



Southwest Missouri Provider Directory For Autism

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ABOUT US:

Burrell Autism Center provides the latest and most effective diagnostic and treatment interventions for children with an autism spectrum disorder. We work with families to identify and build on a child's strengths and supports. We provide tools that aid families in understanding the unique strengths within their child and the barriers that their child faces when engaging in learning and relationships with others. We partner with parents to enhance their child's connection to the world around them.

ABOUT THIS RESOURCE DIRECTORY:

Many 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.mo-feat.org.

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Ballwin, MO 63022
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info@mofeat.org
www.mo-feat.org

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ABA CONSULTANTS AND BEHAVIOR THERAPISTS

AutPlay Therapy Clinic

2407 S Campbell
Springfield, MO 65807
Phone: 417-755-9042
Fax: 855-425-0096
Web: robertjasongrant.com

Behavioral Learning Center, LLC

230 N Belcrest, Ste A
Springfield, MO 65802
Phone: 417- 616-3180
Fax: 417- 631-4996
Web: aba2learn.com

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.

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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, 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@thearcoftheozarks.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

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Nelson, Anita, BCaBA

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



AUTISM QUICK FACT

ASD is reported to occur in all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups.

cdc.gov

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.

Burrell Behavioral Health

1300 E Bradford Pkwy
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-761-5600
Fax: 417-761-5331
Web: burrellcenter.com
E-mail: info@burrellcenter.com

In 2012, Burrell Behavioral Health established the Developmental Services Department, which offers specialized services to individuals who have physical or intellectual disabilities.



AUTISM QUICK FACT

About 1 in 59 children has been identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) according to estimates from CDC's Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network.

Updated 04/03/19 cdc.gov

Empower: Abilities

2864 S Nettleton Ave
Springfield MO 65807
Phone: 417-886-1188
Fax: 417-886-3619
Web: empowerabilities.org

Empower: Abilities 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.

The Independent Living Center, Inc. (TILC)

2639 E 34th St
Joplin MO 64804
Phone: 417-659-8086
800-346-8951
Web: ilcenter.org

The mission of The Independent Living Center is to increase the independence of people with disabilities.

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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.

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

1548 N Commercial Rd
Nixa MO 65714
Phone: 417-494-4982
Fax: 417-494-4983
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

162 Industrial Park Drive Suite D
Hollister, MO 65672
Phone: 417-334-8985
Fax: 417-334-8984
Web: link-ability.com

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

Lawrence County Case Management

PO Box 677
Aurora MO 65605
Phone: 417-678-7695
Fax: 417-678-7710
Web: lcbdd.com/lccm

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.

AUTISM QUICK FACT

ASD tends to occur more often in people who have certain genetic or chromosomal conditions. About 10% of children with autism are also identified as having Down Syndrome, Fragile X Syndrome, Tuberous Sclerosis, or other genetic and chromosomal disorders.

cdc.gov

MPACT: Missouri Parents Act

7421 Mexico Road, Ste 200

St. Peters MO 63376

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.

The Next Step

1370 E Primrose St, Ste A

Springfield MO 65804

Phone: 417-886-0404

Fax: 417-886-0405

Web: abilitiesfirst.net

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

Mercy Clinic Audiology – Surgery Center

1229 E Seminole St, Ste 530

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.

BEHAVIOR THERAPY

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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 childcare 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 childcare.

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: ccozaarks.org

Providing information and education, which reinforces the importance of quality care, providing childcare 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: kidsofcreation.org

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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Easter Seals Midwest

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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 an intensive three-week parent training program where behavior therapy techniques are taught.

