



Children and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Evaluation and Early Intervention

Birth to Three Connections

<https://doe.sd.gov/birthto3/>

800-305-3064

Statewide early intervention services, at no cost, for children from birth to 36 months who have a disability or a developmental delay.

Lifescape

www.lifescapesd.org

605-444-9500, Sioux Falls

605-791-7400, Rapid City

Evaluations, outpatient services, and trainings. Autism and Child Development Center in Sioux Falls offers evaluations, therapies and training.

USD Sanford School of Medicine, Center for Disabilities

www.usd.edu/cd

605-357-1437

Sioux Falls location. Clinics, evaluations, training, services and ASD Family Support Group.

Education Services

Federal laws ensure that a child with a disability or special health care need receives a free and appropriate public education.

- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) www.parentcenterhub.org/lg1
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 www.pacer.org/parent/504/

If you know or suspect a child 3 years of age or above has a disability, contact your local public school to request a free evaluation.

Family Support and Connection

Aberdeen Area ASD Parent Support Group

[www.facebook.com/pg/](http://www.facebook.com/pg/AberdeenAreaASDParentSupportGroup)

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Area events and family support in-person and online.

Autism Parent Support Group Sioux Falls

www.facebook.com/groups/183968542107039

Online family support.

Autism Society of the Black Hills

www.autismsd.org

605-415-6582

Information, events, camps and family support.

Autism Speaks 100 Day Kit for Young Children

www.autismspeaks.org/tool-kit/100-day-kit-young-children

Free kit for families of children ages 4 and under to make the best use of the 100 days after diagnosis.

SD Parent Connection

www.sdparent.org

800-640-4553

Information, resources and support for families and professionals. Assists families and professionals to understand and navigate the special education process at no charge.

SD Parent Connection - Family Resource Guide

Information on local, state, and national resources to meet the needs of families raising children with special needs. Access online or request a hard copy.

Questions on where to start? SD Parent Connection is here to help! 800-640-4553 or sdpc@sdparent.org

If your family does not live in South Dakota, contact SD Parent Connection for information on resources in your state.



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South Dakota Programs

Family Support 360 Program, SD Department of Human Services

<https://dhs.sd.gov/developmentaldisabilities/familysupport360.aspx>

Family Support 360 assists children with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families with service coordination, a wide array of services and potential access to Medicaid for the eligible child. Contact Family Support 360 providers directly to apply, <https://dhs.sd.gov/docs/March%202020%20FS%20Providers%20List.pdf>

Strengthening Families Program

https://dhs.sd.gov/docs/SFS_application.pdf
800-265-9684

Strengthening Families Program assists families who have a child with a developmental disability, across the lifespan, living in the home. A flexible pool of limited funds is available to families, regardless of income, for assistance with unmet needs.

Medicaid, SD Department of Social Services

<https://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/recipients/>
877-999-5612, Eligibility. 800-597-1603, Claims. Insurance for low income children and youth.

Medicaid Non-Emergency Transport Assistance

<https://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/recipients/transportation.aspx>

866-403-1433

Medicaid recipients may receive transport assistance or reimbursement of travel expenses.

SD Council on Developmental Disabilities

<https://dhs.sd.gov/cdd.aspx>

A financial resource for families to assist with attending trainings and more.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for Children, Social Security Administration

www.ssa.gov/ssi

800-772-1213

A Federal income supplement program designed to help low income individuals who have disabilities.

Additional Resources

Autism After 16

www.autismafter16.com/

Information on transition to adulthood issues.

Autism Research Institute

www.autism.org/

Information and resources for families and professionals.

Autism Speaks

www.autismspeaks.org/

Information and resources for families.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Autism Spectrum Disorders

www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/index.html

Information and resources for families and professionals.

United Healthcare Children's Foundation

www.uhccf.org

952-992-4459

Provides grants to help pay for medical services and equipment, therapies, counseling services, surgeries, prescription medications, wheelchairs, orthotics, eye glasses and hearing aids.

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