

“Autism: Educating Our Community” Resource List

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INFORMATION, REFERRAL, AND FOLLOW-UP SERVICES:

Waisman Resource Center

Waisman Center, 1500 Highland Ave, Madison, WI 53705, (608) 263-5890, (800) 532-3321
The new regional center for children with special health care needs provides information, referral, and assistance.

Wisconsin First Step

1910 South Ave, La Crosse, WI 54601, (800) 642-7837

First Step is a statewide referral service for children with special needs through age 21. They also offer crisis intervention and supportive listening.

Regional Centers for Children with Special Health Care Needs

Northeastern Region - St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay with Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Lynn Komisarek, (920) 433-8296, lkomisar@stvgb.org Wanda Sperry, (920) 433-8954, wsperry@stvgb.org

A statewide-integrated system for children with special health care needs and their families, including autism. The centers make referrals to various agencies and programs, as appropriate, based on the information requested and need for follow-up services. Examples include local health departments, county and tribal human/social services, Social Security Administration, schools, Child Care Resource and Referral agencies, childcare providers, various local community-based organizations, WIC, Birth to 3, Family Support, and Independent Living Centers.

DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES:

If you have health insurance or Medicaid, your primary physician or pediatrician should be consulted for referrals for an evaluation. If you are not insured or covered by MA, your local public school district will do a free assessment, but to qualify for intensive in-home therapy through the new Autism Waiver, you will need a medical diagnosis.

Waisman Center Developmental Disabilities Clinic

1500 Highland Ave, Madison, WI 53705, (608) 263-5815

Meriter Hospital Pediatric Developmental Clinic

202 S. Park St, Madison, WI 53715, (608) 267-6173

University of Wisconsin Hospital Pediatric Development Clinic

At the Waisman Center, 1500 Highland Ave, Madison, WI 53792, (608) 263-2847

Neurodevelopmental Clinic

St Mary's Hospital, 800 S. Brooks St, Madison, WI 53715, (608) 259-3545

Gmeiner Clinic for Communication Disorders and Learning Disabilities (Not necessarily for autism, but for other related conditions)

3010 South Appleton Road Menasha, WI 54952 (920) 735-9977

Evaluate and treatment of speech, language, hearing disorders in children, adults, including learning disabilities, stuttering, communication deficits from stroke, laryngeal rehab, Attention Deficit Disorder, academic tutoring, reading disorders, educational consultants.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF NEWLY- DIAGNOSED CHILDREN:

If your child has just been diagnosed and you're not even sure what autism (or PDD, or Asperger's) is, and you're wondering what to do next:

Next Steps: A Guide to Families New to Autism

A booklet that was developed by the Autism Society of America and the Autism Society of

Wisconsin, and was funded through a grant from Shopko Stores, Inc. The booklet can now be downloaded from the Autism Society of Wisconsin web site www.asw4autism.org and the CESA 7 web site, www.cesa7.k12.wi.us/sped

Autism Society of America

An e-learning course on autism that parents of newly diagnosed individuals (or anyone else) can access free of charge at the ASA web site, www.autism-society.org

Beyond Boundaries of Autism

P.O. Box 86 Malone, WI 53049 (920) 795-4138 Contact: Sarah Kaiser

Focus on providing best practices for children and individuals with Autism. Beyond Boundaries of Autism will help children with Autism maximize their independence and manage their behaviors to be successful in their homes, schools and communities. They believe that it is important to cultivate natural supports and choice based on the desires of the child and family.

TREATMENT SERVICES:

Birth to Three and Public Schools

Children under age three may qualify for Birth to Three programs. Public school early childhood and special education programs serve children over three. You can get services even if your child attends a private school, but school districts are not required to provide services to a child who is home-schooled. Services must be provided through age 21, or until the student graduates from high school. Wisconsin Stat. Chapter 115 now requires that there be a special education professional on the child's IEP team with "extensive experience and recent training" in the child's disability. Parents can request to see the curriculum vitae of the autism specialist.

Please note: a Supreme Court decision has determined that school districts must provide summer programming if parents can document that their child regresses significantly without instruction, or that their child is in a critical stage of development in a particular area, such as speech and language. The summer programming, called extended school year (ESY), must be written into the IEP. For more information, contact your child's case manager. If your child does not receive extended school year programming, he may qualify for summer speech therapy, occupational therapy, or physical therapy through your insurance company or HMO, or through the Katie Beckett program. Begin inquiring about these options early in the calendar year.

Early Intervention Program, Outagamie County

3375 West Brewster Street Appleton, WI 54914 (920) 749-5870

Contact: Wendi Schreiter wschreiter@vpind.com

Evaluation/assessment and services for eligible children. Includes individual and group special education and therapy treatment (physical, occupational, speech/language therapy) in children's natural environments at home, childcare facility and Plamann Center. The program provides access to resources and coordination of services in a systems approach to treatment.

Early Intervention Services, Winnebago County

181 East North Water Street Suite 103 Neenah, WI 54956 (920) 968-6239

Contact: Cindi Flauger cflauger@eisb23.org

Work in partnership with families of children ages birth to 3 who have a developmental delay or disability, providing support and services that will enhance the capacity of the family to support their child's development. Services include service coordination, special instruction, therapeutic services and resource finding. Services are provided in the home and community settings. Core Services, including evaluations, are at no cost.

New Hope Center, Inc. – Calumet County

443 Manhattan Street Chilton, WI 53014 (920) 849-9351

Contact: Dan Witt nhcinc@tds.net

Private, non-sectarian, non-profit organization providing habilitation/rehabilitation services to the citizens of Calumet County who have mental and physical disabilities. Early Intervention,

vocational services, supported employment, work adjustment, job placement. Also, transportation, physical therapy, speech therapy and occupational therapy services are available.

Cerebral Palsy, Inc.

2801 South Webster Street Green bay, WI 54301 (920) 337-1122

Contact: Theodore Phernetton tphernetton@cp-center.org

Early intervention therapy programs, adult day services, public education and training, supported employment, financial assistance, therapeutic aquatics and augmentative communication.

Common Paths Child Care Center.

Private Insurance

Your HMO or insurance plan may cover speech, physical, and occupational therapy for your child. If services are being provided by a school district with no summer program, your child may qualify for insurance-paid services in the summer. Consult your primary care physician or pediatrician. All of the area HMO's and hospitals have speech, physical, and occupational therapy services available. Fee-for-service plans allow you to choose your own provider.

