

**AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS**

**Information and Resource Packet**

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**FUNDING / GRANTS / SERVICES**

 **Life Path Systems** (formerly known as MHMR)

 administers 3 programs for monetary help:

* + 1. Family Support Grant (used to be called In-Home Family Support)
		Fern Gimenez
		Phone: 972-727-9133
		2. HCS (Home and Community Services)
		Fern Gimenez
		Phone: 972-727-9133
		3. C.L.A.S.S.
		Administered through the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS)
		Austin, TX
		Phone: 1-877-438-5658
* All of these programs have a long waiting list, so you need to call and get on these lists ASAP. (1st come 1st serve)

**HCS and C.L.A.S.S.** are Medicaid waiver programs, meaning they

 are tied to your child’s income, not the family’s.

 **Insurance: Private or Group**

* Some Insurance Companies do not help with related therapies connected to an ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder ) .
* Some Insurance Companies WILL help pay for things like:
1. Speech Therapy
2. Occupational Therapy
3. Physical Therapy
4. Neurofeedback
5. Chiropractic

\* Important: Each Insurance Plan is different and Insurance Codes can be perceived in different ways for services rendered. NO GUARANTEE here.

Typically, you just need to be diligent and persistent and not give up on getting whatever monies you can from them.

\* See “Organizations” in Resources of Information in this packet for more information on available resources for funding.

**Pediatricians:**

**MEDICAL**

Doctors / Dentists / Chiropractors / Psychologists

**Pediatricians:**

 Dr. Frank Lieu M.D.

 3100 Midway Rd # 16A

 Plano, TX 75093

 Phone: 972-608-2688

 Dr. Deborah Bain M.D.

 4851 Legacy Dr. Ste 601

 Frisco, TX

 Phone: 972-294-0808

 Dr. Daniel Ramirez

 Kids Docs Pediatrics

 Website: [www.kidsdocspediatrics.com/](http://www.kidsdocspediatrics.com/)

 Phone: 972-608-0200

 Dr. Peter Sherrod

 3721 West 15th Street, Suite 603

 Plano, TX 75075

 Phone: 972-867-6880

 Shine Pediatrics
 3600 Shire Blvd Ste 110
 Richardson, TX 75082
 (469) 333-1543

**General Practitioners:**

 John Bailey MD

 1428 West Hebron Drive, Ste #110

 Carrollton, TX

 Phone: 972-939-4555

 Dr. John Moon M.D.

 5425 W. Spring Creek Parkway, Suite 200

 Plano, Texas 75024

 Phone: 972-599-9600

**Developmental Pediatricians:**

 Development Pediatric Services

Dr. Cathleen Roberts

 Phone: 972-788-1858

 C. Mike Rios, MD

 1100 Main Street Suite 103

 Grapevine, TX 76051

 Phone: 817-310-5510

**Neurologists:**

 Neurotherapy Center of Dallas

 Dr. Jonathan Walker M. D.

 12870 Hillcrest, Suite 201

 Dallas TX 75230

 Phone: 972-991-1153

 Fax: 972-991-1346

 Email: admin@neurotherapydallas.com

 Website: www.neurotherapydallas.com/index.php

 Dallas Pediatric Neurology Assoc. (Group)

 Dr Majeed, M.D.

 David B. Owen, M.D.

 Dr Moein, M.D.

 7777 Forest Lane (Medical City Dallas)

 Dallas, TX 75230

 Phone: 972-566-8600

**Optometrists:**

 Charles Shidlofsky, O.D., P.A.

 Neurodevelopmental Sensory Enhancement Center

 5934 W. Parker Rd., Suite #500

 Plano, TX 75093

 Phone: 972-312-0177

 Email:info@dr-s.net

**Dentists:**

 Holistic Dentist: Dr. Stacy Cole DDS, FAGD in Fort Worth.