Judevine Center for Autism

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Fax: 417-708-9244
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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

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Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-761-5000
Web: burrellcenter.com

Additional Locations: Branson, Bolivar, Hollister, Marshfield and Nixa

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

Additional Locations: Belton, Butler, Camdenton, Cuba, Eldon, El Dorado Springs, Harrisonville, Hermann, Higginsville, Jefferson City, Lebanon, Lexington, Nevada, Odessa, Osage Beach, Owensville, Raymore, Rolla, Salem, Sedalia, Warrensburg, Warsaw, Waynesville

Certified Programs: Comprehensive Psychiatric Rehabilitation for Adults/Children and Youth, Outpatient Mental Health

Counties Served: Bates, Benton, Cedar, Henry, Hickory, St. Clair and Vernon



AUTISM QUICK FACT

In 2005, the average annual medical costs for Medicaid-enrolled children with ASD were \$10,709 per child, which was about six times higher than costs for children without ASD (\$1,812).

cdc.gov

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

DENTISTS**Buzbee Dental**

1244 E Lark St

Springfield MO 65804

Phone: 417-881-1388

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

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
Web: abilitynetwork.org

Ability Network is located in Ste. Genevieve but provides developmental, speech, occupational and physical therapists, dieticians, and social workers throughout Missouri.

Easter Seals Midwest

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Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-890-1399
Fax: 417-890-1775
Web: eastersealsmidwest.org
E-mail: christine.breig@esmw.org

AUTISM QUICK FACT

Studies have shown that among identical twins, if one child has ASD, then the other will be affected about 36-95% of the time. In non-identical twins, if one child has ASD, then the other is affected about 0-31% of the time.

cdc.gov

DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATIONS – OTHER RESOURCES

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Fax: 417-761-5331

Web: burrellcenter.com

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
- Occupational Therapy Evaluation
- Speech Language Evaluation
- Developmental Pediatrician Consultation

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.

Mercy Autism Collaborative - Springfield

1235 E Cherokee St

Springfield MO 65804

Phone: 417-820-2229

Web: mercy.net/practice/mercy-autism-collaborative-springfield

EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES

See also, School Districts

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PO Box 2526

Joplin, MO 64603

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Fax: 417-347-7859

Web: ozarkcenter.com/services/services-for-children/autism

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Phone: 417-864-7887

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.

Parents as Teachers - Springfield

1423 W Atlantic St
Springfield MO 65803
Phone: 417-523-1160
Web: sps.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: 417-521-4474
Web: behaviorbasedlearning.com
Email: behavioral_educator@yahoo.com

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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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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.

FEEDING THERAPY

The Meyer Center

3545 S National Ave

Springfield MO 65807

Phone: 417-269-5500

Web: coxhealth.com

TheraCare Outpatient Services

3023 S. Fort Ave, Ste B

Springfield MO 65807

Phone: 417-890-4656

Web: theracareozarks.com

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

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Web: cms.gov

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

Children's Miracle Network

Phone: 417-269-5437
Web: childrensmiraclenetwork.org
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.

Midwest Special Needs Trust

PO Box 7629
Columbia MO 65205
Phone: 573-256-5055
877-239-8055
Fax: 573-303-5866
Web: 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.

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.

Missouri Health Net Coverage for People with Disabilities

Phone: 800-735-2466

Web: mydss.mo.gov/healthcare/mo-healthnet-for-people-with-disabilities

Missouri Health Net for Kids

Phone: 888-275-5908 to request an application

Web: dss.mo.gov/mhk/index.htm

Missouri Medicaid

MO HealthNet Division

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



AUTISM QUICK FACT

Parents who have a child with ASD have a 2%–18% chance of having a second child who is also affected.

cdc.gov

National Autism Association

One Park Ave, Ste 1
Portsmouth, RI 02871
Phone: 877-622-2884
Web: nationalautismassociation.org

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: dmh.mo.gov/dd/facilities/springfield.html

Regional Office - Joplin

3600 E Newman Rd
Joplin MO 64802
Phone: 417-629-3020
888-549-6634
Web: dmh.mo.gov/dd/facilities/springfield.html

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: https://www.ssa.gov/disability/disability_starter_kits_adult_eng.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.

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

Web: dmh.mo.gov/dd/autism/

United Healthcare Children's Foundation

MN017-W400

PO Box 41

Minneapolis MN 55440-0041

Phone: 855-698-4223

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 and equipment such as wheelchairs, braces, hearing aids and eyeglasses.

