for families and the autism community, and to support early diagnosis and effective autism treatment.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) - Southwest Missouri
1443 N. Robberson, Suite 408
Springfield MO 65802
Phone: 417-864-7119
Web: namiswmo.com
E-Mail: nami@namiswmo.com

Peer Support Line: 417-864-3027, 1-877-535-4357 (Monday-Friday: 9:30 am-10:00 pm; Saturday: 9:30 am-3:30 pm; Sunday: 10:00 am-4:00 pm)

Offers educational and support groups, and mental health resources, for families dealing with mental illness. Peer Support Hotline is available 365 days a year.
S.C.A.N.
238 S Jefferson
Lebanon MO 65536
Phone: 417-718-7081
Web: scan4kids.com

Supporters of children with additional needs.

Sharing Our Strengths
215 W Pershing Rd, 6th floor
Kansas City MO 64108
Phone: 1-800-444-0821
Web: sharingourstrengths.com

Missouri’s parent to parent/peer support network for parents of children with developmental disabilities or special healthcare needs, individuals with disabilities, and professionals.

Southwest Missouri Autism Network (SWAN)
The Arc of the Ozarks
1501 E Pythian St
Springfield MO 65802
Phone: 417-874-1912 (Dawn)
E-mail: drrethman@yahoo.com
Web: swmoautismnetwork.org

Parent to parent cooperative support and education. Meets the second Saturday of each month at The Arc of the Ozarks from 3:30p-5:00p. RSVP on the website for respite care while you attend. Attendees may bring refreshments to share.

Spanish Speakers Support Group [St. Louis]
Leslie Hernandez
Phone: 314-537-3798
E-mail: hdez39@yahoo.com

Support group for Spanish speaking families with children who have special needs. Meets as Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 17 Hawkesbury Dr., St. Louis, MO 63121.

Vision with Hope/Visiones con Esperanza [Kansas City]
Maria Elana Benazides
148 N. Topping Ave
Kansas City MO 64123
Phone: 816-241-3780
Web: visionswithhope.org
E-mail: mebenavites@mattierhodes.org
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
**BASIC GUIDE TO MISSOURI STATE SYSTEMS**

A Checklist of Recommendations for Families of Children with Autism in Missouri:

- To supplement this Resource Directory, call 1-888-AUTISM2 to get the First 100 Days Kit available from Autism Speaks. The kit is also available online at: [autismspeaks.org/community/family_services/100_day_kit.php](autismspeaks.org/community/family_services/100_day_kit.php)

- Contact a developmental disability or autism-specific support group. Talk with other families as they may have experiences from which you could benefit. The state’s peer support network, Sharing Our Strengths, can match you with another parent for mentorship and support by phone.

- Contact your Regional Offices to determine your child’s eligibility for services. Ask for the intake coordinator.

- Schedule educational evaluations by contacting Missouri First Steps for children younger than 3 or your local school district for children older than 3. School districts will usually allow you to schedule evaluation for early childhood special education services once the child is between 2 years, 6 months old and 2 years, 9 months old. If you are enrolled in First Steps, your case manager should assist with this process once your child turns 2 ½ years.

- Consider scheduling medical evaluations to identify your child’s strengths and needs. Make an appointment with a neurologist, developmental pediatrician, physician, psychologist or neuropsychologist who is familiar with autism to receive a diagnosis or clarification of a diagnosis.

- Educate yourself on autism. Many books, websites and materials are available. Research and begin therapy/intervention as soon as possible.

- Become informed about the special education process including IEP’s (Individualized Education Programs), because you are a member of your child’s IEP team. Attend workshops and parent trainings on IEP planning. Go to your child’s IEP with a list of your child’s strengths and challenges, a list of your educational concerns and your own ideas for goals tailored to his/her needs. Advocates and other organization are also available to aid you with this process.

- Consider applying for Supplemental Security Income. Under the age of 18, eligibility is based on parents’ income. Over the age of 18, eligibility is based on the income of the person who has a disability.

- Access respite care. Respite care is specialized child care in your home. Ask your case manager through your Regional Office for more information or your local SB40 board.

- Encourage your child to learn self-advocacy skills by creating decision-making and problem-solving opportunities. Plan recreational and socialization opportunities in the community to develop social interactions.

- Begin estate-planning and personal futures-planning. Explore a special needs trust. Consider your child’s special needs in appointing a guardian. Keep your will and/or trust up-to-date. Make preliminary goals for supported employment, socialization and supported independent living.