 Phone: 817-731-9291

 Website: http://www.svcole.com/

 Dr. Patrick Ryan

 Grin Pediatric Dentistry

 6225 Chapel Hill Blvd

 Plano, TX 75093

 Phone: (972) 608-4746

Dr. Paul Rubin

 Frisco, TX

 Phone: 214-618-5200

 Website: www.friscokidsdds.com

 Dr Clapp

 Website: [www.pediatricdentalworld.com](http://www.pediatricdentalworld.com/)

Parent comment: ‘He is really good with kids, takes medicaid and uses sedation’

 Jason Clapp

 Pediatric Dentistry

 2300 Highland Village Rd

 Highland Village, Texas, 75077-7139

 972-317-6997

 Diane L Lide DDS

 Website: [www.drlide.com](http://www.drlide.com/)

Parent comment: ‘She does offer sedation dentistry, though only one day a month, but it's set up

972-377-8444

 Jeffrey Holt of Kids Dental

 Phone: 972-378-5437

 Dr. Robert Morgan

 375 Municipal, #104

 Richardson, TX

 Phone: 972-669-3663

 Also in Irving

 Terri E. Train, DDS, MS

 Pediatric Dentistry

 100 N. Central Expwy., Suite 1108

 Richardson, TX 75080

 972-235-8555

 or

 4443 N. Josey Lane, Suite 180

 Carrollton, TX 75010

 Dr. Ronald Garza

 9757 White Rock Trail

 Dallas, TX 75238

 Phone: 214-349-9400

 Dr. Yvette V. Dye

 26615 US Hwy 380 Suite 130

 Aubrey,TX 76227

 Phone: 940-965-9490

 aubreykidsdentist.com

 Debra Duffy, DDS

 Dr. Debra Duffy

 Dr. Rhonda Corey

 2849 Old Settlers

 Flower Mound, TX 75028

 Phone: 972-724-1617

 Fax: 972-874-1220

 Email: info@debraduffydds.com

 Website: www.debraduffydds.com

Dental Care 4 Kids

 Dr. Tom Wickersham

 Dr. Andrea Gonzales

 2900 Long Prairie Rd. Suite C

 Flower Mound, TX 75022

 Phone: 972-874-2800

 Fax: 972-355-5827

 Website: www.dentalcareforkidstexas.com

 Dr. Curtis Crandall

 East Plano, TX

 Phone: 972-423-4595

 Tammy Gough

 972-727-0737

 Allen, TX

 Dr Harold Simpson

 Childrens Dental Specialists

 Phone: 972-394-1722

 Located in Richardson and Carrollton

**Chiropractors:**

 BrainWorx
 Dr. Homero Cavazos
 4508 Legacy Drive #200
 Plano, Texas 75024
 214-377-4833
 Email: DrC@brainworxcenters.com

Dr. Von Bergen

 110 W. Louisiana Street

 McKinney, TX 75069

 Phone: 972-562-7762

Davis Chiropractic

5000 Quorom Dr. Suite # 148
 Dallas 75254

Physician’s Clinic for chiro & Acupuncture

[Drglendavis.com](http://Drglendavis.com)

214-402-7009

New Star chiropractic & Acupuncture
 NAET Allergy Treatment
 Zhanping (Louie) Lu DC, MD in China
 425 Maplelawn Dr. Suite # 101
 Plano, TX 75075
 972-519-8488
 [www.autismtx.com](http://www.autismtx.com)

 Brantly Chiropractic of McKinney

 972-562-1717

 Dr. Kathi Maher

 Chiropractic, Cranial-sacral therapy, NAET/TBM Allergy

 Treatments, Acupuncture and other holistic treatments.

 2510 Little Road

 Arlington, TX 76016

 817-930-0600

**Psychologists:**

The Ziggurat Group

 5232 Village Creek Drive, Suite 200

 Plano, TX 75093

 Phone: 214-227-7741

 Fax: 214-432-0494

 Barry G. Grossman, Ph.D.

 Email: grossman@texasautism.com

 Kathryn L. Wall, M.Ed., LPC

 Skills Groups for Children with AS

 1221 Abrams Road, Suite 110

 Richardson, TX 75081-5578

 Phone: 972-234-5770

 Dr. Linda Felini Smith, PhD

 4237 Sigma Rd #120

 Dallas, TX 75244

 Phone: 972-386-3931

 Denise Wooten, PsyD (Licensed Doctoral Psychologist)

 Evaluations, Therapy, and Consultants for Children with ASD
 3861 Long Prairie Rd., Suite 101

 Flower Mound, TX 75028
 (972) 539-8353 office
 <http://www.hdenisewooten.com/default.html>

 Dr. Denise McCallon
 (972) 7401334
 14673 Midway Rd. Ste 109
 Addison, TX 75001
 drmack414@aol.com

14673 Midway Road, Ste. 109

 Candida Lutes, PhD

 Neuropsychological Assessment

 Oakwood Tower

 3636 North Hall Street, Suite 527

 Dallas, TX 75219

 Dr. Marilyn Monteiro, PhD., Licensed Psychologist

 Licensed Specialist in School Psychology

 14673 Midway Rd, Suite215

 Dallas, TX 75244

 Phone: 214-363-7004

 Dr. Kim Johnson

 Neuropsychology Fellow

 Licensed Clinical Psychologist

 Licensed Specialist in School Psychology

 Johnson Neuropsychology, PLLC

 6841 Virginia Pkwy Ste 103-383

 McKinney, TX 75075

 Phone: 469-549-4200

 Fax: 214-256-3390

 Office at Alpha and Midway, also.

