

**Autism Council of Utah (ACU)**[www.autismcouncilofutah.org](http://www.autismcouncilofutah.org)

The Autism Council of Utah is an independent council working to foster collaboration, communication, and learning among families and agencies. Their aim is to promote access to resources and responsible information for individuals of all ages who have, or are affected by autism, or related conditions. The Council accomplishes this by supporting statewide partnerships to collaborate on special projects, research, and training.

**Autism Information Resources at the Utah Parent Center**[http://www.utahparentcenter.org/resources\\_autism.htm](http://www.utahparentcenter.org/resources_autism.htm)

The Utah Parent Center received resources and a lending library from the Autism Society of Utah when it closed in 2003 to assist families of individuals with autism spectrum disorders. When parents call the Center, they can expect to receive information on autism spectrum disorders, peers support, and access to various resources.

**Utah Families for Effective Autism Treatment (FEAT)**[www.utahfeat.org](http://www.utahfeat.org)<http://utahfeat.blogspot.com>

Extensive Resource List for biomedical, books, consultants, dentists, doctors, education, financial, food, government, legal, psychiatrists, respite, schools, socialization, support, trusts, transportation, to provide education, support and guidance to Utah families of children on the autism spectrum, and to enhance the community of professionals and educators serving those families.

**URADD - Utah Registry of Autism & Developmental Disabilities**<http://health.utah.gov/autism>

URADD collects and shares information about the number of people who have autism spectrum disorders (ASD's) and other disabilities in Utah, and measures changes in these numbers over time.

**US Autism and Asperger Association (USAAA)**[www.usautism.com](http://www.usautism.com)

The US Autism and Asperger Association's (USAAA) mission is to enhance the quality of life of individuals and their families/caregivers touched by autism spectrum disorders by providing education and family support through conferences/seminars, published and electronic mediums, and retreats. USAAA distributes information with regard to biomedical treatments/adjunct therapies and research to parents, practitioners, students, and teachers who are associated with the Autism and Asperger communities.

**Association for Science in Autism Treatment**Email: [info@asatonline.org](mailto:info@asatonline.org)<http://www.asatonline.org>

ASAT is a national, not-for-profit, 501 © 3 organization formed by a group of parents and professionals concerned about the care and treatment of individuals with autism. ASAT is dedicated to disseminating accurate, scientifically valid information about autism and its treatment options.

**Autism Access**[www.autismaccess.com](http://www.autismaccess.com)

Autism Access hosts conferences in Utah for families of individuals with autism spectrum disorders.

**AutismLink**[www.autismlink.com](http://www.autismlink.com)

AutismLink's mission is to provide opportunities for inclusion, information, and support; to keep parents, family members of individuals with autism spectrum disorders and individuals with autism apprised of news and information, help them in their quest for services, and also in their quest for camaraderie with others in the autism community.

**Autism National Committee (AUTCOM)**<http://www.autcom.org>

This organization encourages its individual members and organizational partners toward self-direction and self-empowerment. We welcome the participation of all family members, people with autism/PDD, caring professionals, and other friends who wish to implement, not debate, the right to self-determination by hearing and heeding the voices of people with autism. We have joined together to provide information, support, networking, advocacy, a strong voice in federal legislation and policy, a newsletter, conferences and trainings, a bookstore, a variety of unique publications, and an ongoing reappraisal of fundamental research and treatment issues in the light of what people with autism themselves find meaningful and respectful.

**Autism Network International (ANI)**Email: [jjincla@mailbox.syr.edu](mailto:jjincla@mailbox.syr.edu)<http://ani.autistics.org/>

Autism Network International is an autistic-run self-help and advocacy organization for autistic people. The ANI is run by individuals who have autism and provides information, peer support, and tips for coping and problem-solving. The best advocates for people with autism are the people themselves.

# AUTISM WEBSITES

## **Autism/PDD Information**

<http://www.autism-pdd.net/>

Guide you to the key issues associated with Autism Spectrum Disorders. There is a growing awareness of the nature of autism and the kinds of approaches to diagnosis, treatment, and care that are likely to be effective in meeting the needs of autistic individuals and their families.

## **Autism Resource Links**

<http://www.autism-resources.com/>

Index of links regarding the developmental disabilities Autism and Asperger's Syndrome; including topics such as: definitions of autism, specific issues, libraries, regional interests, items for sale, and much more!

## **Autism Research Institute (ARI)**

[www.autism.com](http://www.autism.com)

ARI is primarily devoted to conducting research, and to disseminating the results of research, on the causes of autism and on methods of preventing, diagnosing and treating autism and other severe behavioral disorders of childhood. We provide information based on research to parents and professionals throughout the world.

## **Autism Assistance Resources and Information**

[www.autismassistance.blogspot.com](http://www.autismassistance.blogspot.com)

Provides information on grants, financial assistance, funding strategies, and other resources to help families coping with autism.

## **Autism Speaks – Biomedical**

<http://www.autismspeaks.org/index2.php?intro=1>

Information about autism, causes, prevention, treatments, biomedical research, and legislation.