The Katie Beckett Program

Department of Health and Family Services PO Box 7851 Madison, WI 53707

Contact: Beth Wroblewski (608) 266-3236

Medical Assistance for children with long term disabilities or complex medical needs 18 years of age or younger. Program is for children who are not eligible for other Medical Assistance programs because the income or assets of their parents are too high. Program is intended to provide medically necessary services for child living at home. The child must require a level equivalent to that provided in a hospital or nursing facility. It must be appropriate to provide this care outside an institution. The cost for Medical Assistance for the child living at home must not be greater than it would be if the child were in an institution.

The Intensive In-Home Therapy Program for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders, Provided through the Children's Long-term Support Waiver

The Medicaid Program covers intensive in-home therapy services for children up to age 8 with autism, Asperger's, and PDD-NOS through a home and community-based waiver in Wisconsin through certified providers. The child must have a medical diagnosis and meet a level of care determination that shows that the child might be institutionalized if this care were not received at home. An intensive 3-year program is followed by a reduced level of funding through age 21 that can be used to purchase in-home therapy or a variety of other services. For more information, contact the social services department in the county you live in (look in the blue government pages in the front of your phone book), or go to dhfs.wisconsin.gov

CERTIFIED MEDICAID IN-HOME THERAPY PROVIDERS:

Wisconsin Early Autism Project

<http://www.wiautism.com>

1141 W. Main St. DePere, WI 54115 (920) 338-1610

Glen Sallows, Ph.D., psychologist, provides Lovaas Intensive Behavioral Treatment supervised by UCLA-trained staff. Also provides diagnosis and testing, social skills groups for children in the recovery phase, child psychiatry, Greenspan's "floortime," occupational therapy, speech therapy, Fast ForWord, school liaison services, augmentative communication strategies such as sign, PECS, voice output devices, and Lovaas Reading and Writing Program. For families, provides orientation and discussion groups on autism, family, and individual counseling, and a baby-sitting referral list.

Fox Valley Autism Treatment Program

Dr. Steven Klein

5733 W. Grande Market Drive Appleton, WI 54913 (920) 749-1005

Focuses on tailoring intensive in-home therapy to the individual needs of the child and the family.

American Foundation of Counseling Services

Eileen Abrams, Psy.D.

130 E. Walnut Street Green Bay, WI 54301

Specializes in cognitive-behavioral therapy.

Autism Resources and Services

Program Director Gary Downing

125 S Jefferson St. Green Bay, WI. 54301 920-432-1230

Lead Therapist is James P. Heider

The program incorporates several approaches including but not limited to applied behavioral analysis, discrete trial teaching, use of visual cues, prompting and fading, etc.

IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:**Outagamie County Crisis Intervention**

401 South Elm Street Appleton, WI 54911 (920) 832-4646

Crisis phones: Anonymous, confidential telephone counseling for a variety of problems - 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. Crisis Team: Emergency psychiatric evaluation and short-term counseling by mental health professional staff. Hmong and Hispanic interpreters are available on request.

Family Services – Crisis Center (Brown County)

300 Crooks Street Green Bay, WI 54301 (920) 436-6800

Contact: Laurie Resch crisis@familyservicesnew.org

Center provides free and confidential short-term crisis intervention and follow up as well as information and referral services to residents of Brown County. Services are provided 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Anonymous telephone counseling, in-person assessment and short term immediate counseling in office or anywhere in Brown County, i.e. schools, homes, businesses, etc. Active follow up and assistance, community education and outreach are provided. Centralized community information and referral.

Calumet County Human Services

206 Court Street Chilton, WI 53014 (920) 989-2700

Contact: Tod Romenesko humansvc@co.calumet.wi.us

Provides range of services to adults, children and families: Economic Support (AFDC, Child Care, Food Stamps, Medical Assistance, Fuel, General Relief), Child Abuse and Neglect, Foster Care, Juvenile Court, Family Therapy, AODA Treatment. Mental Health Therapy for all ages. After-Hours Crisis # 849-9317 and 832-4646

Winnebago County Crisis Intervention/Hotline

220 Washington Avenue P.O. Box 2187 Oshkosh, WI 54903

Contact: Robin Tetzlaff

24 hour crisis phone counseling is offered. Provide information and referral to community agencies, child abuse notification, Alcoholic Anonymous resources, and assist with locating emergency housing.

HOME-BASED TREATMENT SOURCES:

These services work with parents and children in the home to treat behavioral problems.

Waisman Center Community Ties Program

Room 154, 1500 Highland Ave. Madison, WI 53705 (608) 263-0271

Serves children over age three.

Wisconsin Family Ties

www.wifamilyties.org, info@wifamilyties.org 16 N Carroll St, Suite 640 Madison, WI 53703 (608) 267-6888

A statewide non-profit run by and for families with children or adolescents with emotional, behavioral, and mental disorders.

The Son-Rise Program

www.son-rise.org (800) 714-2779.

A treatment program that trains parents to work with their own children in a relationship-based therapy program described in the book, Son-Rise: The Miracle Continues.

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES:

Winnebago Mental Health Institute

Contact the Youth Services Director at (920) 235-4910, ext. 2360.

A State of WI facility near Oshkosh, with 20 beds for children and adolescents who are cognitively delayed in addition to having behavioral disabilities.

Chileda Habilitation Institute

www.chileda.org, 1020 Mississippi St. La Crosse, WI 54601 (608) 782-6480

A private facility for children with developmental disabilities and behavior challenges.

St. Colletta

W4955 Highway 18, Jefferson, WI 53549-9799 (920) 674-4330

Serves people over age 18.

HOME-SCHOOLING:

<http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dfm/sms/homeb.html/>. If you have decided to home-school your child, you must file a form with the Dept. of Public Instruction called PI-1206, which you can get by calling (608) 266-3390. This form states that you will provide at least 875 hour per year of instruction using a sequentially progressive curriculum of fundamental instruction in six areas: reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, and health. There is no monitoring done by DPI, and home-schooled students are not required to take standardized achievement tests. You don't need to have your curriculum or calendar approved, and you don't need to have a teaching certificate, but you must take attendance. School districts are NOT required to provide special education services to a home-schooled child, but they can if the school board decides to do so.

Wisconsin Parents Association (WPA)

www.homeschooling-wpa.org. PO Box 2502, Madison, WI 53701-2502 Voice mail: (608) 283-3131.

Statewide support and advocacy group. Hosts an annual conference at UW Stevens Point.