HORSEBACK RIDING –HIPPO THERAPY**Dynamic Strides**

2673 E Sawyer Rd

Republic MO 65738

Phone: 417-324-7646

Web: dstherapy.org

Horses of Hope – Missouri, Inc.

55 Kelly Rd

Buffalo MO 65662

Phone: 417-345-5210

Fax: 417-345-0131

Web: horsesofhope.com

LENDING LIBRARIES

Burrell Autism Center

Melissa Davenport, Contact
1300 E Bradford Pkwy
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-761-5333

Easter Seals Midwest

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

MUSIC THERAPY

Art Inspired Academy

1370 E. Primrose Ave, Ste A
Springfield, MO 65804
Phone: 417-886-0404
Web: abilitiesfirst.net

Drury University Center for Music Therapy and Wellness

Julie Cassity, clinical supervisor
900 North Benton Ave
Springfield, MO 65802
Phone: 417-873-7877
417-861-7345
Web: drury.edu/music/drury-university-center-for-music-therapy-and-wellness

TheraCare Outpatient Services

3023 S. Fort Ave, Ste B
Springfield MO 65807
Phone: 417-890-4656
Web: theracareozarks.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

Treatment focuses on skill development and parent training. Areas of concern could be: self-help; sensory; fine and gross motor; self-regulation. A doctor referral is needed for this service.

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

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.

Outpatient Rehab Therapies - Cox North

1423 N Jefferson Ave, Ste K-200
Springfield MO 65802
Phone: 417-269-3177
Web: coxhealth.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: visionsourcebolivar.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
3626 South Ave
Springfield MO 65807
Phone: 417-887-7151
Web: piercevision.com

**AUTISM QUICK FACT**

A small percentage of children who are born prematurely or with low birth weight are at greater risk for having ASD.

cdc.gov

ORTHOTICS

Alpha-Omega Orthotics and Prosthetics

2121 S Waverly, Ste 300
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-886-8881
Web: alphaomegaop.com

Ozark Prosthetics and Orthotics

3250 S Delaware Ave
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-889-3222
Web: ozarkpo.com

Transcend Orthotics and Prosthetics

1246 E. Walnut Lawn
Springfield, MO 65804
Phone: 417-755-7430
Web: <https://transcendop.com>

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



AUTISM QUICK FACT

In addition to medical costs, intensive behavioral interventions for children with ASD cost \$40,000 to \$60,000 per child per year.

cdc.gov

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

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

P.O. Box 443
Fair Grove, MO 65648
Phone: 417-209-0103
Web: moautismreport.com

MO-FEAT: Missouri Families for Effective Autism Treatment – Statewide

15455 Manchester Rd, #3865
Ballwin MO 63022
Phone: 636-527-3328
Web: mo-feat.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

7421 Mexico Rd, Ste 200

St. Peters MO 63376

Phone: 877- 743-7634

Web: ptimpact.org

MPACT is a statewide parent training and information center serving all disabilities. Our mission is to empower families to advocate for themselves, so that children with special educational needs can reach their full potential in education and life – through support, training, and education.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

1443 N. Robberson, Suite 408

Springfield MO 65802

Phone: 417-864-7119

Web: 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: 573-882-7323

800-552-8522

Web: education.missouri.edu/parentlink/about

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

506 S Grant Ave

Springfield MO 65806

Phone: 417-523-1160

Web: www.sps.org/ParentsAsTeachers

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.