## **Autism Society of America (ASA)**

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

Responding to the community's need for science-based answers and increasing interest in autism research within the national health agencies, the Autism Society of America established the Foundation as its research arm in 1996. The mission of the ASA Foundation is to support quality research to address the many unanswered questions about autism. The ASA Foundation's goals in fulfillment of that mission are to:

- Support autism research across the full spectrum and lifespan of the disorder
- Enlist and engage the autism community in autism research
- Stimulate interest in autism research among scientists and researchers
- Initiate and support programs that enhance the potential for successful research

- Attract and provide resources in support of bona fide research projects  
Developing and implementing programs to meet these goals presents exciting challenges. In its first five years, the ASA Foundation had already established an ever-expanding track record that has set the stage for continued and greater program growth.

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

<http://www.cdc.gov/search.do?action=search&queryText=Autism>

Information on Autism, MMR vaccine, FAQ's on the theory of MMR vaccine and autism, research on vaccines and autism, Institute of Medicine reports, general information on autism research, references, other organizations and supporting information.

**Center for the Study of Autism**

<http://www.autism.org/contents.html>

The center provides information about autism to parents and professionals, and conducts research on the efficacy of various therapeutic interventions.

**Cure Autism Now (CAN) – Biomedical Treatments**

<http://www.cureautismnow.org>

Cure Autism Now (CAN) is an organization of parents, clinicians, and leading scientists committed to accelerating the pace of biomedical research in autism through raising money for research projects, education and outreach. The organization's primary focus is to fund essential research through a variety of programs designed to encourage innovative approaches toward identifying the causes, prevention, treatment and a cure for autism and related disorders.

**LeannWhiffen.com**

[www.leannwhiffen.com](http://www.leannwhiffen.com)

Leann is the parent of a child with autism. She has organized resource guides for pediatricians and early intervention agencies in Utah and has compiled information to share with families on managing Autism Spectrum Disorders.

**Different Roads to Learning**

[www.difflearn.com](http://www.difflearn.com)

Different Roads to Learning carries over 350 products carefully selected to support the Autism Community. They understand and embrace the unique needs of every child on the spectrum and strive to enable parents and professionals to help children grow to their full potential.

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## **Do2Learn**

[www.dotolearn.com](http://www.dotolearn.com)

When Do2Learn started, they hoped to help children with learning difficulties better understand and adjust to our world. Their goal as parents, educators, and health professionals is to help each person communicate, survive, and adapt to the bigger world.

## **Family Voices**

[www.familyvoices.org](http://www.familyvoices.org)

The mission of Family Voices is to achieve family-centered care for all children and youth with special health care needs and/or disabilities. Through their national network, they provide families tools to make informed decisions, advocate for improved public and private policies, build partnerships among professionals and families, and serve as a trusted resource on health care.

## **First Signs**

[www.firstsigns.org](http://www.firstsigns.org)

First Signs, Inc. is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to educating parents and professionals about the early warning signs of autism and related disorders.

## **First Words Project – Early Identification and Intervention**

[www.firstwords.fsu.edu](http://www.firstwords.fsu.edu)

FIRST WORDS Project is a model early identification and intervention program based in the Department of communication Disorders at Florida State University. Staffed by speech-language pathologists and interdisciplinary consultants, we are funded to evaluate the communication development of children from 6 to 24 months of age in Leon County.

## **Global Autism Project**

<http://www.globalautismproject.org>

Their mission is to bridge the global gap in the resources and understanding of autism. They exist to address the needs of children with autism in developing countries, to address the fear that plagues parents of children with autism where there are few resources, and little or no understanding of autism.

## **Interdisciplinary Council on Developmental and Learning Disorders (ICDL)**

[www.icdl.com](http://www.icdl.com)

They develop and disseminate information, engage in research activities, sponsor outreach training events, and conduct individualized consultation; has a list of their own publications and links to other sites.

**International Pre-Autistic Network – Early Identification and Intervention**  
[preautistic@aol.com](mailto:preautistic@aol.com)

The International Pre-Autistic Network is an organization created to provide hope and resources to those parents who are concerned about early communication and relational difficulties and guidance for the professionals who work with them. Our knowledge is based upon international research and clinical experience.

**Kids Health**

<http://www.kidshealth.org>

KidsHealth is the largest and most-visited site on the Web providing doctor-approved health information about children from before birth through adolescence. KidsHealth has separate areas for kids, teens, and parents –each with its own design, age-appropriate content, and tone. There are literally thousands of in-depth features, articles, animations, games, and resources –all original and all developed by experts in the health of children and teens.

**MAAP Services for Autism, Asperger's, and PDD**

<http://www.maapservices.org>

MAAP Services for Autism and Asperger Spectrum is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing information and advice to families of more advanced individuals with Autism, Asperger's syndrome, and Pervasive developmental disorder (PDD). Through its quarterly newsletter, The MAAP, the organization provides the opportunity for parents and professionals to network with others in similar circumstances to learn about more advanced individuals within the autism spectrum.

**Marbles for Miracles**

[www.marblesformiracles.org](http://www.marblesformiracles.org)

Marbles for Miracles is a fundraising organization founded by caring parents and, together with the help of the art community, is providing financial help for families of children with autism. Their goal is to empower these families by offering sponsorship and discounted rates toward their attendance at seminars and conferences.