Unschooling Families

1908 North Clark Street Appleton, WI 54911 (920) 735-9832

Contact: Sarah Gilbert duckert@tds.net

Home schooling support group for families in East Central Wisconsin interested in self-directed or interest-initiated learning. An open, cooperative group with no formal leadership. Members contribute according to their interests, energy and time. As a group, try to provide one another with tips and help with problems. Field trips and events, resource sharing, group catalog orders, newsletter, potlucks and socialization for the whole family.

PRESCHOOLS:

Project Bridges and the Appleton YMCA programs serve children with autism.

ASSISTANCE WITH INCLUSION IN CHILD CARE PROGRAMS:

Child Care Inclusion Resources (formerly Extended Day Care Project)

United Cerebral Palsy, 1502 Greenway Cross, Madison, WI 53713, (608) 273-3318

Helps parents who have children with developmental disabilities find community child care placement. It provides support services as needed to ensure that the child is successfully integrated into a program. This may include inclusion facilitators, training, and materials. This program often has long waiting lists. However, some training of personnel will be done even for people on the waiting list. If you will need an inclusion facilitator for a summer camp program next summer, you must get on the list 6 months or more in advance.

IN-HOME CHILD CARE:

Outagamie County Family Support Program

3375 West Brewster Street Appleton, WI 54914 (920) 749-5870

Contact: Christine Grimm-Kirk cgrimmkirk@vpind.com

To provide assessment, case planning, and funding or options to families who care for their severely disabled child at home.

RESPIRE CARE:

Respite care policies vary for each county in Wisconsin. Contact your county's Human Services department for specific information.

Easter Seal Society

101 Nob Hill Rd., Suite 301, Madison, WI 53713 (800) 422-2324 Contact: Christine Fessler

Respite for families and recreation for children and adults with disabilities. Children over 3 years old who require one on one assistance for physical, cognitive, or behavioral disabilities qualify for this program, which has week long programs in the summer. The camping facilities are just north of Wisconsin Dells.

Outagamie County DHHS – Foster/Respite Care

401 South Elm Street Appleton, WI 54911 (920) 832-5161

Contact: Bridget Wirtz wirtzba@co.outagamie.wi.us

To Foster Care license, screen and educate foster care providers relative to the care of children receiving services through Outagamie County DHHS and Calumet County DHS.

RESOURCES FOR SIBLINGS:

Sibling Support Project of the ARC of the United States

SibKids and SibNet are the Internet's only listservs for and about brothers and sisters of people with special needs. SibKids is for younger children and SibNet is for older siblings. To join either of these listservs or find out more about them, visit the Sibling Support Project's Web Page, www.thearc.org/siblingsupport/

Fox Valley Sibling Support Network

506 East Parkway Blvd Appleton, WI 54911 (920) 968-1742

Contact: Harriet Redman vfssn@aalweb.net

SibShops are for kids who have brothers and sisters with special health and developmental needs. SibShops are lively celebrations filled with unique games, cooking activities, and recreation mixed in with information and discussion. Kids ages 6-16 enjoy a lively, relaxed event that emphasizes a kids-eye view of sibling issues. A Sibshop event may be two hours long, or an over-night camp. To give kids an opportunity to build friendships, SibShops in the Fox Valley are held every 4-6 weeks.

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES:

Integrated Community Connections

14 Ellis Potter Court, Suite 100, Madison, WI 53711 (608) 441-0123

Founded in 2003 as a non-profit organization, ICC aims to create communities of understanding and acceptance for families with diverse abilities. ICC offers therapeutic recreation, parent and professional education, peer playgroups and clubs, family networking and support, and educational services.

PSYCHOLOGISTS:

Colleen Mortell, Ph.D., Psychologist

cmortell@ids-wi.com

Dr. Mortell, formerly of Families with Autism Counseling and Resource Center, recently joined IDS, listed below. She provides intensive in-home ABA therapy, outpatient services for people on the autism spectrum and their families, and general mental health services.

Andrew Paulson, Ph.D., Psychologist

14 Ellis Potter Ct, Madison, WI 53711, (608) 441-0123

Dr. Paulson is a partner in Integrated Development Services, and is a provider of relationship-based intervention for children with autistic spectrum disorders, also known as "floor time." This therapy is described in the book, *The Child with Special Needs: Encouraging Intellectual and Emotional Growth*, by Stanley Greenspan, Serena Weider, and Robin Simons. He is also an intensive in-home therapy provider and conducts peer social skill groups.

Glen Sallows, Ph.D., Psychologist

6402 Odana Rd, Madison, WI 53719 (608) 288-9040

Dr. Sallows is the head of the Wisconsin Early Autism Project, a provider of the Lovaas or discrete trial therapy technique (ABA).

Paul White, MS, Psychologist

Director of the county-funded Community Ties Program, Waisman Center, 1500 Highland Ave., Madison, WI 53705, (608) 263-9620

Provides intervention and support for children and adolescents with developmental disabilities who have challenging behaviors.

Ryann Watson Psy.D., Neuropsychologist

Neuropsychology Clinic, University of Wisconsin, 600 Highland Ave, Madison, WI 53792, (608) 263-6420

Specializes in diagnosing and consulting on autism spectrum disorders, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and Learning Disabilities, including Nonverbal Learning Disabilities, which overlaps somewhat with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Will only accept cases where testing or additional testing is required.

Peter Williamson, Ph.D., Neuropsychologist

Dean Clinic, 1313 Fish Hatchery Rd, Madison, 53715, (608) 252-8040

Dr. Williamson does diagnose Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Gregg Hintz, Psy.D., Certified School Psychologist

Therapeutic Pathways, 5411 Highway 50, Delavan WI 53115, (262) 740-3000

therapeuticpathways@yahoo.com

Does evaluations and therapy with children, adolescents, and adults and assists families with IEP's and school issues.

Patrick Kane, Ph.D., Psychologist and Nationally Certified School Psychologist

The Psychology Center, 6510 Grand Teton Plaza, Suite 406, Madison, WI 53719, (608) 833-9290, patrick@tpcmadison.com

Dr. Kane provides individual and group counseling services for people with high-functioning autism and Asperger's Syndrome using behavioral and cognitive-behavioral techniques. He performs independent educational evaluations and consults regarding school and family issues.

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PEDIATRICIANS:

Tina Iyama, M.D., Developmental Pediatrician

University Hospital Child Development Clinic, Waisman Center, 1500 Highland Ave, Madison, WI 53705, (608) 263-5806

Dr. Iyama has a special interest in Autistic Spectrum Disorders. She is focusing her clinical time on the early diagnosis of autism, and children less than 2½ years are given priority in scheduling.