Michael S. McLane, Psy.D.

 Pediatric Neuropsychologist

 12830 Hillcrest Road, Suite D233

 Dallas, TX  75230

 Phone: 972-620-1225

(In-depth evaluations of children's cognitive, learning, social, emotional, and behavioral needs)

**THERAPY**

**Speech Therapy:**

Julie R. Liberman, M.A., CCC-SLP

Speech TX

Phone: 214-336-9342

Email: julie.liberman@gmail.com

Speech and Occupational Therapy of North Texas

Frisco Location

3880 Parkwood Blvd, Building 5, Suite 502

Frisco, Texas 75034

Plano Location

1410 14th Street

Plano, Texas 75074

Website: [www.speechandot.com](http://www.speechandot.com)

most major insurances accept as well as Traditional Medicaid.

University of North Texas Kristin Farmer Autism Center
940-369-5373
[www.autism.unt.edu](http://www.autism.unt.edu)

Easter Seals North Texas
 888-617-7171 or 972-394-8900

[www.ntx.easterseals.com](http://www.ntx.easterseals.com)

info@ntx.easterseals.com

Two locations:

Trinity Center

4443 N Josey Ln Ste 100

Carrollton, TX 75010

Oak Cliff Center

4201 Brook Spring Dr Bldg II

Dallas, TX 75224

Pathways to Communication

3806 Farmington Dr.

Richardson, TX 75082

(214)642-8217

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

pathways2communicate@yahoo.com

Children’s Language Development Center

Elissa B. Woods, M.S. / CCC-SLP

5805 Coit Rd Suite 403

Plano, TX 75093

Phone: 972-964-1500

www.childrenslanguage.com

Sage Care Therapy Services
Pediatric Home Health Therapy Provider
214-295-5374
[www.sagecaretherapy.com](http://www.sagecaretherapy.com)

Comprehensive Therapy Services (Speech, OT, PT)

Dawn Murphy Butler, MA/CCC-SLP, Director

10210 N. Central Expwy Suite 100

Dallas, TX 75231

Phone: 214-265-1819

or

1216 N. Central Expwy. Suite 203A

McKinney, TX 75070

Phone: 214-544-2678

North Texas Therapy Innovations (Speech, OT, PT)

Clinical Director: Elizabeth "Betty" McBride, OTR

9639 Wendell Road

Dallas, Texas 75243

or

6905 Ave. K, Suite 206

Plano, TX 75074

Phone: 214-349-6178

Integrative Pediatric Therapy

Director: Sally Fryer, P.T., C.S.T.

12860 Hillcrest Road Suite 100

Dallas, TX 75230

Phone: 972.404.3077

or

The Shelton School

Holly Witt, MS, CCC-SLP

13740 Midway Rd, Ste 511

Dallas, TX 75244

Phone: 972-991-6383

Email: hollybwitt@gmail.com

Therapy 2000

Home Health - Speech, OT, PT

2535 Lone Star Dr

Dallas, TX

Phone: 214-467-9787

North Dallas Speech, LLC

4480 Beltway Dr

Addison, TX 75001

Phone: 214-505-6787 Email: collins\_speech@yahoo.com

Julie Ray M.A., CCC-SLP

Phone: 972-951-7909

Email: julierayslp@gmail.com

Website: [www.julierayslp.com](http://www.julierayslp.com/)

Lisa Klein M.S., CCC-SLP

Senior Speech Pathologist

Phone: 917-592-4509

Life Steps Pediatric Rehabilitation Center

Website: http://www.lifestepstx.com/

Note: Several locations are available. Please check their website for the one closest to you.