Parents as Teachers – Statewide

2228 Ball Dr
St. Louis MO 63146
Phone: 314-432-4330
866-PAT4YOU
Web: parentsasteachers.org

Partners in Policymaking – Statewide

PO Box 687
Jefferson City MO 65102
Phone: 573-751-8611
800-500-7878
Web: moddcouncil.org

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: <https://wapave.org/specialized-training-of-military-parents-stomp/>

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



AUTISM QUICK FACT

In addition to medical costs, intensive behavioral interventions for children with ASD cost \$40,000 to \$60,000 per child per year.

cdc.gov

Mercy Clinic Pediatrics - Nixa

Kody Finstad, MD
940 W Mt Vernon St, Ste 220
Nixa MO 65714
Phone: 417-724-5437
Fax: 417-724-5433
Web: mercy.net

Mercy Clinic Pediatrics - Whiteside

2115 S Fremont St, Ste 2900
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-820-3535
Fax: 417-820-3540
Web: mercy.net

Northside Pediatrics & Adolescents

Louis Hakan, DO
1443 N Robberson Ave, Ste 200
Springfield MO 65802
Phone: 417-269-8061
Fax: 417-269-8087
Web: coxhealth.com

Pediatric Associates

1000 E Primrose St, Ste 560
Springfield MO 65807
Phone: 417-882-1600
Fax: 417-882-1302
Web: coxhealth.com

The Pediatric Center

3443 S National Ave
Springfield MO 65807
Phone: 417-269-2000
Fax: 417-269-2038
Web: coxhealth.com

Pediatric Place

Mai Vo, MD
Tuyet Vo, MD
3800 S National Ave #730
Springfield MO 65807
Phone: 417-269-7290
Fax: 417-269-7297
Web: coxhealth.com

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.

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

**AUTISM QUICK FACT**

Almost half (44%) of children identified with ASD has average to above average intellectual ability.

cdc.gov

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Fax: 417-820-7783
Web: mercy.net

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Springfield MO 65807
Phone: 417-890-4656
Web: theracareozarks.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.

Art Inspired Academy

1370 E. Primrose Ave, Ste A
Springfield, MO 65804
Phone: 417-886-0404
Web: abilitiesfirst.net

Art Inspired Academy offers the opportunity for individuals with and without disabilities to participate in creative arts classes such as theatre, movement, music enrichment and art.

Boy Scout Troop 2

2525 E Division St
Springfield MO 65803
Phone: 417-350-3055
Web: facebook.com/groups/sntroop2

Troops 2 provides a safe and fun environment for young men of ALL abilities in the Ozarks to learn new skills, make new friends, and enjoy new experiences while building skills and habits that will last a lifetime.

Camp Barnabas

PO Box 3200
Springfield, MO 65808
Phone: 417-476-2565 (Camp office)
Web: campbarnabas.org

Camp Barnabas is located in Purdy, MO, where we meet the needs of people with disabilities so they can have an incredible camp experience and learn more about Christ.

Camp Encourage

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

Non-profit, overnight camp for ages 8-18 in Kansas City. Specializes in campers with autism. Priority to Missouri and Kansas residents.

**AUTISM QUICK FACT**

Children born to older parents are at a higher risk for having ASD.

cdc.gov

Champion Athletes

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

Miracle League

301 E. Talmage St
Springfield MO 65803
Phone: 417-837-5808
Web: ParkBoard.org/Miracle

The Betty and Bobby Allison Miracle League Ball Field is a custom-designed barrier-free ball field where players of all ages and abilities can hit, run, catch and play ball.

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

2702 Richard Joseph Blvd, Ste 114
Joplin MO 65804
Phone: 417-624-5505
Fax: 417-624-5517
Web: somo.org/sw

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: 417-874-1958
Web: asportingchance.net
E-mail: sportingchance@sbcglobal.net

Our mission is to give A Sporting Chance to any person with any disability, youth who are disadvantaged, abused, and neglected, at-risk teenagers and senior citizens, by developing and providing amateur sports training.

Springfield-Greene County Park Board

1923 N Weller Ave
Springfield MO 65803
Phone: 417-864-1049
Web: parkboard.org

Sunnyhill Adventures

6555 Sunlit Way
Dittmer MO 63023
Phone: 636-274-9044
Web: sunnyhilladventures.org

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: 1-800-328-8476
Web: autism-society.org

We provide advocacy, education, information and referral, support, and community at national, state and local levels through our strong nationwide network of Affiliates.

