Elwyn’s Philadelphia Resource List for Autism Services and Supports

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(in alphabetical order)

- **Eric Berger, M.D. and Vicki Morrow, M.D.**  
  SPIN, Inc. -- Behavioral & Developmental Services Department  
  10521 Drummond Road  
  Philadelphia, PA 19154  
  215-612-7625  [www.spininc.org](http://www.spininc.org)  
  Approximate wait list: 4-8 weeks

- **Dr. Thomas Casey**  
  937 E. Haverford Rd Suite 103  
  Bryn Mawr, PA 19010  
  Phone: 610-527-0147

- **Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia/Children’s Seashore House**  
  34th Street and Civic Center Boulevard  
  Philadelphia, Pa 19104  
  Phone: 215-590-7500  
  o **Autism/PDD**: Drs. Susan Levy, Hilary Kruger, Anna Baumgaertal; Margaret Souders R.N. and Tahira Adelakan  
    Approximate wait list: About 12 months  
  o **ADHD**: Dr. Mariann Glanzman  
    Approximate wait list: 4-6 weeks  
  o **Developmental Evals**: Drs. Mary Pipan, Rita Panoscha, Nathan Blum  
    Approximate wait list: 4 months  
  o **Behavioral/ADHD**: Dr. Tom Power  
  o **Department of Child Psychiatry**: 215-590-7555  
  o **Department of Neurology**: 215-590-1719

- **The Center for Autism** (formerly: The Center for Autistic Children)  
  Dr. Jean Ruttenberg  
  3965 Conshohocken Ave.  
  Philadelphia, PA 19131  
  Approximate wait time: Psychiatric evals for autism/PDD about 3-6 weeks

- **Dr. James Coplan**  
  Neurodevelopmental Pediatrics of the Main Line  
  919 Conestoga Road, Building 1, Suite 100  
  Rosemont, PA 19010  
  Phone: 610-520-2130, info@NDPeds.com

- **Dr. Anne Marie Decosta**  
  Kids First Roxborough  
  5003 Umbria Street

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**For Psychiatric Emergencies:**

**Einstein Crisis Response at Germantown Hospital (CRC)—**  
Chew Rd and Olney Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19144  
215-951-8300

-Angela Cantwell-Director  
-24 hours, all insurance, city wide assessments of children in emergency psychiatric situations. Families and professionals are encouraged to call CRC before going for evaluation.
- **Drexel Autism Center at Friends—Dr. Richard Malone**  
  Scattergood Building, 4641 Roosevelt Boulevard  
  Philadelphia, PA 19124  
  Phone: 215- 831-4058

- **Einstein Hospital**  
  Dr. Angela Jones, child psychologist  
  Dr. Wendy Ross- 215-456-8704  
  Developmental Medicine Department  
  The Levy Building, 5501 Old York Rd,  
  Philadelphia, PA 19141  
  Phone: 215-456-6786  
  Approximate wait list: 3-4 months

- **Multidisciplinary Assessment Program (MAP)—speech, psych, and medical eval in one session**  
  Developmental Medicine Department  
  The Levy Building, 5501 Old York Rd,  
  Philadelphia, PA 19141  
  Phone: Contact Beth Notradame 215-456-6786

- **Elwyn SEEDS** (for children ages 2.5-5 years old who are in Elwyn SEEDS evaluation process only)  
  4025 Chestnut Street, 3rd floor  
  Philadelphia PA 19104  
  215-222-8054  
  Annemarie Clarke, Ph.D  
  Lisa Dissinger, Ph.D.

- **Dupont at Jefferson**  
  Jefferson Child Development Clinic, Department of Child Neurology  
  833 Chestnut Street East  
  Philadelphia, PA  
  Phone: 215-955-6000, call 800-416-4441 to schedule an appointment

- **Dr. Eric Mitchell, Ph.D.**  
  6810 Emlen Street,  
  Philadelphia, PA 19119  
  Phone: 215-844-6482  
  ericmpsysc@yahoo.com

- **Northwestern Human Services Child Development Center** (formerly Child Psychiatry Center)  
  265 E. Lehigh Ave  
  Philadelphia, PA 19135  
  Phone: 215-427-1500  
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- **Rob Rosenthal, Ph.D.**  
  Growth Opportunities Center
• **St. Christopher's Hospital**
  Erie Avenue at Front Street,
  Philadelphia, PA 19134
  Phone: 215- 427-5531
  
  o **Department of Developmental Pediatrics** - Drs. Maureen Fee and Beth Parrish
    Approximate wait list: 8 months
  
  o **Department of Neuropsychology** - Dr. Grant 215-427-5081
  
  o **Department of Neurology** – Drs Hardison and Dr. Legido 215-427-5470

• **Dr. Annie Steinberg**
  31 North Narberth Avenue, Narberth, PA 19072
  Phone: 610-639-2667
  (Dr. Steinberg also does evaluations for children with hearing impairments at the Deaf Services Center at Milestones Community Health Center, 614 Easton Road, Glenside, PA 19038)

