



Utah Parent Center
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Autism Educational Resources

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Alpine School District – Maria Wiscombe

Utah Parent Center Parent Consultant Serving Alpine School District
801-318-1959

Website: www.utahparentcenter.org

Maria is a Utah Parent Center Parent Consultant and Trainer serving families in Alpine School District. She is available for resources and to attend IEP meetings with families.

Alpine School District – Jannica Ball

801-227-8739, ext. 131

Aspergers-Autism Spectrum Disorder Program

5899 West Rivendell Drive

West Jordan, UT 84088

801-561-3377

Website: www.copperhillsyouthcenter.com/programs/asperger.html

Arches is a dynamic and multi-faceted residential program for adolescents ages 12 through 17 years of age who have been diagnosed with Asperger syndrome. The Arches program is a highly structured environment that crates teaching and learning opportunities. The goal of Arches is to prepare youth to return home and integrate into their home communities successfully.

Box Elder School District – Kathryn Broughton

435-734-4800, ext. 121

Cache County School District – Karen Filimoehala

435-750-7888

Carmen Pingree School for Children with Autism

780 South Guardsman Way

Salt Lake City, UT 84108

801-581-0194

Website: www.carmenbpingree.com

Ages: Pre-school – 10th grade (Possible 1 year waiting list)/

The Carmen B. Pingree School for children with Autism provides comprehensive treatment, education and related services for children with autism and their families. We use and develop best practices, validated by research, while treating students and their families with dignity and respect. We partner with families, universities, service agencies, the government and our community to assist those affected by autism. We undertake and support research to better understand autism, its causes and eventual cure.

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Carmen B. Pingree School *Continued...*

Accepts applications in November for the following school year and decides by January. New program for children in Pre-school through Kindergarten for children who want to attend their school district pre-school and then attend 3 partial days at Carmen Pingree School for the hours they are not in their district program. Applications are taken in the fall and the spring.

Carson Smith Special Needs Scholarship

Website: www.choiceineducation.org/carsonsmith.php

Signed into law on March 10, 2005, the Carson Smith Special Needs Scholarship provides a state-funded voucher of up to \$6,442 for students with disabilities. Parents may use the scholarship to pay for tuition at any eligible private school.

Canyons School District – Lynda Hansen

Utah Parent Center Parent Consultant Serving Canyons School District
801-826-8192 or 801-708-1841

Website: www.utahparentcenter.org

Lynda is a Utah Parent Center Parent Consultant and Trainer serving families in Canyons School District. She is available for resources and to attend IEP meetings with families.

Clear Horizons Academy

5455 North River Run Drive, Suite 302
Provo, UT 84604
801-437-0490

Website: www.clearhorizonsacademy.org

Ages: 3-8

Clear Horizons Academy is a nonprofit school striving to help children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. We are the only private school in Utah County that specializes in children with Autism Spectrum Disorders above a preschool age. We are also the only private school in Utah that uses the DIR Model as its foundation, which encourages a developmentally appropriate, individualized program to your child that is relationship based and includes many other therapies which that child may need to succeed. We also encourage parents' involvement and encourage them to be a core part of the child's educational progress.

Copper Hills Youth Center

5899 West Rivendell Drive
West Jordan, UT 84088
801-561-3377 800-776-7116

Website: www.copperhillsyouthcenter.com

Ages: 12-17



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Copper Hills Youth Center is designed for treatment-resistive adolescents needing increased structured care and 24-hour supervision, including those who have failed outpatient care or who no longer require acute care. They offer gender-specific programming for boys and girls ages 12- 17.

They have a specialized program called the Aspergers-Autism Spectrum Disorder Program for adolescents diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome. The goal of the Aspergers-Autism Spectrum Disorder Program is to prepare the youth to return home and integrate into their home communities successfully. Treatment, learning and skills development will be taught in individual and small group (2-4 teens) settings. Each teen will be placed in a group to match their current level of social understanding and their ability to maintain appropriate behavior.

Davis School District – Susan Blackham

801-402-4169

Davis School District – Roz Welch

Utah Parent Center Parent Consultant Serving Davis School District
801-402-5120 or 801-663-4607

Website: www.utahparentcenter.org

Roz is a Utah Parent Center Parent Consultant and Trainer serving families in Davis School District. She is available for resources and to attend IEP meetings with families.

Granite School District – Alene Devo

385-646-4652

Alene leads the Granite School District Autism Team. The Team will visit elementary schools within the district to help. They have an autism library that can be accessed by a written request by their teacher. Autism problems need to go directly to the district offices.

Granite School District – Michelle Murphey

Utah Parent Center Parent Consultant Serving Granite School District
385-646-4190 or 801-833-3825

Website: www.utahparentcenter.org

Michelle is a Utah Parent Center Parent Consultant and Trainer that serves families in Granite School District. She is available to provide resources and attend IEP meetings with families.

Jordan School District – Echo Cunningham

801-587-8373

Jordan School District does not currently have an autism specialist, but does have 2 behavior specialists that can assist with children with autism spectrum disorders. Specialized self-contained units for children with autism spectrum disorders are found throughout the district.



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Jordan School District – Candice Dee

801-587-8242

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Jordan Valley School

7501 South 1000 East

Midvale, UT 84047

801-412-2500

Website: <http://jordanvalley.canyonsdistrict.org/>

Jordan Valley School is a center-based school. Their students come from throughout the entire school district and are bussed to and from school each day. Children served at Jordan Valley are from ages 5 – 22 and have severe disabilities including: autism, cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury, seizure disorders, communication impairments, genetic disorders and syndromes, deafblindness, and students who are extremely medically fragile.

