

# Autism Spectrum Disorder

Resources & Supports for Families  
and Service Providers

## National Resources

### **Autism Speaks**

This family friendly website offers a resource guide, the latest research outcomes, advocacy efforts, and a direct link to the “Walk Now for Autism Speaks” fundraising effort. Families may also request a 100 day toolkit for newly diagnosed children on the spectrum.

[www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org)

### **Center for Disease Control**

“Learn the Signs. Act Early.”

This informative website offers parenting tips and toolkits, suggestions to help teach developmental skills, and links to other helpful websites.

[www.cdc.gov/actearly](http://www.cdc.gov/actearly)

### **The Autism Society of America**

A grassroots organization working to increase awareness and provide the latest information regarding treatment, education, research, and advocacy.

[www.autism-society.org](http://www.autism-society.org)

[www.greenbush.org](http://www.greenbush.org)

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## Autism Spectrum Disorder

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a developmental disorder that can impact socialization, the ability to communicate, and behavior. It is called a spectrum disorder because there is a wide range of symptoms and skills that a child with Autism can have. A child with ASD can show deficits in understanding language, interacting with others, developing social skills, reading facial cues, and they often show repetitive behaviors.

It can be difficult to understand the wants and needs of a child with ASD. Learning what you can and getting involved in your child's treatment will go a long way in managing these challenges. These resources are available to help you learn more to support your child with Autism.

## School Resources

### ANW Special Education Coop

710 Bridge Street  
Humboldt, KS 66748  
620.473.2257  
[www.anwcoop.com](http://www.anwcoop.com)

### Tri-County Special Education Interlocal

220 East Chestnut St.  
Independence, KS 67301  
620.331.6303  
[www.tricounty607.com](http://www.tricounty607.com)

## SEK Interlocal

400 N. Pine St.  
Pittsburg, KS 66762  
620.235.3180  
[www.sekconnection.com](http://www.sekconnection.com)

## Local Resources

### Freeman Health System Leffen Center for Autism

This center provides a variety of services ranging from a social skills group to parent education. The Leffen Center for Autism also holds a monthly autism support group.  
417.347.7850  
[www.freemanhealth.com/leffencenterforautism](http://www.freemanhealth.com/leffencenterforautism)

### The Family Resource Center

1600 N. Walnut St.  
Pittsburg, KS 66762  
620.235.3150  
[sites.google.com/site/familyresourcecenter](http://sites.google.com/site/familyresourcecenter)

### Community Development Disability Organization of Southeast Kansas

Provides a point of entry to obtain services for a developmental disability.  
1200 East Merle Evans Dr.  
Columbus, KS 66725  
620.429.8985

### Tri-Valley Developmental Services, Inc.

3740 South Santa Fe  
P.O. Box 518  
Chanute, KS 66720  
620.431.7401



## Greenbush Early Learning Network

Services for learners ages birth to three.

Birth to Three Program  
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Girard, KS 66743  
620.724.6281

Parents as Teachers  
947 W. 47 HWY  
Girard, KS 66743  
800.554.3412

## Kansas Resources

### Families Together

A statewide parent training center providing support to families to help obtain appropriate education and services for their child with special needs. Regional offices are located throughout the state.  
877.499.5369  
[www.familiestogetherinc.org](http://www.familiestogetherinc.org)

### Disability Rights Center (DRC)

A legal advocacy agency empowered by federal law to advocate for the civil and legal rights of Kansans with disabilities.  
877.776.1541  
[www.drckansas.org](http://www.drckansas.org)

### TASN

A Kansas autism and behavior supports website that provides a search engine for local service providers, information on current legislation, useful iPad apps, and links to other resources on Autism.  
913.588.5943  
[www.ksdetasn.org](http://www.ksdetasn.org)