

## 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](http://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](http://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 receives a free and appropriate public education.

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

[https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/AberdeenAreaASDParentSupportGroup/)

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Area events and family support in-person and online.

**Questions on where to start? SD Parent Connection is here to help! 800-640-4553 or [sdpc@sdparent.org](mailto:sdpc@sdparent.org)**

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

#### **Autism Parent Support Group Sioux Falls**

[www.facebook.com/groups/183968542107039](https://www.facebook.com/groups/183968542107039)

Online family support.

#### **Autism Society of the Black Hills**

[www.autismsd.org](http://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](http://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.

#### **Independent Living Choices**

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

605-362-3550, 1-800-947-3770

Information and referral services, adaptive devices program, independent and community living services, and youth peer support and transition programs.

#### **SD Parent Connection**

[www.sdparent.org](http://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.

#### **Western Resources for Independent Living**

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

605-718-1930, 1-888-434-4943

Information and referral services, adaptive devices program, independent and community living services, and youth peer support and transition programs.



### Financial Assistance 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](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](http://www.ssa.gov/ssi)

800-772-1213

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

#### **United Healthcare Children's Foundation**

[www.uhccf.org](http://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.

### Additional Resources

#### **Autism Research Institute**

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

Information and resources for families and professionals.

#### **Autism Speaks**

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

Information and resources for families.

#### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Autism Spectrum Disorders**

[www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/index.html)

Information and resources for families and professionals.

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