• **Westchester University/SPARC** (Southeastern Pennsylvania Autism Resource Center)
  Dr. Jennifer Dawson, PhD (formerly of Johns Hopkins University/Kennedy Krieger Institute specializing in feeding problems)
  413 Mitchell Hall, Westchester University,
  West Chester, PA 19383
  Phone: 610-430-5678  [http://www.wcupa.edu/SPARC](http://www.wcupa.edu/SPARC)  sparc@wcupca.edu

**Other**

• **Green Tree Partnerships**-Professional training and consultations
  Dr. Thomas Lotus or Dr. Eric Mitchell
  143 West Walnut Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19144
  215-843-4528
Neurologists

- **Dr. Charles Brill**  
  A.I. duPont Hospital for Children  
  Wilmington, DE  
  Phone: 302-651-5930

- **Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia**  
  The Neurology Department at CHOP refers all their children with Autism to the Regional Autism Center.

- **Dr. Peter Kollros**  
  Abington Hospital  
  Phone: 215-886-9855

- **The Center for Neurological and Neurodevelopmental Health**  
  1001 Laurel Oak Road; Suite E-2  
  Voorhees, NJ 08043  
  Phone: 856-346-0005  
  Email: info@thecnnh.org  
  Web: www.thecnnh.org  
  Mark Mintz, M.D., Pediatric Neurologist  
  Daniel LeGoff, Ph.D., Pediatric Neuropsychologist

- **Douglas L. Wilkerson**  
  Bryn Mawr, PA  
  Phone: 610-527-8290

Dentists

- Please refer to the CAP4KIDS.ORG website (http://www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia/) where you will find up to date listings for dentists as well as by calling the number on the back of your child’s insurance card.
**Education/Therapy**

There are three agencies that provide early intervention and special education services for children in the city of Philadelphia, they are as follows:

- **Childlink: Serves children ages 0-3 years**
  260 South Broad Street, 18th floor
  Philadelphia PA 19102
  Phone: 215-731-2110
  - Early intervention services for developmentally at risk preschool children ages 0-3 years old
  - Funded by the Dept. of Public Welfare

- **Elwyn SEEDS (Special Education for Early Developmental Success): Serves children ages 0-3 years**
  4025 Chestnut St.
  Philadelphia PA 19104
  Phone: 215-222-8054 for intake, referral and service coordination
  - Early intervention services for children 2yrs 10 months to 5 years old
  - Funded by Dept. of Education
  - There are Autism Service Coordinators who can review specific supports available
  - Elwyn contracts with many providers (for example Ken Crest and SPIN) to offer a variety of services to support the education of children with Autism
  - Elwyn has psychologists on their evaluation team who can determine a diagnosis of Autism
    - Philadelphia Interagency Coordinating Council (PICC) is a collaborative partnership between families and Philadelphia Early Intervention Providers offering support, information, trainings and advocacy for the families of children 0-5 years old.
      - Phone: 215-731-2464 philadelphiaiccc.org or philadelphiaiccc@yahoo.com

- **Philadelphia School District: Serves children ages 5-21 years**
  Office of Specialized Services
  440 N. Broad Street
  Philadelphia, PA 19130
  Phone 215-400-4170
  - Children with Autism are often referred to the “Low Incidence” Coordinator for the region of Philadelphia that you live in
    - The Philadelphia Right to Education Task Force is the parent-liaison organization for School District age families.
      - Phone: 215-400-5151 www.philadelphialtf.org
Additional Educational Resources

- **PaTTAN (Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network)**
  - Offers free ongoing training and resources on all aspects related to education and Autism and is open to parents and professionals
  - Phone: 1-800-441-3215
    - Preschool or younger: Early Intervention Technical Assistance (EITA)- Susan Kershman ext. 248  skershman@pattan.net
    - School age and older: Donna Salkin  ext. 267  dsalkin@pattan.net

- **Center for Autism** (formerly the Center for Autistic Children(CAC))
  3965 Conshohocken Avenue,
  Philadelphia, Pa 19131
  Phone: 215- 878-3400 –Contact Jessica McKee x138  jmckee@thecenterforautism.org
  - Five day/week full time program ONLY for children with Autism/PDD ages 2-5
  - Capacity: 42 children, waiting list, Funded by CBH, must have (or apply for) MA
  - Specialized Autism Services (SAS) are intensive, comprehensive programs that are specifically designed to meet the individual needs of the Center’s clients. SAS is available to individuals of all ages.
  - SAS for children ages 2-5 years old: a daily, intensive program from 9:00a-2:00p
  - SAS for Early Assessment and Treatment: a program held Monday through Thursday, from 5:00p.- 7:00p, designed for children newly diagnosed and to assess children transitioning to the SAS for Preschool-aged children.
  - SAS for Social Competency: individual and group programs designed to facilitate social competency skills in children and adults. This program is held Monday through Thursday from 5:00p.- 7:00p
  - SAS also includes Family Support Services. These services give the families of our clients: access to a professional consultant that provides the resources needed to continue treatment in the home and community.

