

Connecticut's Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services



Resources for Families

Autism Speaks- Leading national organization for autism research, advocacy and resources, offers various Tool Kits, (downloadable) www.autismspeaks.org

Asperger/Autism Network (AANE) - Provides information, education, support and advocacy, social and activity groups for children, teens and adults www.aane.org

The Arc- Resources for people with disabilities www.thearcct.org

Disability Resource Directory- Link “Publications” provides a listing of state agencies and programs www.opa.ct.gov

Autism Focused Intervention Resources & Modules (AFIRM) - A series of free online learning modules with step-by-step information on how to plan, implement and monitor specific evidenced based practices with learners with ASD from birth to 22 years of age
<http://afirm.fpg.unc.edu/>

Autism Internet Modules- A series of free online modules on a wide range of topics designed for those living and working with individuals with ASD www.autisminternetmodules.org

Autism Live- Parent to Parent informative two minute video clips <http://www.autism-live.com>

Technical Assistance Center on Social Emotional Intervention for Young Children- Information and resources to help young children develop social emotional skills and reduce challenging behaviors <http://challengingbehavior.fmhi.usf.edu/>

National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorder (NPDC)- A resource for planning, implementing and monitoring evidenced-based practices
<http://autismpdc.fpg.unc.edu>

Social Security Income (SSI) www.ssa.gov/pgm/ssi.htm

Medicaid (Title 19) <http://www.ct.gov/dss>

National Resource Center: Able Accounts- ABLE accounts are a tax-advantaged savings account for individuals with disabilities and their families. Eligible individuals and their families will be allowed to establish ABLE savings accounts that will not affect their eligibility for SSI,

Medicaid, and other public benefits. The savings can be used for disability-related expenses on behalf of the beneficiary. Also, there is information on Special Needs Trusts which allows the accumulation of money for the use of disability related expenses without jeopardizing state and/or federal benefits. Differences between Able Accounts and Special Needs Trusts can be found on the website <http://www.ablenrc.org/what-is-able/what-are-able-accounts/>

Safety

The Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC) is Federal advisory committee that coordinates Federal efforts and provides advice to the Secretary of Health and Human Services on issues related to autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Through its inclusion of both Federal and public members, the IACC helps to ensure that a wide range of ideas and perspectives are represented and discussed in a public forum. The committee reconvened in July 2021 to begin a new session under the Autism CARES Act of 2019. <https://iacc.hhs.gov/about-iacc/overview/>

National Autism Association <http://www.autismsafety.org/>

Autism Risk and Safety Management www.autismriskmanagement.com

Autism Wandering Alert Response Education (the Big Red Safety Kit) www.awaare.org

Autism Speaks Safety Project <https://www.autismspeaks.org/autism-safety-project> (click on Autism Safety Project link)

Life Journey Through Autism: A Guide to Safety

<http://www.researchautism.org/resources/reading/index.asp#AGuideToSafety>

Support/Advocacy/Social Groups

Connecticut Family Support Network (CTFSN) - Parent-to-parent organization offering support groups, training, email list serve, information and advocacy www.ctfsn.org

Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center (CPAC) - Provides information and support to families of children with disabilities from birth to 26 years www.cpacinc.org

Autism Services and Resources Connecticut (ASRC)- Provides advocacy and support groups, recreational and social opportunities, trainings, newsletter, and information www.ct-asrc.org

Office of the Healthcare Advocate (OHA) - Provides free advocacy and assistance to resolve healthcare and insurance issues 1-866-466-4446 www.ct.gov/oha

Family Advocacy Program (FAVOR)- Offers training, technical assistance and, support to parents and caregivers www.favor-ct.org

Center for Children's Advocacy www.kidscounsel.org

CT Families for Effective Autism Treatment (CT FEAT) - Provides information, training, support and networking. It has a "Parents Only" internet discussion list. www.ctfeat.org

Autism Families CONNECTicut - An organization formed by a group of parents and family members that provides recreational, cultural and social activities for children with ASD.
www.autismfamiliesct.org

PATH Parent to Parent and Family Voices of CT- A network of families providing informational and emotional support to others who have a child with developmental or health related needs. www.pathct.org

Wrightslaw- Provides advocacy, legal information, support www.wrightslaw.com

Your Special Education Rights- Video based resource for parents to provide them with the knowledge to advocate for their child's education www.yourspecialeducationrights.com

CT Network for Legal Aid (Special Education) - Free legal help for people with low income
<http://ctlawhelp.org/special-education-in-connecticut>

Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut- Advocacy, legal representation, advice, and information for all education related issues for people with low income www.slscct.org

Connecticut Legal Services- Provides legal representation for people with low income. Priority area include: divorce, child support and other aspects of family law, housing subsidies, all aspects of public benefits (SNAP, Medicaid, SSI etc.), special educations, employment related issues <https://ctlegal.org/>

Assistive Technology

NEAT Marketplace (New England Assistive Technology Center)- Provides information, assistive technology assessments, instruction and demonstration of the latest adaptive equipment
www.neatmarketplace.org

Assistive Technology Corner at State Education Resource Center (SERC)- Displays of low, mid and high tech AT devices Contact them at 860-632-1485 x4 or library@ct.serc.org

Connecticut Assistive Technology Guidelines- Guidelines for considering, implementing, and evaluating assistive technologies from low- to high-tech www.ct.gov/sde Link "Forms and Publications">Publications

Center on Technology and Disability- Assists families and professionals in advocating, acquiring and implementing effective assistive and instructional technology practices, devices and services as well as offers an extensive library and an interactive learning center
www.ctdinstitute.org

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