- Consider the needs of other family members. Professional counseling services are available to families dealing with a child’s disability as well as sibling supports.

AT AGE 14 TO 16: in addition to previous recommendations

☐ Attend workshops on transition. Contact MPACT, your school district or talk to your resource teacher or school counselor.

☐ Begin to prepare for the Transition Plan, a component of the IEP. Set specific, individual goals. The federal law (IDEA 2004) mandates that transition planning must be included in the IEP beginning age 16, but it is wise to being planning prior to that.

☐ Consider community-based vocational instruction in the Transition Plan of the IEP.

☐ Apply for a Missouri ID card or driver’s license at a Missouri License Bureau Office at age 16.

☐ Investigate options for summer volunteer/work and adult employment and independent or supported living opportunities.

☐ Research college programs that have supports for individuals with special learning needs if your child is eligible for these programs.

☐ Consult a lawyer about guardianship, conservatorship and other options for when your child turns 18.

AT AGE 18: in addition to previous recommendations

☐ Apply for SSI and Medicaid if needed. Eligibility is now based on your child’s income.

☐ Register to vote.

☐ Explore continuing education programs to support students with disabilities. Re-visit adult service providers to investigate new options for employment and supported living. Contact your case manager or the Productive Living Board for additional resources.

☐ Contact your Regional Office case manager to make sure your case is active. Discuss future plans and gather information about transition to adult life. Update future plans with your school and include work experience as a major IEP component.

☐ Begin applications through the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) a full year before your dependent leaves school. Determination of eligibility can take 60 days and assessments can take up to six months.

☐ Check on health insurance coverage for your child. Some insurance companies require an application for a dependent child with a disability before the age of 19.

AT AGE 20 (or year of leaving school): In addition to previous

☐ Discuss with your Regional Office case manager which adult service agencies your child might utilize. Contact those agencies to begin the enrollment process.

☐ Contact the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR). Invite your DVR counselor to attend your child’s IEP. Ask for input and discuss work options. Begin the process toward job development which can take a year or more. Brainstorm for possible job lead.

☐ Investigate transportation options, including transportation training, which can be addressed in the IEP. Check with your Regional Office case manager to help locate appropriate options.

☐ Continue to plan for future living arrangement, either supported or independent. Increase independence through socialization opportunities.

GUIDELINES FOR CHOOSING ABA PROVIDERS

The following are guidelines provided for parent guidance when selecting an ABA provider. Whether you are choosing a provider for weekly services or for quarterly consultation, it is important to carefully select the most qualified provider.

- While certification and licensure for behavior analysts is currently not required in Missouri, ABA providers may voluntarily pursue certification through the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB). Certified providers must adhere to a code of ethics. You can find out if a provider is certified by searching the BACB website at www.bacb.com under Certificant Registry.
- Certification only means a person has met the minimum criteria to practice as a behavior analyst and as with any profession does not guarantee quality or effectiveness. Associate Behavior Analysts (BCaBA’s) are not certified to practice without supervision. Associates are required to be supervised by a fully certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). BCBA’s being hired to run and supervise ABA programs should have experience and training on how to supervise others, develop appropriate curriculum, and were supervised while learning to do so. References for such work should be requested and checked.
- Request a resume and references.
- Interview the ABA provider before hiring them.
- Ask other parents/professionals for recommendations. MO-FEAT can connect you with other parents in your area, or you can pose question to parents through the A-List, an online support group for parents (if interest, contact the MO-FEAT office). See below for questions to ask other families.

What do the Credential Letters Mean?
- BCBA – Board Certified Behavior Analyst. Same, but with a Master’s Degree and additional coursework and supervised experience. This is the highest level of certification specific to ABA.
- BCABA – Board Certified Associate Behavior Analyst. Requires a Bachelor’s degree, specialized coursework, supervised experience and a certification exam. This is not a guarantee of quality but indicates a significant level of training and experience.

The following statement is taken from the Autism Special Interest Group (SIG) of the Association for Behavior Analysis: Website: www.abainternational.org

“The Autism SIG does not consider BCaBA’s, or individuals with equivalent or less training and experience, to be qualified to independently design, direct and guide behavior analytic programming for individuals with autism. They may deliver behavior analytic intervention and may assist with program design, but should be adequately supervised be BCBA’s or the equivalent.”