Neil Fullan, MD

1575 E. Allouez Ave., Green Bay Phone: 1(920)-469-1155.

Provides diagnosis and ongoing management (medication, etc.).

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER SPECIALISTS:

Glenis Benson, Ph.D. (Educational Psychologist)

5409 Greening Lane, Madison, WI 53705-1252 (608) 233-9399

<http://mywebpage.netscape.com/glbenson1/homepage.htm>

Provides one-on-one consultations as well as group in-services and workshops for schools and other organizations. Also provides on-site observations, assessments, and initial diagnosis assistance. Will also view videotapes of children to offer help for families that cannot travel.

Autism Resources Network

(608) 244-1225, Nanette Negri, Ph.D., Michael Shoultz, Ph.D., Kate McGinnity, M.S., Mary Graczyk, M.S.

These experienced professionals work with families, professionals, and school districts. They assist in assessments, develop goals and objectives, and give follow-up support. They provide in-service training to families, schools, and other agencies.

Jude Teicher, M.S.

(608) 231-2871

Provides in-service training to school districts, day cares, and preschools for children aged two through 5th grade whom have a diagnosis of ASD.

Cathy Van Leuven

(608) 833-1809

Offers private consulting with parents and schools, expertise in ABA and therapeutic listening programs.

GASTROENTEROLOGISTS:

Robert Judd, M.D.

UW Children's Hospital, 600 Highland Ave, Madison, WI 53792 (608) 263-6420
Dr. Judd has a subspecialty in pediatric gastroenterology.

Mark Reichelderfer, M.D.

University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, 600 Highland Ave, Madison, WI 53792 (608) 263-8094

Michael Yaffe, M.D.

Dean Medical Center, 1313 Fish Hatchery Rd, Madison, WI 53715, (608) 252-8181
Dr. Yaffe has a subspecialty in pediatric gastroenterology.

PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER:

Susan Heighway

Waisman Center, 1500 Highland Ave, Madison, WI 53705, (608) 263-5996
Susan is available for consultation on toilet training, eating, and sexuality issues. Has developed the Skills Training for Assertiveness, Relationship-building, and Sexual Awareness Program (STARS), guidebooks for promoting positive sexuality and preventing sexual abuse for people with developmental disabilities. STARS is available by mail order from Susan.

DAN (Defeat Autism Now) PROTOCOL PRACTITIONERS:

These practitioners specialize in the alternative biomedical treatment of autism, such as the casein and gluten-free diet, secretin, and anti-yeast treatment.

John Bohn, M.D.

jbohnmd@merr.com

A pediatrician and pharmacist who has attended the last seven DAN conferences and the recent Autism One Conference, is in transition right now but plans to be back in general practice in the near future. He can be contacted by e-mail.

Channing D. Wiersema, M.D.

Plover Family Practice Ministry Health Care, 2401 Plover Rd., Plover, WI 54467, (715) 295-3800,
www.ploverfamilypractice.org

Alan Bain, D.O. The Center for Integrated Health Care

400 Lake Cook Rd., Deerfield, IL 60015, #2C, (847) 267-8780, FAX (847) 267-8781. Dr. Bain is an internist who is interested in allergies and autism. Web site www.cihci.net

Bruce A. Semon, M.D., Ph.D.

5555 N Port Washington Rd, Suite 200, Milwaukee WI 53217, (414) 962-6100
Dr. Semon is the father of a child with autism and is the author, along with his wife, Lori Kornbloom, of the book; Feast Without Yeast: Four Stages to Better Health, a guide to implementing a yeast, casein, and gluten free diet.

Pathways Medical Advocates

www.pathwaysmedicaladvocates.com. John Hicks, M.D., Pediatrician, 5411 Highway 50, Delavan, WI 53115, (262) 740-3000, FAX (262) 740-3001, johndrhicks@aol.com
A multidisciplinary practice that includes a dietician, a speech therapist, and a certified school psychologist. They specialize in functional medicine/DAN protocols, and do management of medications routinely prescribed to treat autism symptoms.

Pfeiffer Treatment Center

4575 Weaver Parkway, Warrenville, IL 60555-4039, (630) 505-0300, FAX (630) 836-0667,
www.hriiptc.org

The Pfeiffer Center does evaluation and treatment of chemical imbalances, and prescribes an individualized nutrient program.

SPEECH THERAPY:

UW-Oshkosh Center for Communicative Disorders

University of WI-Oshkosh, 800 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, WI 54901. Office: 1-(920)-424-0762 Fax:
1-(920) 424-1764.

SenseAble Kids Therapy Services

709 S. Oneida St., Suite 7, Green Bay, WI 54304 (920)-429-9936

Christine L. Oswald, MA, CCC-SLP & Linda Socker, OTR, specialize in using a developmental approach and utilizing sensory integration techniques to maximize learning.

VoiceArts

Kenna Del Sol, (608) 238-0065, kenna@merr.com

A training process for stress reduction, singing and other forms of vocal expression. Tailored to each student's unique needs and learning process. Extensive experience with adults with Asperger's Syndrome/High-functioning Autism.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY/ASSIST DOGS:

Wisconsin Assistive Technology Initiative (WATI)

www.wati.org, Polk Library, 800 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, WI 54901 (920) 424-2247

Provides training to schools on how to assess students with disabilities for assistive technology needs. Has an annual conference and sells manuals and materials.

WisTech

www.accessstoind.org Access to Independence, 2345 Atwood Ave, Madison, WI 53704, (608)

242-8484 Voice, (608) 242-8485 TTY, (608) 242-0383 FAX, (800) 362-9877

WisTech provides information on selecting, funding, installing, and using assistive technology.

Options For Independent Living, Inc.

555 Country Club Road, Green Bay, WI 54307 Contact Kitty Barry At 1-888-465-1515

<http://www.optionsil.com> tomd@optionsil.com

Offers Assistive Technology Tryout (adaptive equipment available for people to rent at a very low cost to try it before purchase to make sure it works for them); the Assistive Technology Program Coordinator will do evaluations to let people know what equipment is available to meet their needs. A Lend Program is also available for people to borrow used equipment that has been donated to the program (the equipment is all fairly low tech equipment). Services offered include computer display access aids/computer input access aids, environmental control systems, daily living, alerting devices, assistive listening devices, TTY equipment, adapted furniture and clothing.

