



Autism Spectrum Resources for Families

Center for Disability and Development at the University of Iowa, Iowa City

Phone 877-686-0031 (toll-free)

http://www.healthcare.uiowa.edu/cdd/patient_info.asp

As an affiliate of University of Iowa Children's Hospital, this center provides diagnostic and treatment services to infants, children, and young adults with particularly complex problems including autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation, spina bifida, and traumatic brain injury. Comprehensive outpatient services are provided.

Department of Pediatric Psychology at the University of Iowa, Iowa City

For appointments and questions, phone 319-356-2434

Evaluations and treatment are provided for: attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder, behavioral disorders, chronic health impairment, learning disorders, and neuropsychological disorders, developmental and emotional disorders.

Web Resources:

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

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

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

<http://www.autismia.org/> Autism Society of Iowa

<http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/> has articles about children's mental health

Parents: Call the local school where the child would be attending.

If you have concerns about **vaccines** and autism, please check this site:

"Facts for Parents About Autism and Vaccine Safety."

<http://www.aap.org/advocacy/releases/autismparentfacts.htm>

If your child has been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder, here are other resources for further evaluation and services:

Early Intervention Program at Heartland Area 11 Education Association

6500 Corporate Drive • Johnston, IA 50131

phone: 515-270-9030 or 800-362-2720 <http://www.aea11.k12.ia.us/>

For children 0-3 years old living in the central Iowa area. They serve 11 counties, 68 school districts. They will set up an Interagency Family Service Plan for the child and family.

Des Moines Public Schools Early Access Program

901 Walnut Street • Des Moines, Iowa 50309

phone: 515-242-7911

<https://www.dmps.k12.ia.us/programs/4autismoverview.htm>

or call the school district where the child resides. For children older than 3 years living in Des Moines. An Individualized Educational Plan is created.

ChildServe:

Variety/ChildServe Campus

5406 Merle Hay Road • PO Box 707 • Johnston, IA 50131

For Des Moines Metro general information, phone 515-727-8750

<http://www.childserve.org/index.php>

Occupational and speech therapy. United Way funded.

ASK Family Resource Center:

321 East Sixth Street • Des Moines, IA 50309

phone 515-243-1713 or 1-800-450-8667

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

Serves birth - 21 years old.

Helps parents find resources, advocacy, and support. State and federally funded.

Metro West Kids Learning Center

2555 Berkshire Parkway • Clive, IA • phone 515-987-8835

<http://www.metrowestkids.net/>

Provides individualized, developmentally appropriate instruction that supports students on the autism spectrum and those with related disorders.

The Homestead

8272 NE University Ave. • Pleasant Hill, IA 50327

phone 515-967-4369

www.thehomestead.org

Offers camps for children and services to help children stay in their homes and communities.