Other Resources:
“Behavior Consultants: Who Are They and How Do I Find the Right One?” located at: communitygateway.org/resources/faq/behavioral.htm

Questions to Ask Other Families

Other parents can be a great source of referrals. You may want to specifically ask these questions:

Do you feel that the ABA/Behavior Consultant or organization,

- Has worked well with other children of the same age and learning style as yours?
- Accepts parental input?
- Works well with school staff and other members of the child’s team?
- Is reliable and punctual?
- Responds promptly to mail or phone call?
- Handles billing and paperwork well?

Source: Saffran, 2007. Website: rsaffran.tripod.com/aba.html

Signs of a Good Behavior Analyst Checklist

☐ Can describe the exact purpose of an intervention, prerequisite skills necessary and how the intervention will be conducted whether the focus is to increase or decrease a selected behavior or skill

☐ Uses data collection before, during and after and intervention to measure the effects and reviews data regularly to determine whether progress was made or changes in interventions are necessary

☐ Only promotes interventions that are data driven and research based

☐ Has formal education in the field of behavior analysis, abides by the ethical code for behavior analyst and has experienced supervision/mentoring in designing, implementing and supervising behavior analytic interventions (see www.bacb.com for certification requirements)

☐ Attends regular professional development in the field of behavior analysis and stays current on research and literature

☐ Focuses on both increasing new adaptive skills (e.g., functional communication, self-care, social skills, etc.) and decreasing maladaptive behaviors (e.g., noncompliance, over-selectivity, etc.) to promote individual client’s quality of life

☐ Determines client needs or goals from data collected through an initial assessment, then breaks skills down into smaller component skills, focusing on skills necessary for basic functioning first

☐ Utilizes multiple instructional methods under the scope of behavior analysis based on the needs of the client (e.g., discrete trial teaching, incidental teaching, task analysis and chaining, embedding trials in ongoing activities, etc.)

☐ Uses clearly defined instructions, prompts and reinforcement to teach new skills

☐ Focuses on staff and/or family training to promote consistent implementation of interventions and generalization/maintenance of skills

REGIONAL OFFICES:
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

What is a Regional Office?
The Department of Mental Health Division of Developmental Disabilities (DD) serves individuals with developmental disabilities such as cognitive disabilities, cerebral palsy, head injuries, autism, epilepsy and certain learning disabilities. Regional Offices are the primary points of entry into the system. They determine eligibility for state services for persons with developmental disabilities. Case manager/service coordinators are assigned to guide the person through the service system. The Regional Office partners with community provider agencies throughout our state to provide a range of services. Services include, but are not limited to person-centered planning, in-home supports such as respite, personal assistance and/or therapies to out-of-home placement in group homes or individual supported living. Services coordinators are responsible for assisting with advocacy, linking people to services and assuring the health and safety of the individual supported.

Who is eligible to receive services from the Regional Office?
Eligibility for DD services is determined by what’s known as a functional assessment as opposed to linking eligibility to a specific diagnosis. A developmental disability is a disability which is attributable to mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, head injury, autism or a learning disability related to a brain dysfunction, or any other mental or physical or mental impairment which occurs before the age 22. It must be determined that this disability is likely to continue indefinitely and that it results in a substantial functional limitation in two or more of the following six areas of major life activities: self-care, receptive and expressive language development and use, learning, self-direction, capacity of independent living or economic self-sufficiency and mobility.

For more information, go to: dmh.mo.gov/dd/

SENATE BILL 40 (SB40) BOARD

County Boards or Senate Bill (SB) 40 Boards are an additional source of funding and services at the local level for people with developmental disabilities. They are formed to distribute special tax levies that are passed to benefit people with developmental disabilities. These tax levies, sometimes called a “mill” tax, have been used to establish sheltered workshops, residential facilities, or related services, for the support, care or employment of persons who are handicapped or who have a developmental disability. Over 80 counties in Missouri currently have this tax in place. Many of those counties belong to the state organization of SB40 boards, the Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Services (MACDDS).

In some areas of the state, the county boards purchase services for residents of the county. Other county board agencies provide services directly and use the funding to establish and pay for those services. Many county board agencies also contract with their local Regional Office to provide various services including residential supports, day habilitation, personal assistant hours and job coaching. Some county board agencies also enter into “Cooperative Funding Agreements” with their local Regional Office. This enables the county to pay the state match for the Division of MR/DD’s Home and Community-Based Waiver program.

To read the legislation that enabled the county boards to form, go to: macdds.org/resources/senate-bill-40/

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