M & M Health Care Apparel Company

1541 60th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11219 (718) 871-8188 <http://www.fashionease.com>

fashionease.com@aol.com

Adapted clothing (sales, information, and purchase assistance)

Special Clothes For Special Children

P.O. Box 333, East Harwich, MA 02645 Judith Sweeney: (508) 896-7939 www.special-clothes.com specialclo@aol.com

Adapted clothing which is fashionable and functional. Catalog has information on evaluating person for size and special adjustments.

Helping Paws, Inc.

11 Seventh Avenue North P.O. Box 634 Hopkins, MN 55343 (952) 988-9359

Contact: Eileen Bohn info_general@helpingpaws.org

Helping Paws is a volunteer based nonprofit organization whose mission is to further the independence of people with physical disabilities (other than blindness and deafness) through the use of service dogs. Programs: Service Dog Program, Foster Home Program, Breeding and Puppy Acquisition Program, Applicant and Graduate Program, Public Education and Outreach Program, Volunteer Program and Animal Assisted Activities Program.

WAGS, Inc.

1338 Deway Court Other, WI 53703 (608) 250-9247

Contact: Carla Smith Coleman carla@wags.net

Provides highly skilled service dogs to people with mobility impairments. Provides therapy dogs to individuals and nursing homes. Community education and demonstration of assistance dog capabilities.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE RESOURCES:

Regular bookstores and computer stores sell books and software teaching ASL.

Wisconsin School for the Deaf

309 West Walworth Ave, Delavan, WI 53115, (414) 728-7120, TTY/Voice

The school has a lending library with instructional books and videotapes on signing. Call for a catalog and information on obtaining a library card.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY/VOCATIONAL JOB PLACEMENT:**Valley Packaging Industries, Inc.**

1325 South Perkins Street Appleton, WI 54914 (920) 749-5859

Contact: Bob Russo brusso@vpind.com

Provides comprehensive vocational rehabilitation services to people with disabilities. Target service groups include persons with physical, cognitive and mental disabilities. Types of services available include but are not limited to Vocational Services, Community Support Services, Early Intervention Services, Community Outreach Services, Day Services, Job Placement, Homeless Outreach Services, School to Work and long term follow up. Also available are Employment and Literacy Program and Assistive Technology Services.

Department of Vocational Rehabilitation

Fox Cities Workforce Development Center, 1802 Appleton Road Menasha, WI 54952 (920) 968-6219

Contact: Bonnie Hughes bonnie.hughes@dwd.state.wi.us

Provides counseling, vocational evaluation, job training, job placement to individuals with disabilities. Provides necessary services to enable persons with disabilities to prepare for and/or enter, re-enter, or maintain competitive employment. Serves Outagamie and sections of Winnebago counties.

PHYSICAL THERAPY AND CRANIOSACRAL THERAPY:

For information about craniosacral therapy, read the book; *Your Inner Physician and You: Craniosacral Therapy and SomatoEmotional Release*, by John E. Upledger, D.O., O.M.M., 1997, North Atlantic Books.

Physical Therapy Integration

700 Rayovac Dr, Suite 208, Madison, WI 53711, (608) 273-5595, lquast1@msn.com
Provides a comprehensive, holistic delivery model using sensorimotor integration therapy, craniosacral therapy, and neurodevelopmental training techniques to promote improved gross motor movement and sensorimotor interaction with the environment.

VISION THERAPY, DEVELOPMENTAL OPTOMETRY:

Achievers Unlimited of Wisconsin, Inc

www.achieverswisconsin.org. Donna Wendelburg, Executive Director, and Frank T. Hayes, Optometric Director, 104 S Main St, Suite 420, Fond Du Lac, WI 54935, (920) 924-9898, (800) 924-9897, info@achieverswisconsin.org

Provides functional vision therapy for individuals 6 months through adult, collaborates with home therapy team. Publishes a newsletter six times a year and some excellent books, kits and other materials on how parents can help their child develop vision and vision perception skills, eye-hand coordination, and total body coordination. Speaker services and workshops for parents, autism therapists, and other professionals.

Dr. Neil Margolis, Developmental Optometrist

1120 North Arlington Heights Rd, Suite 200, Arlington, IL 60004, (847) 255-1040
Dr. Margolis has expertise and experience in working with people with autism. He dispenses Irlen lenses when indicated.

Education Consultants, Ltd.

3328 Parkridge Ave, Appleton, WI 54914, (920) 830-3560, FAX 920-733-1802

MUSIC THERAPY:

Sonshine Music Center, LLC

<http://home.earthlink.net/~sonshinemusic/>, Christine A. Henes, MT-BC, WMTR, 112 Vista Dr, Cottage Grove, WI 53527, (608) 332-0058, sonshinemusic@earthlink.net

Piano instruction, music therapy services and, and consultation, music enrichment for special needs persons.

Jennifer A Rae, MT-BC, WMTR

5696 Williamsburg Way, Fitchburg, WI 53719, (608) 663-8490, jenrae@execpc.com

Wisconsin Chapter for Music Therapy

(608) 301-9235. If you can't find a therapist, call, and they will try to match you up with a therapist.

ART THERAPY:

Solutions

520 University Ave, Madison, WI 53703, (608) 231-0220. Offers art therapy and lessons for children and adults with disabilities. Will provide transportation or come to your home. Sliding scale fees are available.

MASSAGE THERAPY:

Rich Brandt, Certified Massage Therapist

(608) 249-6160

Jonathan Garber, Certified Massage Therapist

(608) 246-8515

YOGA INSTRUCTION:

Yoga for Children with Special Needs is a step-by step, integrated system of yoga poses designed to stimulate the cognitive and motor skills in children ages 18 mo. through 12 yr. with learning and developmental disabilities. For more information on the program, read *Yoga for the Special Child*, by Sonia Sumar.

NUTRITIONISTS:

Complete Health Services

www.completehealthnow.com, 333 Bishop's Way, Suite 144, Brookfield, WI 53005 (262) 860-1600

Provides evaluation and treatment for food allergies, nutritional deficits, heavy metal and lead poisoning.

Elizabeth Strickland, MS, RD

6915 Norway Rd, Sun Prairie, WI 53590, (608) 834-6084, ADHDpuzzle@aol.com

Provides nutrition therapy to treat biochemical problems, food allergies/sensitivities, and nutritional deficiencies. Recommends nutritional supplements, lab tests, meal modifications, and individualized nutrition plans. Provides consultation on casein and gluten-free diet, vitamin therapy, and feeding problems. Practice restricted to ADD, ADHD, PDD, and Autism. Workshops for parents and professionals are available.