- **NHS School**
  2900 Southampton Road, Philadelphia PA 19154
  Phone: 215-671-5005  Director is: Laura Bupp  www.nhsonline.org
  - this is a licensed private academic school for children with Autism grades k-12

- **Pennsylvania's Initiative on Assistive Technology (PIAT)** –
  - 1-800-204-7428 (voice); 866-268-0579 (TTY); ATinfo@temple.edu
  - Information and referral about Assistive Technology (AT), devices and services
  - PIAT operates Pennsylvania's AT Lending Library, a free, state-supported program that loans devices to Pennsylvanians of all ages. This program allows you to try a device for a limited time to be sure it meets your needs. PIAT also operates the Recycled and Exchanged Equipment Partnership (REEP) which is a network of programs offering ways for people to obtain, donate, or sell AT equipment. For more
information, please contact us or visit our website at http://disabilities.temple.edu/programs/assistive.

- Videos for support and learning at home or school: www.child1first.com

**After School Programs**

- **The Philadelphia Mental Health Center (PMHC)**
  - After School Autism Program (ASAP)
    - 1235 Pine Street
    - Philadelphia, Pa. 19107
    - Phone: Administrative assistant: 215-735-9379 ext. 252
      Coordinator of programs: 215-735-6420
  - **Center City Program**
    - 1235 Pine Street  3rd Floor
    - Phila., Pa. 19107
    - 215.735.9379 Ext. 252
    - 215.735.7628 (Program)
  - ASAP is an after school program offered at PMHC that provides an additional learning and treatment environment for children between the ages of six (6) and twelve (12) who have been diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder or Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD). The goal of the Program is to enhance and the potential of each child so that they may function more independently and effectively in their home, school and community. Therapeutic goals and intervention strategies emphasize increasing social and communication skills, building reciprocal and interactive play and building positive (age appropriate) behaviors. Programming is based on learning principles and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and includes components of Sensory Integration and Floor Time.

- **The Variety Club**
  - For children with disabilities ages 6-21 from 3-6 p.m.
  - Located at sites throughout the city (see below)
  - Phone: Kiana Berry 215-735-0803 for information. Mike Birnbaum, director

**Carousel House**
- Belmont Avenue & North Concourse Dr
- West Fairmount Park
- Philadelphia, Pa. 19131

**Washington High School**
- 10175 Bustleton Avenue
- Philadelphia, Pa. 19116

**Widener Memorial**
- 1450 West Olney Avenue
- Philadelphia, Pa. 19141

**Olney High School**
- 100 West Duncannon Str
Information
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- **Greater Philadelphia Chapter ASA (Autism Society of America)**
  ASA, Greater Philadelphia Chapter
  1847 Strahle Street
  Philadelphia, PA, 19152 [www.asaphilly.org](http://www.asaphilly.org)  [asa-info@comcast.net](mailto:asa-info@comcast.net)
  - To enroll on the ASA listserv go to:
    - [http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/asaphilly](http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/asaphilly) -- information, resources and current news in the autism community – open to anyone
    - [http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/TALKASAPhilly](http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/TALKASAPhilly) -- specifically for families

- **ASCEND**
  Phone: 610-449-6776  [www.ascendgroup.org](http://www.ascendgroup.org)  [info@ascendgroup.org](mailto:info@ascendgroup.org)
  Philadelphia contact: [peggblank@msn.com](mailto:peggblank@msn.com)
  - Support, information, and advocacy for Aspergers Syndrome

- **Bureau of Autism Services, PA Department of Public Welfare**
  [www.autisminpa.org](http://www.autisminpa.org)  1-866-497-6898
  - This new program office is charged with implementing the primary recommendations of the Autism Task Force, including collaborating with and providing training and technical assistance to other program offices that currently provide services to individuals with ASD, ie mental health, mental retardation, medical assistance, EI, OBRA waiver, and education. They are in the process of developing an autism specific Medicaid waiver for adults with ASD. To view progress on initiatives, please see website.

- **CAN—Cure Autism Now**
  [www.cureautismnow.org](http://www.cureautismnow.org)
  - Philadelphia branch that offers parents opportunities for trainings, fundraising for research and the annual Walk Now. CAN is combining with Autism Speaks this year.

- **Autism Speaks—www.autismspeaks.org**

- **FACES (Families for Autistic Children Education & Support)**
  Phone: 609-412-3750 Isabelle Mosca
  [www.facesautismsupport.org](http://www.facesautismsupport.org)  [facesgroup@comcast.net](mailto:facesgroup@comcast.net)
  - Our mission is centered on early intervention, education, advocacy, and support for families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder in the South Jersey area but open to
families in Philadelphia. This group often has trainings as well as fun activities for families. You can get on their list serve.

