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

Where can I go to find basic information about autism spectrum disorders?
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) website: www.aap.org/healthtopics/autism.cfm
- AAP Sound Advice on Autism: www.aap.org/audio/autism
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism
- Maternal and Child Health Knowledge Path on ASD: www.mchlibrary.info/knowledgpaths/kp_autism.html

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
- 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.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

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