**Functional Communication Evaluation and Consulting**

Pamela Rollins, MS ccc-slp, Ed.D. Associate Professor University of Texas at Dallas
 School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences
 Callier Center for Communication Disorders
 1966 Inwood Road, Dallas TX 75235
 [rollins@utdallas.edu](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cnagla%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CUsers%5Cnagla%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CTemporary%20Internet%20Files%5CContent.Outlook%5CKV3PUCVP%5Crollins%40utdallas.edu)

**Auditory Training Therapy:**

Janice Hardin, M.S., CCC-SP

Auditory Integration Training

3700 W. 15th Street, Suite 103

Plano, TX 75075

Phone: 972-964-7494

Sally Bober SLP

6905 Ave. K, Suite 206

Plano TX, 75074

Phone: 214-491-7704

Vision Audio Ease CD’s

(discs that can be used for auditory training at home)

10840 Pfeffers Road

Kingsville, MD 21087

Phone: 214-924-9557

Scientific Learning Corporation (Fast Forward)

300 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 500

Oakland, CA 94612-2040

Phone: 1-888-358-0212

Fax: 510-444-3580

Email: customerservice@scilearn.com

Janice Hardin, M.S. ,CCC-SP

Auditory Integration Training

3700 W. 15th Street, Suite 102

Plano, TX 75075

Phone: 972-964-7494

**Occupational Therapy:**

Speech and Occupational Therapy of North Texas LLC

Phone: 972-424-0148

Website: [www.eastsidespeech.com/Ots.html](http://www.eastsidespeech.com/Ots.html)

University of North Texas Kristin Farmer Autism Center
940-369-5373
[www.autism.unt.edu](http://www.autism.unt.edu)

Easter Seals North Texas

888-617-7171 or 972-394-8900

[www.ntx.easterseals.com](http://www.ntx.easterseals.com)

info@ntx.easterseals.com

Two locations:

Trinity Center

4443 N Josey Ln Ste 100

Carrollton, TX 75010

Oak Cliff Center

4201 Brook Spring Dr Bldg II

Dallas, TX 75224

Additional Kare for Kids

400 N Allen Dr

Allen, TX 75103

Phone: 469-912-0005

Pat Matzke & Mary Pat Bragers

4011 West Plano Parkway, Suite 118

Plano, TX 75093-5629

Phone: 972-596-6192

The Handwriting Clinic

Jan McClesky, MA OTR

1771 International Pkwy #101

Richardson,TX75081

Phone: 972-633-1974

Sage Care Therapy Services
Pediatric Home Health Therapy Provider
214-295-5374
[www.sagecaretherapy.com](http://www.sagecaretherapy.com)

**Physical Therapy:**

Easter Seals North Texas

888-617-7171 or 972-394-8900

[www.ntx.easterseals.com](http://www.ntx.easterseals.com)

info@ntx.easterseals.com

Two locations:

Trinity Center

4443 N Josey Ln Ste 100

Carrollton, TX 75010

Oak Cliff Center

4201 Brook Spring Dr Bldg II

### Dallas, TX 75224

Integrative Pediatric Therapy

Sally N. Fryer, P.T. (Physical Therapist)

Pediatric Physical Therapy, Sensory Integration Therapy and

CranioSacral Therapy

12860 Hillcrest Rd., Suite 100

Dallas, TX 75230-1530

Phone: 972-608-0909

Sage Care Therapy Services
Pediatric Home Health Therapy Provider
214-295-5374
[www.sagecaretherapy.com](http://www.sagecaretherapy.com)

**Neurofeedback Therapy:**

Dr. Jonathan Walker M. D.

12870 Hillcrest, Suite 201

Dallas TX 75230

Phone: (972) 991-1153

Fax: (972) 991-1346

Email: admin@neurotherapydallas.com

Website: www.neurotherapydallas.com

The Fit Mind

Sherene McGee

1211 Bel Air

Allen, TX 75013

Phone: 214-577-3117

Email: fitmind@swbell.net

Crossroads Counseling & Neurofeedback

William W. Bush MA LMFT

Mary R. Vernon MS LPC

1221 W. Campbell #109

Richardson, TX 75080

Phone: 972 918 9100

**Music and Dance Therapy:**

Southwestern Music Therapy

Marcie Friedman
 **214-227-1006** <http://www.southwesternmusictherapy.com/>

UNT Autism Center
[www.autism.unt.edu](http://www.autism.unt.edu)
(940) 369-7426

Center for Ballet Arts (CBA).
Morgan Leigh, B.F.A., M.F.A.
dance and rhythmic music to enable children to break through their shells and connect to their surrounding world.