SAFETY:

The Adaptation and Modification Project

<http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/~lafave/am.html>, Don LaFave, Waisman Center Outreach, 122 E Olin Ave, Suite 100, Madison, WI 53713, (608) 262-6896, FAX (608) 263-4681, pager (608) 275-6301, lafave@waisman.wisc.edu

Project goal is to create environments that are safe, appropriate, and promote the person's continued participation in community life. Home, school, and workplace can be adapted and modified as part of pro-active behavioral support plans for children and adults. Don has a handyman background and often uses low-tech solutions. To access this service, call, e-mail, or write for an Initial Information Form. Requests must be made before November 30 for current year funding.

Care Trak, Inc.

www.caretrak.com, 1031 Autumn Ridge Rd, Carbondale, IL 62901, (800) 842-4537 Care Trak is a security system that alerts you when your family member with autism goes out the door. It also has a mobile locator that can detect your child's signal up to a mile away and a portable system that you can take on vacations.

Autism Ally Wanderguard

www.autism-ally.com, 1(888) 224- 8547

This company sells a selective monitoring system to assist you in giving "managed freedom" to your child on the spectrum.

Wherify Personal Locator

www.wherify.com, 1(877) WHEREIFY

A bracelet with a GPS locator that your child wears so that he can be located anywhere. System currently costs \$199 plus tax and shipping.

RECREATION:

Camp Hope – Appleton YMCA

218 East Lawrence Street Appleton, WI 54911 (920) 739-6135

Contact: Cindy Romnek cromnek@ymcafoxcities.org

YMCA Camp Hope is designed for children with physical and cognitive challenges, OHI, and/or who are deaf, or hard of hearing. Ages 5-18. The camp offers various recreational and social activities for both the enjoyment and learning experiences. Activities include swimming, arts, crafts, nature walks and games. Tentative dates of 2005; July 17th-31st 10am-3pm at Plamann Park.

Three Gaits Therapeutic Riding Center

<http://www.3gaits.org>. PO Box 153, Oregon, WI 53575, 3741 Hwy 38, Stoughton, WI, (608) 877-9086, FAX (608) 877-9086, 3gaits@3gaits.org

Hippotherapy and therapeutic horseback riding for children and adults with disabilities.

Mathworld Science and Engineering Summer Enrichment Program

www.madisonmathematics.com, Madison Mathematics, 6606 Mineral Point Road, Madison, WI 53705, (608) 833-1633, inquiry@madisonmathematics.com

This summer program for children in grades 5 through 9 gives them a chance to learn about, implement, and take home a working electronics project. Each session is one week, Monday through Friday, for 3 1/2 hours a day, and the cost is \$200.

Camp Discovery

(651) 647-1083 Lake George, MN near Itasca State Park

Residential camp for children and young adults with high-functioning autism and Asperger's.

Camp Hand-in-Hand

(651) 647-1083 Brainerd, MN

Residential camp for children and teens with autism.

Disney World and Universal Studios Orlando

disneyworld.disney.go.com/waltdisneyworld/ (use search engine to find disability FAQ's)

<http://themeparks.universalstudios.com/orlando/website/> Stop in the Guest Relations Office near the main entrance of any of these parks, and explain your child on the spectrum's needs. The host will issue you a guest assistance card to accommodate your child. These accommodations could include permission to use alternative entrances, the "fast pass," and/or separate waiting areas. Call (407) 934-7639 to obtain a "Disability Book" for information and locations of special entrances.

If your child is a "runner," you can rent a folding Maclaren stroller from Care Medical Equipment, 102 Drennen Rd, Suite B1, Orlando, FL 32806, 1(800) 741-2282 or (407) 853-2273, web site www.caremedicalequipment.com

Sea World

www.seaworld.com Sea World's Guest Services Office will provide a "Guest Assistance Pass" which helps with long lines and seating in shows.

Six Flags (including Great America) Parks

<http://www.sixflags.com/home.asp>. Six Flags allows the person with autism to use alternative entrances to the rides. Ask for a "Ride Accessibility Pass" from Guest Relations at the park entrance.

Camp Courageous

www.campcourageous.org. Monticello, Iowa (319) 465-5916 One through six-day sessions are available year round and open to people with any disability. Respite care weekends available.

Wisconsin Badger Camp, Inc.

www.badgercamp.com . PO Box 723, Platteville, WI 53818, (608) 348-9689, FAX (608) 348-9737, wbc@pcii.net

Summer camp programs for children and adults with developmental disabilities (during different weeks). Application must be mailed by February 1.

Easter Seal Society

www.wi-easterseals.org , trpaprock@easterseals.org , 101 Nob Hill Rd, Suite 301, Madison, WI 53713, (608) 277-8288

Camping experience for children and adults with disabilities. Children over 3 years old who require one on one assistance for physical, cognitive, or behavioral disabilities qualify for this program, which runs for one weekend a month during fall and spring, and has weeklong programs in the summer. The camping facilities are just north of Wisconsin Dells.

Fishing Has No Boundaries- University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Chapter

<http://www.fhnbinc.org/.oshkosh.html> Under the guidance of professor Dr. Robert Weber. Weber may be reached at (920) 424-1389. Email weberr@uwosh.edu or website www.uwosh.edu/adaptedpe

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh has become the first university in the country to team up with Fishing Has No Boundaries® Inc. to bring the fun of fishing to people with disabilities.

TRAVEL:**Able Trek Tours**

<http://www.abletrektours.com/specialneeds.htm> Don Douglas, PO Box 384, Reedsburg, WI 53959 1(800) 205-6713 or (608) 524-3021, FAX (608) 524-8302.

Chaperoned and integrated tours for people with developmental challenges and others who need assistance traveling. Offers over 50 one-day and multi-day vacation packages.

Progressive Travel

<http://progressivetravel.org/tours/Bonnie>, B 3872 Hwy 13, Spencer, WI 54479, 1(800) 231-4391, offers 1 through 6 day tours for people with special needs to many destinations.

Wilderness Inquiry

www.wildernessinquiry.org , 808 14th Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414-1516, (800) 728-0719
Positive outdoor experiences for diverse groups of people. People with disabilities are welcome.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:**Katie Beckett Program**

<http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/bdds/kbp.htm> , (608) 265-4102, (800) 362-3002

Offers Medicaid card to disabled children who reside with their families if they meet certain criteria. This program currently covers intensive in-home therapy for children with autism, Asperger's, and PDD through a home and community based waiver. It also covers other things not covered by insurance. The assets of the child only are considered. The parents' income and assets are not considered.