- **www.kylestreehouse.org**  A website for the whole family related to many aspects of Autism

- **www.autism-watch.org**- A website that helps explain the risks and benefits of many treatments and therapies for Autism

### Special Kids Network/ Parent to Parent
1-800-986-4550  www.helpinpa.state.pa.us  www.parenttoparent.org
- Provides information, referrals support to families with children with special needs.
- Parent to Parent of PA is a program through the Special Kids Network that matches parents and family members of children with special needs to each other on a one-on-one basis, according to needs and situation

- **www.cap4kids.org/philadelphia**
  - Amazing comprehensive listing of resources for children in Philadelphia

### Support Groups
(Please refer to comprehensive listing of areas support groups on the Philadelphia Variety Club webpage under Programs For Children/Autism Initiative at http://www.varietyphila.org/)

- **Philadelphia Autism Network**—
  - Contact: Karen Krivit 215-222-7344 or krivtk@elwyn.org
  - Meets: Once a month, free open to all: presentations on many issues related to Autism.

- **Parents of Autistic Children**—West Philadelphia
  - Contact: Roberta Belamy 215-472-2764 or rbell1@verizon.net (that’s three ‘L’s and the # 1!)
  - Meets: Once a month

- **Special Parents of Exceptional Children Group**—Chestnut Hill, Mt. Airy, Germantown
  - Contact: Jean McCoubry 215-248-5930 @ jfmccou@aol.com
  - Meets: One Saturday a month at Chestnut Hill Library

- **Fathers Group** facilitated by Robert Naseef contact: webmaster@alternativechoices.com
  - Meets: in Vorhees, NJ—sign up on website above

- **Autism Sharing and Parenting**-- Center City and Roxborough
  - Contact: Hotline: Renee Henderson- 215-413-7106 @ Nasya06@msn.com
  - Meets: Meets twice a month-once at each location

- **PA Mentor Parent Support Group**--Northeast
  - Contact: Ann Marie Machion at 215-612-8200
  - Meets: Once a month

- **Variety Club Family Resource Center**--Northeast
  - Contact: Gail Stein 610-584-4366 ext: 1044 gailstein@varietyphila.org
  - Meets: Once a month in Norriton
• **Best Nest Special Needs Parent Support Group** -- Germantown  
  o Contact Dina Mitchell @ 215-546-8060  
  o Meets monthly  

• **Sensory Processing Disorder, SPD Parent SHARE groups**  
  o Meets monthly  

**Sibling/Family Support Groups**

• **UCP Chestnut Hill** -- Contact Jodi Miscannon at 215-248-7605  

• **CHOP** -- Contact Lenore Stern at 215-590-7443  

• **www.AutismSiblings.org** -- Offers wonderful online support and information for kids and families  

• **Alternative Choices**  
  514 South 4th St.  
  Philadelphia, PA 19147  
  215-592-1333 -- there is a fee for this service  
  Contact: Robert Naseef, [www.alternativechoices.com](http://www.alternativechoices.com)  
  o Dr. Naseef’s website: [www.specialfamilies.com](http://www.specialfamilies.com) offers invaluable insight and advice on parenting children with disabilities therapy center specialized in supporting families with children with disabilities  

• **Heather Bowditch**  
  267-235-3829 or [heathbowditch@aol.com](mailto:heathbowditch@aol.com)  
  o A family therapist with a background in Occupational Therapy specializing in supporting families of children with Special Needs there is a fee for this service.  

• **Surviving and Thriving After Diagnosis**: support group run by therapist who has a child with ASD  
  o Contact: Sonia Voynow 215-247-5832 there is a fee for this service  

**Support for Spanish Speaking Families**

• **HUNE (Hispanos Unidos Para Ninos Excepcionals)**  
  202 W. Cecil B. Moore Avenue,  
  Philadelphia, PA 19122  
  o Provide advocacy and support for Latino families with children with disabilities  

• **PIN of PA: Bilingual Support Group for Families of Children with Behavior Problems**  
  o Contact: Héctor M. Lugardo at 215-751-1800 Ext. 239, Michelle Sánchez, Ext 353 or Becky Español, Ext 214 Hotline: 215-751-1800 ext.513  
  o Meets at the Free Library of Philadelphia, Lillian Marrero Branch, 601 W. Lehigh Ave, Philadelphia, Pa 19133 from 10:00am-12:00pm
• El Autism, hoja informativa de NICHCY.  www.nichcy.org/pubs/spanish/fs1stxt.htm . This is a
general definition of Autism/PDD
• Visite la Asociación Nuevo Horizonte.  www.autismo.com  It has articles, a forum for families
to discuss issues, press coverage of Autism as well as other useful sites.
• Cortesía de Autism Society of America.  www.autism-society.org/site/PageServer
• AutismOnline  www.autismonline.org/bookspan.htm  Spanish books related to ASD, PECS, etc.
•  www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/spanish/ency/article/001526.htm
•  www.exploringautism.org/spanish/

Advocacy

• Disabilities Law Project
  The Philadelphia Building,
  1315 Walnut Street, Suite 400,
  Philadelphia PA 19107-4798
  215-238-8070  www.dlp-pa.org  dlp.phila@dlp-pa.org

• Pennsylvania Health Law Project
  924 Cherry St,
  Philadelphia, Pa 19107
  215- 625-3663  www.phlp.org

• PA Education Law Center
  1315 Walnut Street,
  Philadelphia, Pa 19107
  1-800-692-7443 (Disabilities Rights Network)  www.elc-pa.org  elc@elc-pa.org

• Parents Involved Network (PIN)
  1211 Chestnut St.
  Philadelphia, Pa 19107
  215-751-1800  800-688-4226  pin@pinofpa.org
    o Organization that assists parents or caregivers of children and adolescents with
      emotional and behavioral disorders. PIN provides information, helps parents find
      services and will advocate on their behalf with any of the public systems that serve
      children.

