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Autism Reference Guide

When first learning that your child has autism, you may be overwhelmed at what steps you should take to best help your child. Knowledge is empowering and will help you look at all the options that are available for your child regarding diagnosis, treatment, management, research, or prognosis.

What if you don't have a diagnosis but suspect that your child may have autism?

The CDC reports that 1 in 68 children in the US have been diagnosed with Autism.

The CDC, Center for Disease Control, reports a 30 percent jump among 8-year-olds diagnosed with the disorder in a two-year period, to one in every 68 children.

"The most important thing for parents to do is to act early when there is a concern about a child's development," said Dr. Marshalyne Yeargin-Allsopp, chief of CDC's Developmental Disabilities Branch. "If you have a concern about how your child plays, learns, speaks, acts, or moves, take action. Don't wait."

If you are concerned that your child has autism, reach out to your pediatrician or child psychologist. There is a wealth of information on the internet about autism and to help you become informed about the latest research, we are making the list of references that the NIH has put together available here for your convenience.

We have listed them below as a quick reference guide for you to help in your quest for information on autism.

[Association for Science in Autism Treatment](#)

P.O. Box 188
Crosswicks, NJ 08515-0188
info@asatonline.org
<http://www.asatonline.org> 

[Autism National Committee \(AUTCOM\)](#)

P.O. Box 429
Forest Knolls, CA 94933
<http://www.autcom.org> 

[Autism Network International \(ANI\)](#)

P.O. Box 35448
Syracuse, NY 13235-5448
jjisncla@syr.edu
<http://www.ani.ac> 

[Autism Research Institute \(ARI\)](#)

4182 Adams Avenue
San Diego, CA 92116
director@autism.com
<http://www.autismresearchinstitute.com> 
Tel: 866-366-3361
Fax: 619-563-6840

[Autism Science Foundation](#)

419 Lafayette Street
2nd floor
New York, NY 10003
contactus@autismsciencefoundation.org
<http://www.autismsciencefoundation.org/> 
Tel: 646-723-3978
Fax: 212-228-3557

[Autism Society of America](#)

4340 East-West Highway
Suite 350
Bethesda, MD 20814
<http://www.autism-society.org> 
Tel: 301-657-0881 800-3AUTISM (328-8476)
Fax: 301-657-0869

[Autism Speaks, Inc.](#)

1 East 33rd Street
4th Floor
New York, NY 10016
contactus@autismspeaks.org
<http://www.autismspeaks.org> 
Tel: 212-252-8584 (888) 288-4762
Fax: 212-252-8676

[Birth Defect Research for Children, Inc.](#)

976 Lake Baldwin Lane
Suite 104
Orlando, FL 32814
betty@birthdefects.org
<http://www.birthdefects.org> 
Tel: 407-895-0802

MAAP Services for Autism, Asperger Syndrome, and PDD

P.O. Box 524

Crown Point, IN 46308

info@aspergersyndrome.org

<http://www.aspergersyndrome.org/> 

Tel: 219-662-1311

Fax: 219-662-1315

National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities

U.S. Dept. of Education, Office of Special Education Programs

1825 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 700

Washington, DC 20009

nichcy@aed.org

<http://www.nichcy.org> 

Tel: 800-695-0285 202-884-8200

Fax: 202-884-8441

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)

National Institutes of Health, DHHS

31 Center Drive, Rm. 2A32 MSC 2425

Bethesda, MD 20892-2425

<http://www.nichd.nih.gov>

Tel: 301-496-5133

Fax: 301-496-7101

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Information Clearinghouse

1 Communication Avenue

Bethesda, MD 20892-3456

nidcdinfo@nidcd.nih.gov

<http://www.nidcd.nih.gov>

Tel: 800-241-1044 800-241-1055 (TTD/TTY)

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)

National Institutes of Health, DHHS

111 T.W. Alexander Drive

Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

webcenter@niehs.nih.gov

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov>

Tel: 919-541-3345

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

National Institutes of Health, DHHS

6001 Executive Blvd. Rm. 8184, MSC 9663

Bethesda, MD 20892-9663

nimhinfo@nih.gov

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov>

Tel: 301-443-4513/866-415-8051 301-443-8431 (TTY)

Fax: 301-443-4279