Estate Planning

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

This site provides step-by-step information for estate planning.

ADVOCACY:

Wisconsin Facets

www.wifacets.org, 2714 North Dr. Martin Luther King Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53212, (414) 371-4645, toll free 1(877) 374-4677 wifacets@execpc.com

Facets provides a range of services designed to assist families with special education issues. Services include public awareness, information and referral, a web site, a reference library, publications, parent education through basic and specialized workshops and on-line workshops, leadership training for parents, self advocacy training for kids, and advocacy and support for parents who are having difficulties with their child's school. Provides information and advocacy in the area of special education mediation and transition to adulthood. Can assist parents over the phone, in the office, or in the school setting. Will advocate at school IEP meetings for parents who are going through the IEP process (when needed, based on staff availability). Provides workshops for parents.

Wisconsin Association For Children With Behavior Disorders

2229 W Roselawn Drive, Little Chute, WI 54914

Contact Mike Rospenda at (920) 991-2766 www.wiccbd.org

Educational advocacy, primarily for professionals who work with children with behavioral disorders.

Bonnie Schoeneman (formerly Lubet), Private Special Education Consultant and Advocate

(608) 277-0996 phone/FAX, blschoen@charter.net

Private educational, behavioral, and mental health advocacy consultant for families of children with autism and other disabilities for a fee. Bonnie is a nurse at the Mental Health Center of Dane County, and is earning a Master's in Community Mental Health. Bonnie has had PEP, FACETS, and DPI advocacy training, and has extensive experience advocating for families affected by ASD, ADHD, LD, and mental health/behavioral challenges.

The Learning Curve Of Wisconsin, Inc.

1463 St. Andrews Drive, Oconomowoc, WI 53066 Contact Wendy Hendrich At (262) 567-9044 learningcurvewi@charter.net

Provides special education advocacy and consultation for parents of children with special needs and professionals, including teachers, principals, doctors, psychologists, agencies, attorneys and others. Provides in-services to professionals. Addresses questions on IEPs; provides assistance to school teams in developing and implementing individual educational plans that are grounded in current research. Provides observation and assessment of child in school setting

Wisconsin Coalition for Advocacy

www.w-c-a.org, 16 N Carroll St, Suite 400, Madison WI 53703, (608) 267-0214

Provides free advocacy and legal assistance for people with disabilities. When WCA is unable to take a case, it is often able to find an attorney who will take the case for full fee, partial fee, or pro bono (free of charge). WCA also participates in systems advocacy to minimize the need for individual advocacy or litigation. Publications available: Rights and Reality II: An Action Guide to the Rights of People with Disabilities in Wisconsin, book or CD-ROM, \$20 for consumers and families, \$30 for others. One Step Ahead: Resource Planning for People with Disabilities Who Rely on SSI and MA, written by attorney Roy Froemming.

The Arc Of The U.S.

1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 650, Silver Spring, MD 20910 Contact Susette Crim At (800) 433-5255 crim@thearc.org www.thearc.org

Works to provide more than 7.2 million Americans having mental retardation and related disabilities with services including: employment, training, education, independent living and other opportunities to reach their greatest level of personal fulfillment and potential; also helps to ensure that rights of people with mental retardation are protected. Gathers and distributes information to members on topics such as family support, inclusion, assistive technology, fetal

alcohol syndrome, and other important issues. Works with special educators and schools to develop and test teaching strategies and materials that help promote the ability to live with more independence and fulfillment. Helps people with mental retardation find jobs. Works with organizations concerned with related issues and the nation's policymakers to protect rights and improve services.

The Arc - Wisconsin Disability Association

600 Williamson Street, Suite J, Madison, WI 53703 1-877-272-8400 arcw@chorus.net
<http://www.wfv.org/arcwi>

Lobbying for legislation to protect the rights of people with disabilities and improve services. Assists families in securing funding and government support for their daughter's/son's placement or for in-home services. Provides information to families on issues and concerns related to people with disabilities.

Partnership For Caring

Suite 202, 1620 Eye Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006 Karen Orloff Kaplan, ScD At (800) 989-9455 pfc@partnershipforcaring.org <http://www.partnershipforcaring.org>

Works with state and federal legislators to improve laws related to patients' rights. Currently working with congressional offices to strengthen the Federal Patient Self-Determination Act. Monitor the frequently changing state laws and update publications accordingly.

Advocacy and Benefits Counseling for Health (ABC for Health)

<http://www.safetyweb.org/>. 152 W Johnson St, Suite 206, Madison, WI 53703, (800) 585-4222, or (608) 261-6939, info@safetyweb.org.

A non-profit public interest law firm that helps you locate health care financing, offers counseling on the application or appeals process, and advocates for you when a conflict arises with an insurer, public benefit program, or a provider's billing department. You are eligible for services if you have children up to 19 years old and are unable to obtain or afford health care, or if you have a child with a chronic illness or disability.

Parents Helping Parents

3041 Olcott Street, Santa Clara, CA 95054 <http://www.php.com> info@php.com

-Workshops for doctors including "Better Ways of Breaking the News." PHP provides information packets including specific and general disability and resource information. Unitary resources file including articles, newsletters, and other resources concerning information on specific disabilities. IEP Training involves Individualized Education Plan laws, rights, and advocacy. Workshops are offered for professionals (nurses, psychologists, educators). Organizational development includes technical assistance on parent-directed family resource centers and establishing on-line services.

Federation Of Families For Children's Mental Health

1101 King Street, Suite 420, Alexandria, VA 22314 Contact Barbar Huff At (703) 684-7710

www.ffcmh.org ffcmh@ffcmh.org

Provides information and engages in advocacy regarding research, prevention, early intervention, family support, education, transition, and other needed services. Centers located in all 50 states.

Wisconsin Statewide Parent - Educator Initiative - WSPEI

P.O. Box 2568, Oshkosh, WI 54903 Contact Sherry Gundlach At (920) 236-0538

sgundlac@cesa6.k12.wi.us

CESA Parent Liaisons connect families and educators with community, state, and national organizations that provide special education services and information

Wisconsin Special Education Mediation System - WSEMS

Center For Dispute Resolution 106 Wehr Physics, Milwaukee, WI 53201 Contact: Jane

Burns at 1-888-298-3857 jane.burns@marquette.edu

Provides mediation services for families whose children are receiving special education services or disputing whether they should be receiving such services

Wisconsin Special Education Alliance

P.O. Box 557, Portage, WI 53901 Contact Donna Hedrich At (608) 697-9643
d.hedrich@verizon.net <http://www.spedalliance.com>

Provides information on the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Advocates and supports parents in securing their child's needed services; offers phone or email consultation.