• The Arc of Philadelphia
  2350 W. Westmoreland Street
  Philadelphia, Pa 19140
  215-229-4550  www.arcpddc.org
    o Advocacy organization that provides training, information and referral support to people
      with disabilities and their families is an advocacy organization that provides training,
      information and referral support to people with disabilities and their families

• Vision For Equality, Inc
  718 Arch St. 6th Floor
  Philadelphia, Pa 19106
  215-923-3349  www.visionforequality.org
    o Advocacy and mentorship for families of children with disabilities
• **Families First**  
  Contact: 215-204-1772  
  o This is a one day empowerment training for families with children who receive Early Intervention Services in Philadelphia. Trainings held on Saturdays

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**Supports Coordination and Mental Retardation Services**

Supports Coordination Organizations offer a variety of outpatient services for children with either a diagnosis of Mental Retardation of a 50% delay in cognition. If a child qualifies, s/he is eligible for Family Driven Support Funds, which can be used for a variety of things such as respite and camp. A family must apply on behalf of their child through the Central Office intake number and if s/he qualifies, then the family can receive case management services through one of the four centers listed below.

- **Philadelphia Office of Mental Retardation (OMR)**  
  701 Market Street, Suite 5200,  
  Philadelphia PA 19106  
  (215) 685-4677 (intake and registration), (215) 685-5900 (main number)  
  o Local Supports Coordination Offices:
    - Partnership for Community Supports  
      9350 Ashton Road, Suite, 102, Philadelphia, PA 19114 tel: 267-350-4518
    - Quality Progressions  
      125 S. 9th St, Suite 400, Philadelphia, PA 19107  
      Main Number 215-627-0321 or 267-765-2000
    - PHMC/PersonLink  
      260 S. Broad St, 8th floor Philadelphia, PA 19102  
      267-295-3800
    - The Consortium  
      5828 B Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19139  
      215-472-1707

- If you are a parent or family member of a person receiving Mental Retardation Services in Philadelphia and looking to make a connection in your area, please contact the following:

  - **Parents/Caregivers United Support Group**  
    Contact: Lynn Youngman 215-928-0765
  - **West & Southwest Parents Together Support Group**  
    Contact: 215-473-8744
  - **NW Family Support Group**  
    Contact: Verna Edwards 215-248-4415 or Sandra Champion 215-848-3624
  - **There’s A Place For Us Support Group**  
    Contact: 215-763-9733
Roxborough Parent Support Group  Contact: Carol Costello 215-487-1240
South Philadelphia West Support Group  Contact:Mary Curcio  215-462-3477
Northeast Parent Support Group  Contact: Elizabeth Kennedy 215-324-6905

For more information ,Contact Vision for Equality at 215-923-3349
Barbara Nattile Ext. 114,  Sharon Harper-Young Ext. 132

Childcare/ Preschools
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- **Child Care Information Services (CCIS)**
  - This agency helps families locate preschools and childcare in their community as well as
    assisting with obtaining subsidized childcare
  - www.philadelphiachildcare.org  1-888-461-KIDS

- **Philadelphia Inclusion Network**
  Suzanne Milbourne, director  215-503-1608
  - This is a grant funded program that assists families in making appropriate preschool and
    childcare choices for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with special needs. Additionally
    this program helps families to coordinate and integrate supports for a child who is having
    difficulties in their present child care setting. Call for a copy of “Choosing Childcare for
    Children with Disabilities”.

- **Prekindergarten Head Start**
  215-400-5670  http://www.phila.k12.pa.us/offices/earlychild/PrekHeadStart/PrekindHeadStart.html
  - Prekindergarten Head Start provides three and four year olds with educational, health and
    nutritional services to ensure optimal school readiness. This program is federally- funded
    and free to eligible families.
  - The following agencies also have Head Start programs:
    - **Learning Tree Head Start**, contact Carol King 215-748-2422,ext 241 or CKing@hslt.org
    - **North Philadelphia Head Start**, contact Dawn Nock: 267-278-9033 or DNock@philaymca.org
    - **PPC Head Start**: Shola Oyemola: 215-684-2620

- **Bright Futures Preschools**
  215-400-5686  http://www.phila.k12.pa.us/offices/earlychild/FocusonFour/FocusonFours.html
  - Bright Futures Prekindergartens follow the school day and school year schedule and
    provide educational, health and nutritional services to ensure school readiness for those
    children who are three or four years old by September 1st. There are 38 programs held in
    community elementary schools, (formerly Parent Co-Op Nurseries).

