



# Key Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Resources For Families

## What can I do if I have a concern about my child's development?

Talk to your child's doctor about your concerns, AND contact one of Wisconsin's publicly funded programs to support children's development:

Children aged birth up to 3 years:

**Wisconsin Birth to 3 Program:** <http://dhs.wi.gov/bdds/b3dir/index.htm>

Children from age 3 up to 22 years:

**Education/Special Education Services:** Contact the school district serving your neighborhood—a listing is available at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/schldist.html>

Children aged birth up to 5 years in low-income families:

**Wisconsin Head Start/Early Head Start Programs:** [www.whsaonline.org/aboutus.htm](http://www.whsaonline.org/aboutus.htm)

## Where can I go to find basic information about autism spectrum disorders?

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) website: [www.aap.org/healthtopics/autism.cfm](http://www.aap.org/healthtopics/autism.cfm)

AAP Sound Advice on Autism: [www.aap.org/audio/autism](http://www.aap.org/audio/autism)

ASD Video Glossary (Autism Speaks): [www.autismspeaks.org/video/glossary.php](http://www.autismspeaks.org/video/glossary.php)

Autism 101: An Online Course (Autism Society of America):

[www.autism-society.org/site/PageServer?pagename=about\\_course](http://www.autism-society.org/site/PageServer?pagename=about_course)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): [www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism](http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism)

Maternal and Child Health Knowledge Path on ASD: [www.mchlibrary.info/knowledgepaths/kp\\_autism.html](http://www.mchlibrary.info/knowledgepaths/kp_autism.html)

National Inst. of Neurological Disorders & Stroke: [www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/autism/detail\\_autism.htm](http://www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/autism/detail_autism.htm)

## Who can I call when I have questions?

**Wisconsin First Step:** A 24-hour information and referral hotline for families and providers working with children and youth with special health care needs.

1-800-642-7837, [www.infoandreferralcenter.org](http://www.infoandreferralcenter.org)

**Wisconsin Regional Centers for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (0-21 yrs)**

Support families with children and youth with special health care needs and providers who serve them.

<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/children/resourcecenters>

**Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies:** Connects parents with child care services

[www.supportingfamilies.together.org/families/ccrr.php](http://www.supportingfamilies.together.org/families/ccrr.php)

**Aging and Disability Resource Centers (18+ yrs)**

Information and assistance related to living with a disability or aging.

<http://dhs.wi.gov/ltcare/Generalinfo/rcs.htm>

## Where can I turn for support from other family members?

**Autism Society of Wisconsin**

1-888-4-AUTISM (1-888-428-8476), [www.asw4autism.org](http://www.asw4autism.org)

Contact Wisconsin First Step or your local Regional Center (see listings above) to ask about other family-to-family supports available in your area.