Wisconsin Family Ties, Inc.

16 North Carroll Street Suite 640, Madison, WI 53703 Contact: Suzanne Martin at (608) 267-6834 info@wifamilyties.org <http://www.wifamilyties.org>

This group works to improve the quality of special education through legislative advocacy, and influencing policy making and implementation on the state level.

SPECIAL EDUCATION MEDIATION:**Wisconsin Special Education Mediation System**

<http://cesa7.k12.wi.us/sped/wsems/index.htm> (888) 298-3857, (414) 288-1425

Provides information about using Wisconsin's Mediation System to solve disagreements about special education between parents and schools.

PARTICIPATION IN WAISMAN CENTER RESEARCH STUDIES:

<http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/rpc>

Waisman Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1500 Highland Ave, Madison. Web site lists studies currently needing participants, or call Susan Vial, (608) 263-5192, vial@waisman.wisc.edu

SUPPORT GROUPS:**Appleton Area C.H.A.D.D.**

1444 Pearl Street Menasha, WI 54952 (920) 735-1099

Contact: Joan Helbing helbingjoan@asds.k12.wi.us

Support and educate people with AD/HD and those working with AD/HD about Attention Deficit Disorders. Meets 1st Thurs of the month 7pm at the Morgan Building, 120 East Harris Street, Appleton.

INFORMATION ON AUTISM AND RELATED TOPICS:**Autism: Educating Our Community**

Meetings held once a month at Appleton North High School. For parents, teachers, therapists or anyone affected by autism. Meetings are on a variety of topics. Please visit the "links" page at the Spectrum Training Systems website: www.spectrumtrainingsystemsinc.com.

Autism Society of America

For \$42.00 annual membership fee, receive national, state, and local newsletters quarterly. There are conferences at the state and national level yearly. Local chapters provide meetings and information. National number for ASA is (800) 3-AUTISM (328-8476).

A Parent's Guide to Home Health Care

Free booklet on home health care services for children under 18, available from the Wisconsin Council on Developmental Disabilities, P.O. Box 7851, Madison, WI 53707-7851, (608) 266-7826. Also available: One Step Ahead: Resource Planning for People with Disabilities Who Rely on SSI and MA, written by attorney Roy Froemming, available for \$3.00 apiece.

INTERNET RESOURCES:

Many of these sites have links to other autism sites.

The Autism Society of America

www.autism-society.org. The web site now offers a free e-learning course on autism.

The Autism Society of Wisconsin

www.asw4autism.org. Includes information on the annual spring conference, the Madison Chapter's web site, and the Assume Social Group's web site. There is a translation function for Spanish, French, German, Italian, Norwegian, and Portuguese. There is a consumer guide to intensive in-home therapy providers and information on the new autism waiver, plus articles on many helpful topics.

The Family Village Project

www.familyvillage.wisc.edu

Coordinated by Linda Rowley of the Waisman Center, offers a great starting place to explore information on autism and related disabilities.

Autism Research Institute

<http://www.autism.com/ari/>

Autism Resources-- Autism Links

<http://www.transmil.nl/alp/>

Next Steps Booklet, Special Education in Plain Language

<http://www.cesa7.k12.wi.us/sped/>

Six articles by autism consultant Susan Stokes, and more.

WebEd Internet-based Courses for Parents and Educators

www.WebEd.com/parents A comprehensive series of courses on autism offered for free to parents (educators have to pay).

Autism Information in Spanish

www.autismo.com

Autism Research

www.naar.org

Special Education Law

<http://www.cesa7.k12.wi.us/sped/>

Special Education in Plain Language, developed by DPI, advocates, educators, and parents, explains the law in layman's terms and warns parents of common errors to watch for.

Online Asperger Syndrome Information and Support (OASIS)

<http://www.udel.edu/bkirby/asperger/>

Autism Network International

www.ani.ac

An organization run by and for individuals with ASD, with a focus on self-advocacy.

LOCAL LIST-SERVES ON AUTISM AND DISABILITY ISSUES:

The Autism Society of Wisconsin

The ASW Autism e-group list that can be subscribed to on the ASW web site, www.asw4autism.org This unmoderated list is provided to help parents to network.

Dis-Update

Run by Linda Rowley at the Waisman Center, informs subscribers on disability and legislative issues that affect the disability community. To subscribe, e-mail rowley@mhtc.net

Disability Advocacy Wisconsin Network (DAWN)

A list-serv for people who care about disability issues. You may sign up to receive notices on the issues that you are most interested in, such as adult services, or k-12 education, or respite care,

etc. You must register to vote and promise to contact your legislators on the issues that you choose. Sign up at the web site of the Wisconsin Council on Developmental Disabilities, www.wcdd.org.

SOURCES OF BOOKS ON AUTISM:

Spectrum Training Systems, Inc.

www.spectrumtrainingsystemsinc.com

2024 Jonathon Drive, Appleton, WI (920) 749-0332

This local company, specializing in hosting educational conferences for parents and educators, also offers a wide variety of books about autism and related disorders. View their website for a complete list of available books. They can also order hard-to-find books.

Autism National Committee (ANC) Book Store

204 Valorie Ln, #4, Madison, WI 53716

Order by mail, phone (800) 378-0386, or FAX 608-222-7670

Includes only texts that assume that everyone, regardless of circumstances, is entitled to respect, affirmation, support, and education. 10% discount on orders over \$300.00.

Autism Resource Network Inc

www.autismshop.com 904 Main St, Suite 100, Hopkins, MN 55345, (952) 988-0088, FAX (952) 988-0099

Mail order book store, teaching materials, time timers, videos, CDs, DVDs, Boardmaker, Picture This, flashcards, PECS, games.

Attainment Company, Inc.

www.AttainmentCompany.com. 504 Commerce Park, Verona, WI 53593

Sells books, videos, and teaching materials, many of them developed by Attainment Company. Some of the videos feature local individuals, including the one made by Dr. Tina Iyama on Asperger's Syndrome, called "Living Outside the Bell Curve." For a catalogue call (800) 327-4269.