- **Bucks County Childcare**
  http://www.buckschildcare.net/  Has an area wide classified section that often serves families
  and individuals in the Philadelphia area.
• **Frankie’s World**  
  Linda Hesson --215-763-0151  
  o They are a daycare for medically fragile children that have to have nursing prescribed by a doctor

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**Respite**

• **Youth Service, Inc. (YSI)—respite for preschoolers**  
  o Respite is free 24 hour emergency care for children (ages 0-5 only) for up to 30 days per year provided by YSI in two home style sites (see below). These centers offer a warm, loving home environment with trained and seasoned staff. Staff can give medications including nebulizers (but no feeding tubes). Relatives can visit with parent’s permission. Parents can use respite for caring for a child or their sibling during a medical evaluation or a court appearance, or during job hunting or if the parent just needs a break. Some parents just use the preschool component to see how their child socializes in a preschool setting. Care can be for a few hours or a few days or overnight. The centers can sometimes be full, so a parent should call ahead of time to reserve a space. Telephone intake process includes proof of your child’s immunizations.

  ▪ The Sally Watson Center, 5128 Wayne Avenue (Germantown)  
    (215)844-6931 Rhonda Johnson, Director
  ▪ Baring House, 3401 Baring Street (West Philly)  
    (215) 386-0251 Jean Wisnowski, Director

• **The Variety Club: Weekend Retreats**  
  o Children and young adults, ages 8 to 21 are invited to participate in “Weekend Retreats” at the Variety Camp & Developmental Center. One weekend a month families are invited to send their child to our “Weekend Retreats”. The goal of this program is to promote independence and to provide meaningful experiences for the attendees within a supportive and nurturing environment.
  o Applications can be accessed by calling (610) 584-4366 x1044. An interview is scheduled to determine if the resources at Variety meet the child’s needs. A non-refundable fee of $100.00 is due upon acceptance to the program.

• **Temple University Family Friends**  
  Contact Nancy Hale Sills, program coordinator at 215-204-3193  
  o National program in which older adults provide in home support to families of children with special needs, families are matched with volunteers.

• **Home health aides and nursing services**
in exceptional cases where a child with autism has other medical issues and the parent works some families have been able to obtain home health aide services for their child from a home-nursing agency

- **Bayada Nursing** 215-413-5000
- **Ridgeway Phillips Nursing** 215-643-1200
- **Pediatric Services of America** 215-887-4009

**Recreation/Arts/Camps/Spirituality**

(Elwyn does not endorse any of the groups or agencies listed herein. The purpose of this listing is to provide information about resources in the community only)


- **HeARTS for AUTISM**
  - [www.HeartsforAutism.org](http://www.HeartsforAutism.org) or **robin@heartsforautism.org** or 267-231-7585
  - A wonderful monthly workshop for families with children with Autism to use art as means of expression. Located at the Norcom Center in Northeast Philadelphia with activities for caretakers and siblings as well. Preregistration is required, the workshop is FREE

- **Holy Terror Stars**
  - Contact: Cindy Hincy at 215-331-9876, Kim Wilson 215-407-3027, wilson.clan@yahoo.com
  - [www.freewebs.com/holyterrorstars](http://www.freewebs.com/holyterrorstars)
  - Location: Purzell Community Center (Northeast) from 6-8 p.m., all sports, every Friday night, no fee, no age limit, registration, parents take turns providing snacks or drinks, ANY kind of special needs, also need older typical kids as 1:1 mentors for the special needs athletes (preferably 14 years and up)!

- **Kardon Institute for Music**
  - 10700 Knights Road, Philadelphia PA 19114 215-637-2077
  - Provides individual music, dance, art therapy sessions for children and adults w/ special needs, tailored to the individual

- **Settlement Music School**
  - Contact: 215 320-2600, smsmusic.org or Mark Bottos at 215-637-2077
- Offers creative arts therapy through dance and music in 4 sites throughout Philadelphia, managed by Kardon

- **Smith Memorial Playground**  
  215-765-4325 or [www.smithplayhouse.org](http://www.smithplayhouse.org)  
  - free indoor playhouse located in Fairmount Park for children 5 and under also outdoor playground for children 10 and under with the famous “Giant Slide”.

- **Imagination Land Playground**  
  Hulmeville and State Roads in Bensalem PA 19020  
  - fully handicapped accessible playground for children with special needs

- **Little Wonders** Child Growth and Development Center,  
  social skills, therapies and playgroups and camps for special needs children  
  100 West Germantown Pike, East Norriton, PA 19401  
  - [www.littlewonderscenter.com](http://www.littlewonderscenter.com) 610-275-KIDS

- **Norcom Community Center**  
  10980 Norcom Rd Philadelphia, PA 19154 (215) 613-1070  
  - Offers all sorts of year round recreational activities for children with special needs

- **Quinn Developmental Services**  
  - offers gymnastics classes for special needs children