Kids World Preschool

1328 West Stern Drive

Taylorsville, UT 84123

801-243-4991

Website: www.kidsworldpreschool.org

Kids World Preschool educates children with and without disabilities in an inclusive environment. This unique preschool takes the traditional classroom and customizes learning for every child. The staff works with children of all abilities such as: Autism, PDD, Speech Delays, Down Syndrome, Aspergers, Behavior challenges, Cerebral Palsy, and Developmental Delays. This specialized preschool also has many families enrolling their typical children in the classroom as peer models.

Logan School District – Mary Griffin

435-755-2300

Logan School District does not have a dedicated autism unit. They have been able to provide appropriate services in the neighborhood schools. The range of services available includes consultations with classroom teachers to self-contained settings.

Murray School District – Jean Roesthenburg

801-245-9009

Murray School District does not have self-contained autism units.



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Nebo School District – Heidi Whittaker

Utah Parent Center Parent Mentor Serving Nebo School District
801-228-8144

Website: www.utahparentcenter.org

Heidi is a Utah Parent Center Parent Mentor serving families in the Nebo School District. She is available for resources and preparing families to attend IEP meetings.

Nebo School District – Launa Macomber

801-319-0574

Nebo School District has specialized self-contained units for autism throughout the district.

Nebo School District – Michelle Thompson

801-376-2556

Nebo School District has specialized self-contained units for autism throughout the district.

Northeastern Utah Educational Services (NUES)

435-336-5654 or 435-783-4341

Serving Morgan, North Summit, Rich, and South Summit counties. NUES coordinates the autism programs with the teachers in the above districts. They serve students in their neighborhood schools. The districts don't have specific autism units.

Ogden School District – Karen Harrop

801-737-7329

Ogden School District has an Autism Team that is available to assist schools who are in need of help/support with issues related to autism. They do not have units specifically for children with autism. Most of the kids can be served through our mild/moderate programs. Children with greater needs would be considered for a placement in one of the severe units.

Parents for Choice in Education

124 South 400 East, Suite 230

Salt Lake City, UT 84111

801-532-1448

Website: www.choiceineducation.org

Parents for Choice in Education is dedicated to ensuring every child has equal access to a quality education by empowering parents, increasing choice, and promoting innovative solutions to Utah's educational challenges.

Park City School District – Pam Doyle

435-645-5610

Park City School District does not have a special unit for children with autism, but services are available.



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Park City School District – Nicole Todd

435-645-5610

Park City School District does not have a special unit for children with autism.

Provo School District – Carrie Peterson

801-374-4800

Provo School District has a specialized team trained in behavior and autism who keep currently updated for children with autism throughout the school district. Specialized self-contained units for autism are found throughout the district.

Salt Lake City School District – Amy Weyrich

Salt Lake City School District

801-856-1264

Website: www.utahparentcenter.org

Amy is a Utah Parent Center Parent Consultant and Trainer serving families in Salt Lake City School District. She is available to provide resources and attend IEP meetings with families.

ScenicView

5455 North 250 West

Provo, UT 84604

801-226-2550

Website: www.scenicviewcenter.org

The education department at ScenicView is made up of licensed teaching personnel who are committed to providing necessary one-on-one instruction, help in obtaining desired diplomas, support in registering for college classes, and a wide variety of elective courses on campus including: music, art, drama, history, and more.

South Sanpete School District - Carolyn Durfee

435-851-0093

South Sanpete School District does not have special units for children with autism - all kids are supported in their own neighborhood schools.

South Valley School

8400 South 1700 West

West Jordan, UT 84088

801-565-7592

Website: <http://schools.jordandistrict.org>

South Valley School's primary focus is to instruct and assist students to achieve individual success. Eligible students must: qualify for special education services, have not received a high school diploma, and be between the ages of 18 - 22, after completion of their senior year in high school. They feature both full- and part-time programs.



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Southwest Educational Development Center - Bob Wasden

520 West 800 South
Cedar City, UT 84720
435-586-2865

Website: www.sedc.k12.ut.us

Bob is available for one-on-one consultations with parents of children with autism spectrum disorders. SEDC has an extensive lending library.

Specialized Educational Programming Services

2120 South 1300 East, #202
Salt Lake City, UT 84106
801-467-2122

Website: www.sepslc.com

Ages: School K-12, Tutoring K-College

Purpose: This organization runs a private school and offers after school tutoring for children with learning disabilities and other difficulties.

Several High-Functioning children with Autism or Asperger's have successfully attended their programs. Tutoring in executive functioning skills is available. School: K-12; Tutoring: All Ages.

Spectrum Academy

Charter School
575 Cutler Drive
North Salt Lake, UT 84054
801-936-0318

Website: www.spectrumcharter.org

Spectrum Academy provides educational services to children with autism spectrum disorders from kindergarten to 8th grade.

Thomas S. Higbee, Ph.D., BCBA

Utah State University
435-797-1933

Website: <http://sped.usu.edu/ASSERT/index.html>

The Autism Support Services: Education, Research, and Training (ASSERT) program at Utah State University provides research-based support to individuals with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and their families and teachers and other professionals who work with individuals with ASD.

Wasatch School District – Jane Golightly

435-654-0280

Wasatch School District does not have any self-contained units. All kids are part-day in general education classes with help from special education staff. Services are dependent on the severity of the child's disability.



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Weber School District – Amy Peters

801-476-3960

Weber School District has two specialized autism units.

Utah State Office of Education – Jocelyn Taylor

250 East 500 South

P.O. Box 144200

Salt Lake City, UT 84114-4200

801-538-7726

Website: www.schools.utah.gov/sars

Jocelyn is the state education specialist for autism, assistive technology, and communication disorders.

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