**AUTISM QUICK FACT**

ASD is about 4 times more common among boys than among girls.

cdc.gov

Autism Speaks

9200 Olive Blvd, Ste 202
St. Louis MO 63132
Phone: 866-500-6227
Web: 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

The CYSHCN Program provides assistance statewide for children and youth with special health care needs from birth to age 21. The program focuses on early identification and service coordination for children and youth who meet medical eligibility guidelines.

Governor's Council on Disability

301 West High Street, Room 840
Jefferson City, MO 65102
Phone: 573-751-2600
800-877-8249
Web: disability.mo.gov/gcd

The Governor's Council on Disability (GCD) promotes full participation and inclusion of Missourians with disabilities in all aspects of community life by educating citizens, businesses, schools, universities and others of their rights and responsibilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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). **closing March 2019, but website info will remain available until 2021.*

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 Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)

PO Box 480

Jefferson City MO 65102

Phone: 573-751-4212

Web: dese.mo.gov

Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council

PO Box 687

Jefferson City, MO 65102

Phone: 573-751-8611

800-500-7878

Web: moddcouncil.org

Missouri Family to Family

215 W Pershing Rd, 5th Floor

Kansas City, MO 64108

Phone: 816-235-1763

800-444-0821

Web: mofamilytofamily.org

MOF2F serves individuals with disabilities and/or special health care needs, their families, and professionals who support them.

Missouri Protection & Advocacy Services

925 S Country Club Dr

Jefferson City, MO 65109

Phone: 800-392-8667

573-659-0678

Web: moadvocacy.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

PO Box 687

Jefferson City MO 65102

Phone: 573-523-3848

573-526-1201 (TT)

800-207-9329

Web: dmh.mo.gov

MO-FEAT: Missouri Families for Effective Autism Treatment – Statewide

15455 Manchester Rd, #3865

Ballwin MO 63022

Phone: 636-527-3328

Web: mo-feat.org

E-mail: info@mo-feat.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-1 Schools

170 State Hwy DD
Marshfield MO 65706
Phone: 417-859-2120
Fax: 417-859-2193
Web: mjays.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: ozarktigers.org

Republic Public Schools Special Services

518 North Hampton
Republic MO 65738
Phone: 417-732-3605
Fax: 417-732-3609
Web: republicschools.org

Springfield Public Schools Special Education

639 W Chestnut Expy
Springfield MO 65802
Phone: 417-523-7700
Fax: 417-523-7595
Web: sps.org

Willard R-2 Schools

460 E Kime
Willard MO 65781
Phone: 417-742-2584
Web: willardschools.net

SOCIAL SKILLS INTERVENTION**Burrell Autism Center**

1300 E Bradford Pkwy
Springfield MO 65804
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Fax: 417-761-5331
Web: burrellcenter.com

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1740 S Glenstone Ave, Ste S
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Fax: 417-890-1775
Web: eastersealsmidwest.org

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3450 S Campbell Ave
Springfield MO 65804
Phone: 417-213-8018
Fax: 417-708-9244
Web: judevine.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.

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY**Burrell Autism Center**

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Springfield MO 65804
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Fax: 417-761-5331
Web: burrellcenter.com

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Web: citizensmemorial.com

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Phone: 417-326-2480
Web: coxhealth.com

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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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Springfield MO 65802
Phone: 417-269-3177
Web: coxhealth.com

TheraCare Outpatient Services

3023 S. Fort Ave, Ste B
Springfield MO 65807
Phone: 417-890-4656
Web: theracareozarks.com

Missouri State Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic

609 E Cherry St
Springfield MO 65806
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.

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

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Autism Support Group- Joplin

Freeman Health Center, Business Center
3220 McClland
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 6-8 pm in the Freeman Business Center Conference Room.

Christian County Voice

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

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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.

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

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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

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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.



AUTISM QUICK FACT

Research has shown that a diagnosis of autism at age 2 can be reliable, valid, and stable.

cdc.gov

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.

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Supporters of children with additional needs.