- **Kix & Giggles Children’s Playland**  
  9356 Old Bustleton Ave, Philadelphia, Pa 19115  215-677-4140  
  - Indoor and outdoor play land for ages 1-10  
  - On Mondays the entry fee is waived for children with disabilities

- **Horse Riding**  
  - **Pegasus**: 1019 Ripley Street, Philadelphia, PA 19111  215-742-1500  
  - **One Step At A Time**: P. O. Box 125, Bristol, PA  215-945-4499  
  - **Special Equestrians**: 215-918-1001  
  - **Work To Ride, Inc.** @Chamounix Equestrian Center  215-877-4419

- **Spirituality**

- **Archdiocese of Philadelphia: Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities**  
  222 N. 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103  
  Contact: Janell Lavender, Coordinator  215-587-5665, 215-587-3530  
  [jlavende@adphila.org](mailto:jlavende@adphila.org), [pcpddeaf@adphila.org](mailto:pcpddeaf@adphila.org)  
  - The Department for Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities provides pastoral resources to parishes and families. The department can assist families with children with Autism and other disabilities to access Religious Education and integration into their Catholic Parish. The department provides training and resources to parish staffs.  
• **Special needs CCD classes**
  St Matthews Church 3000 Cottman Avenue, Philadelphia PA 19149
  Contact Deacon Burns at 215-333-0585

• **Auerbach Central Agency for Jewish Education**, provides supports, education and trainings to Jewish preschools and synagogues throughout the 5 county area specific to facilitating inclusion of special needs persons of all ages.
  Contact: Debbie Gettes, dgettes@acaje.org 215-635-8940

• **Camps**
  o **Philadelphia Safe and Sound** puts out a comprehensive listing of summer camps each year that can be found at their website: www.philasafesound.org or call their parent helpline at: **215.568.0737**.
  
  o **PA Mentor**
    10601 Decatur Road, Suite 400
    Philadelphia, PA 19164
    215-612-8200
    www.thementornetwork.com
    ▪ has a summer camp for children with ASD ages 5-15. Children must have MA, 2 sites in Northeast, 1 site in South Philly.

  o **Madeline Moore Summer Camp Grant**
    ▪ provides up to $600/ year for camp available through CBH, 215-685-4737 for children who are receiving services through CBH such as Wrap-Around
Wraparound

What is Wrap Around?
Wrap Around is a behavioral health support service provided by a team that may consist of a Mobile Therapist (MT), a Behavior Specialist Consultant (BSC), a Case Manger and a Therapeutic Support Staff (TSS) Worker. The Wrap Around team helps the child in the location where they need support, for example at school or at home or both. Wrap Around Services do take at least 2-6 months to put in place, they are provided only through CBH contracted providers and paid for only by Medical Assistance. The child must have a psychiatric or psychological evaluation recommending Wrap Around. This child’s service is re-assessed every 4 months. Families who have MA can contact a wraparound service provider directly or apply through CBH. This service is NOT provided through the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

- Community Behavioral Health (CBH)
  801 Market Street, 7th Floor,
  Philadelphia, PA 19107
  1-888-545-2600, www.phila-bhs.org
  - CBH is the mental health HMO for any resident of Philadelphia who has Medical Assistance. CBH oversees many programs that private insurances do not pay for such as therapeutic preschools and Wrap-Around services (see below).
  - Families with private insurance can obtain Medical Assistance (in most cases) for their disabled child (see above).

- Website for the Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Mental Retardation Services: http://philadelphia.pa.networkofcare.org/mh/home/index.cfm. Offers a great deal of information about services and resources in Philadelphia.
## WRAP-AROUND AGENCIES-Serving Preschool Age
(updated for Early Intervention 2/29/08)

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**Miscellaneous**

- **Hearts and Smiles Foundation**  
P.O. Box 1253  
Southampton, PA 18966  
215-669-4221  
heartsandsmiles@comcast.net  
  
  - The mission of Hearts and Smiles is to provide in kind assistance to low income families with special needs in Montgomery, Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Philadelphia Counties with a particular focus on the needs of siblings in these families.

- **Autism Safety Toolkit**  
  - This is a comprehensive guide to help families and caregivers understand how to adapt your child’s environment and community to assure they are safe. It can be accessed under the National Autism Association website:  
  http://www.nationalautismassociation.org/safetytoolkit

- **Transportation to medical appointments**  
  - The Medical Assistance Transportation program can provide rides or reimbursement for public transportation or car use for a parent and a child going to or from a medical appointment  
  - Call LogistiCare at 1-877-835-7412 or online go to  
  http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/Resources/Documents/Pdf/MATP_LongBrochure.pdf

Services/Information for Adults

- **ALAW-Autism Living and Working**
  1528 Walnut Street, Suite 815
  Philadelphia, PA 19102
  Phone: 267-322-5800   alaw@autismlivingworking.org
  - ALAW’s mission is to help adults with autism form and sustain households, hold jobs, and contribute to community life, through individual supports and accommodations.

