



# Children and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

## Evaluation and Early Intervention

### [Birth to Three Connections](#)

(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.

### [Lifescope](#)

(605) 444-9700, 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](#)

(605) 357-1439

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 \(IDEA\)](#)
- [Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973](#)

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](#)

Area events and family support in-person and online.

### [Autism Society of the Black Hills](#)

(605) 415-6582

Information, events, camps and family support.

### [Autism Speaks 100 Day Kit for 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](#)

(605) 362-3550, (800) 947-3770

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

### [South Dakota Parent Connection](#)

(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](#)

(605) 718-1930, (888) 434-4943

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

### [Autism Parent Support Group Sioux Falls](#)

Online family support.

## Financial Assistance Programs

### [Family Support 360 Program, SD Department of Human Services](#)

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.

### [Strengthening Families Program](#)

(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](#)

(877) 999-5612, Eligibility. (800) 597-1603, Claims. Insurance for low income children and youth.

### [Medicaid Non-Emergency Medical Travel](#)

(866) 403-1433

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

### [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Autism Spectrum Disorders](#)

Information and resources for families and professionals.

### [SD Council on Developmental Disabilities](#)

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

### [Supplemental Security Income \(SSI\) for Children, Social Security Administration](#)

(800) 772-1213

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

### [United Healthcare Children's Foundation](#)

(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](#)

Information and resources for families and professionals.

### [Autism Speaks](#)

Information and resources for families.

### [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Autism Spectrum Disorders](#)

Information and resources for families and professionals.



**South Dakota Parent Connection is here to help!**

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