**Mayo Clinic.Com**

<http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/autism/DS00348/DSECTION=5>

This website gives basic information about autism, signs and symptoms, causes, when to seek help, screening and diagnosis, and treatment. There is also a section where parents can ask questions.

**Medline Plus – Autism**

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/autism.html>

Includes News from the National Institute of Health, Overview of Autism, Diagnosis/Symptoms, Treatment, Alternative Therapy, Rehabilitation/Recovery, Coping, Specific Conditions, Related Issues, Clinical Trials, Genetics, Research, Directories, Organizations, Statistics, Children, and Teenagers.

**National Alliance for Autism Research (NAAR)**

<http://www.naar.org>

NAAR's goal is to change the future for all who struggle with autism spectrum disorders. They are dedicated to funding global biomedical research into the causes, prevention, treatments, and cure for autism; to raising public awareness about autism and its effects on individuals, families, and society; and to bringing hope to all who deal with the hardships of this disorder.

**National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities**

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/>

CDC seeks to give people accurate and timely information about public health and the Autism Spectrum Disorders. Includes information for families and kids, research, statistics for autism spectrum disorders, what are the signs of autism spectrum disorders, what conditions are included, what are the causes and treatment, is there a connection between vaccines and autism, and what can you do about early detection of autism spectrum disorders.

**National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities**

<http://www.nichcy.org>

NICHCY stands for the National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities. We serve the nation as a central source of information on:

- Disabilities in infants, toddlers, children, and youth
- IDEA, which is the law authorizing special education,
- No Child Left Behind (as it relates to children with disabilities), and
- Research-based information on effective educational practices.

**National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)**

<http://www.nichd.nih.gov/autism/>

The goal of this site is to provide easy access to the most current information about NICHD research projects, publications, news releases, and other activities related to autism and similar disorders. Select a link below to learn more about NICHD activities in autism research. The NICHD was initially established to investigate the broad aspects of human development as a means of understanding developmental disabilities, including mental retardation, and the events that occur during pregnancy. Today, the Institute conducts and supports research on all stages of human development, from preconception to adulthood, to



better understand the health of children, adults, families, and communities.

**National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders  
Information Clearinghouse (NIDCD)**

<http://www.nidcd.nih.gov>

The National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) is one of the Institutes that comprise the National Institutes of Health (NIH). NIH is the Federal government's focal point for the support of biomedical research. NIH's mission is to uncover new knowledge that will lead to better health for everyone. Simply described, the goal of NIH research is to acquire new knowledge to help prevent, detect, diagnose, and treat disease and disability. NIH is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)**

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov>

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/publicat/autism.cfm>

The NIMH mission is to reduce the burden of mental illness and behavioral disorders through research on mind, brain, and behavior. This public health mandate demands that we harness powerful scientific tools to achieve better understanding, treatment, and eventually, prevention of these disabling conditions that affect millions of Americans. Their website includes information on autism and a detailed booklet that describes symptoms, causes, and treatments, is available.

**OASIS – Asperger Syndrome Information & Support**

[www.udel.edu/bkirby/asperger/](http://www.udel.edu/bkirby/asperger/)

As parents of children who are diagnosed with Asperger Syndrome, we understand how essential it is that families of children diagnosed with AS and related disorders, educators who teach children with AS, professionals working with individuals diagnosed with AS, and individuals with AS who are seeking support, have access to information. Resources for articles, online support groups, diagnostic scales, related disorders, social skills, adult issues, kids, family, legal, books, etc.

**The P.L.A.Y. Project**

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

The Play Project was designed providing effective, low cost, playful interventions right at home. This website describes the many ways that this project has achieved this mission. There is now a P.L.A.Y. Therapist in Utah.



**Relationship Development Intervention (RDI)**[www.rdiconnect.com](http://www.rdiconnect.com)

Describes the RDI program and why parents like to use this intervention. Some reasons for using the program include: systematic, flexibility, developmental, empowering, balancing and normalizing, easy to carry over to everyday life, structured with an emphasis on video-taped feedback and both professional and parent “peer” support.

**TalkAutism**[www.talkautism.org](http://www.talkautism.org)

Features include: Organizing child's health and education data; behavior image tools; how to connect with your health professional; autism directory with testimonies and ratings; library of presentations; topics in health, education, support; custom message board; and advocates responses.

**Unlocking Autism**<http://www.unlockingautism.org>

National on-line support network, Legislation, advocacy, biomedical treatments, behavioral therapies, research, parent-to-parent support hotline.

**Utah Medical Home Portal**[www.medicalhomeportal.org](http://www.medicalhomeportal.org)

This website provides comprehensive autism diagnostic information, Utah resources, and referral information for the primary care practitioner, families, educators, and auxiliary health care providers.

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**Utah Family Voices – Family to Family Health Information and Education Center**

**Family to Family Network – A Program of DHS/DSPD**

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Our mission is to help parents help their children with disabilities to live included, productive lives as members of the community. We accomplish this through the provision of information, training, and peer support.

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