- **Evaluations**:
  - **Penn Autism Network**
    Adult Developmental Disorders Program
    **Dr. Anthony Rostain**
    3535 Market Street, 2nd floor
    Philadelphia PA 19104
    Phone: 215-573-1159, or Deirdre Wright 215-746-1967   www.med.upenn.edu/pan

- **Support Groups**
  - **GRASP Philadelphia**
    Contact: [http://www.grasp.org/](http://www.grasp.org/)
    - Our members range in age from 18 to 65 plus. GRASP Phila was founded in Nov of 2004. We are one of 15 networks of the GRASP organization in New York.
    - We meet monthly at the Easttown Library in Berwyn, PA from 2 to 4 PM on the second Saturday of each month. (We are taking July off for vacation.)
    - We have a lending library of books and materials, and a listserv for members: [http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/GRASP_Philadelphia_PA/](http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/GRASP_Philadelphia_PA/)

- **Listservs**:
  - **Families Of Adults Autism-ASAphtilley**
    - A place restricted to families of Adolescents, age 17+ and Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) who reside in Southeast Pennsylvania - Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery & Philadelphia counties. This is an environment
to learn about the needs of adults in the whole spectrum of Autism, including Autism/Mental Retardation (MR), Autism, Pervasive Developmental Disorder-Nos (PDD-Nos), Asperger (AS) and other related neurological disorders. Its purpose is to share information and provide support for families who are concerned about the daily needs and future of adults with ASD in Pennsylvania.

- To view the details of this listserv:
  http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/FamiliesOfAdultsAutism-ASAphilly/

Benefits
(including Medical Assistance)

- **MA for Children with a Disability – Known as PH95**
  - MA (Medical Assistance) is medical insurance that may cover things that your child’s primary insurance does not cover. You can use MA as your primary insurance or you can use it to supplement insurance you may already have. If your child is disabled you may want to explore obtaining MA benefits for him/her.

- **What does MA pay for that my private insurance might not cover?**
  - For a child, MA covers everything that is medically necessary. Among those services are:
    - **Wrap-Around Services**—Wrap-Around services give children with a mental health diagnosis home or school based behavioral supports and therapy.
    - **Medical and Nursing Services**—MA can pay for medical or therapy equipment, co pays, deductibles, transportation to medical appointments, services from facilities that only take MA insurance, medical bills not covered by your insurance (from up to 3 months ago) and nursing services that are documented to be medically necessary for a child with significant health care needs. Note: MA does not reimburse individuals who have already paid for services. It reimburses providers who delivered services.
    - **The Diaper Program**—Diapers are paid for by MA when a child continues to need diapers after the age of 3 due to his/her special needs.

MA is a medical insurance program. It is state funded and administered through the PA Department of Public Welfare; HOWEVER, it is NOT WELFARE. Once your child receives MA you will need to recertify his/her case annually, either over the phone or through the mail. MA Insurance is medical insurance for children who do not qualify for SSI because their family income is over the SSI income eligibility guidelines, or for children whose family income is low enough to qualify for MA. If you already have private insurance you can keep it and also obtain MA to supplement your child’s coverage.
a word about SSI:
SSI, (Supplemental Security Income), is a federally funded program which provides a monthly check and Medical Assistance for people who qualify. To qualify you must have:
- a disabling condition PLUS,
- meet the financial cut-off levels. The financial cut-off level for one person is no more than $2000 in savings and $800/month in income.

To apply, call 800-772-1213, or log on to http://www.ssa.gov.

How to apply for MA:

1. Call 1-800-986-KIDS (5437) to have a MA application sent to you.

2. Fill out the application. Make sure to write “MA disabled child Category PH95,” across the top of the form. This will alert the caseworker to consider the child for eligibility because of their disability.

3. DOCUMENTATION!!!! You will need to provide proof of everything you are saying about your child by providing copies. For example: proof of citizenship (a birth certificate), proof of identity (such as a government issued photo ID (school-issued ID card),) address (a utility bill), disability (medical or psychological evaluation written by a licensed clinician within the last 3 months), proof of any income in the household, including income received in the child’s name, and copies of any unpaid medical bills owed from the last 3 calendar months. -You will also be asked to show proof that you did apply for SSI or were rejected due to income. If you have not already applied for SSI you will be assisted to do this (see above“...a word about SSI”)

4. Mail application to: (Make copies for yourself of everything you are sending in case it gets lost.) Philadelphia County Assistance Office, Philadelphia State Office Building, Room 608 1400 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130-4088

5. The application will be forwarded to your local County Assistance Office. You should hear from them in a letter within 30 days about the status of your application. This letter will contain the name and phone number of the caseworker assigned to your child’s application. They may need more information. Keep in mind that the state rule says that you do not need to go to the office at all for an appointment, you can phone, fax or mail information.

6. OR you can call PCCY at 215-563-5848 X 17. PCCY ‘s Child Healthwatch Helpline will take your information on the phone, gather documents from you by mail or fax and send your application in for you.
If you have any problems you can contact:

- Philadelphia Citizens for Children and Youth at 215-563-5848
- The Pennsylvania Health Law Project at 215-625-3663
- Disabilities Law Project 215-238-8070