Sharing Our Strengths

Institute for Human Development, UCE
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Kansas City MO 64108
Phone: 816-235-5684
800-773-8652
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Sharing Our Strengths (SOS) is a division of the Missouri Developmental Disability Resource Center (MODDRC).

Southwest Missouri Autism Network (SWAN)

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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
- ☐ 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 organizations 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 childcare 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 begin 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 by 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

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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

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ACRONYMS

ABA	Applied Behavior Analysis	LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
ABC	Autism Behavior Checklist	MA	Master of Arts
ABPP	American Board of Professional Psychology	M-CHAT	Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	Med	Masters in Education
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder	MME	Masters of Music Education
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	MOABA	Missouri Association of Behavior Analysts
ADI	Autism Diagnostic Interview	MOACE	Missouri Autism centers of Excellence
ADOS	Autism Diagnostic Observation Scale	MODDRC	Missouri Developmental Disability Resource Center
AIT	Auditory Integration Training	MO-FEAT	Missouri Families for Effective Autism Treatment
ARC	Association of Retarded Citizens	MOT	Masters of Occupational Therapy
ARI	Autism Research Institute	MPT	Masters of Physical Therapy
AS	Asperger's Syndrome	MPACT	Missouri Parents ACT
ASA	Autism Society of America	MR	Mental Retardation (Intellectual Disability)
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder	MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
BCaBA	Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst	MS	Master of Science
BCBA	Board Certified Behavior Analyst	MSpED	Masters in Special Education
BCP	Board Certified Occupation Therapist in Pediatrics	MSW	masters in Social Work
CARS	Childhood Autism Rating Scale	MT-BC	Music Therapist Board Certified
CCC-A	Certificate in Clinical Competence in Audiology	NAMI	National Alliance of Mental Illness
CCC-SLP	Certificate in Clinical Competence in Speech Language Pathology	NCC	National Certified Counselor
CDC	Center for Disease Control	MICHCY	National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities
CIL	Center for Independent Living	NIH	National Institutes of Health
CPS	Comprehensive Psychiatric Services	NIMH	National Institutes for Mental Health
DAN	Defeat Autism Now (also DAN!)	NT	Neuro-typical
DC	Doctor of Chiropractic	NOS	Not Otherwise Specified
DDRM	Developmental Disabilities Resource Board	OCD	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
DDM	Doctor of Dental Medicine	OD	Doctor of Optometry
DDS	Doctor of Dental Surgery	ODD	Oppositional Defiant Disorder
DESE	Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	OT	Occupational Therapy/Therapist
DMH	Department of Mental Health	OTR/L	Occupational Therapist, Nationally Registered, State Licensed
DSM-IV-R	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 4 th Ed. Revised	PAC	Parent Advisory Council
DSS	Department of Social Services	PAT	Parents as Teachers
DT	Developmental Therapy/Therapist	PCP	Person Centered Plan
DTT	Discrete Trial Training	PDD	Pervasive Development Disorder
DVR	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation	PDD-NOS	Pervasive Development Disorder-Not Otherwise Specified
GARS	Gilliam Autism Rating Scale	PECS	Picture Exchange Communication System
GFCF	Gluten Free Casein-Free Diet	PEP-R	Psycho-Educational Profile-Revised
HFA	High-functioning Autism	PsyD	Doctor of Psychology
ICD-10	International Classification of Diseases 10 th Ed	PT	Physical Therapy/Therapist
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Act	RPT	Registered Play Therapist
IEP	Individualized Educational Plan	SB40	Senate Bill 40
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan	SI	Sensory Integration
IHP	Individualized Habilitation Program	SIT	Sensory Integration Therapy
IPP	Individual Program Plan	SLP	Speech-Language Pathologist
LC	Licensed Counselor	SSD	Special School District
LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	SSI	Supplemental Security Income
LD	Learning Disabled	SW MO	Southwest MO
LLC	Limited Liability Company	UR	Utilization Review
LPC	Licensed Professional Counselor		

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