morgan@centerforballetarts.com

940-999-7579

**Music Together**

**Gila Vinokur** 6612 Gold Dust Trail
 Dallas, TX 75252
 (972) 267-4452

**Cognitive Skills Training:**

Learning Rx

5136 Village Creek Dr., Suite 501

Plano, TX 75093

Phone: 972-267-8900

Website: www.learningrx.com

Academic Tutoring and Support

Bridge Builder Academy

1221 W Campbell Rd

Richardson, TX 75080

Phone: 972-516-8844

Website: www.bridgebuilderacademy.com/

**Applied Behavior Analysis:**

The Behavior Exchange

Tammy Cline, M.Ed., BCBA

6105 Windcom Court, Ste 400

Plano, Texas 75093

Phone: 972-312-8733

Email: tammylynncline@aol.com

Website: [www.behaviorexchange.com](http://www.behaviorexchange.com)

University of North Texas Kristin Farmer Autism Center
940-369-5373
[www.autism.unt.edu](http://www.autism.unt.edu)

ABA of North Texas
Susie Krecji BCBA
1410 14th Street
Plano, Texas 75074
(972)650-6708
<http://www.abanorthtexas.com/>

Brent Woodall Foundation for Exceptional Children

3021 Gateway DR Suite 295

Irving, TX 75063

Phone: 972-756-9170

Website: www.woodallkids.org

Cristina Busu Carter, M.S., BCBA

Help Hope Solutions

6101 Windcom Ct #600

Plano, TX 75093

Phone: 214-926-3084

Fax: 972-964-6412

E-Mail: cbusu@verizon.net

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[www.ntx.easterseals.com](http://www.ntx.easterseals.com)

info@ntx.easterseals.com

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Carrollton, TX 75010

Oak Cliff Center

4201 Brook Spring Dr Bldg II

Dallas, TX 75224

Texas Star Academy

303 W Nash St

Grapevine, TX 76051

Ft Worth Center

1424 Hemphill St

Ft Worth, TX 76104

All Behaviors Considered
Archana Dhurka M.S., BCBA
Website: <https://www.facebook.com/AllBehaviorsCondisdered>
Email: adhurka@gmail.com
Phone: 214-334-6659

The Academy of Social and Sensory Development

Sheila Slater

Phone:469-855-3558

Email: sheila@slatter.us

Website: www.socialskillsacademy.com

Nikki Moses

Consulting for Children LLC

5301 Village Creek Suite B&C

Plano,TX 75093

Phone: 972-735-8080

[www.4thespectrum.com](http://www.4thespectrum.com)

Therapy and Beyond/ Teach Me LLC.

2020 E Hebron Pkwy #120

Carrollton, TX 75007

Website: [www.therapyandbeyond.com](http://www.therapyandbeyond.com)

Phone:469-892-7500

Regan Roth, BCBA

Dallas, TX

Phone: 972-742-0807

Email: reganfitzgerald@bestaba.com

Jill McLaury, BCBA

Hurst, TX

Phone: 817-938-7573

Email: jillmclaury@sbcglobal.net

Amy Sexton, BCBA

Flower Mound, TX

Phone: 469-569-9989

Email: amyecco@yahoo.com

Duy Le, BCBA

Child Study Center

Fort Worth, TX

Phone: 817-390-2823

Email: Duyle@cscfw.org

Behavior Frontiers, LLC

12200 Ford Road, Suite 189

Dallas, TX 75234

**T** 972.587.2300

**F** 972.587.2304
 Website: <http://behaviorfrontiers.com/>

Lone Star Solutions
Dana Daniel MS,LSSP, BCBA
1112 East Copeland Rd Suite 310

Arlington, TX 76011

Phone: 817-265-2344
[www.lonestarsolutions.org](http://www.lonestarsolutions.org)

Wayman Learning Center

Gail Wayman, M.Ed., BCBA

4225 W Parker Rd

Plano, TX 75093

Phone :972-212-6504

Email: twc@thewaymancenter.com

Behavioral Innovations

Consulting Services and Treatment Center

Lori Russo, MS, BCBA

Carla Edwards, MS, BCBA

Dallas, TX

Phone: 855-782-7822

www.startaba.com

Lovaas Institute for Early Intervention - LIFE

2566 Overland Avenue, Suite #350

Los Angeles, CA. 90064

[www.lovaas.com](http://www.lovaas.com)

\*(will send consultants locally to you)

Autism Partnership

Dr. Ronald Leaf

Dr. John McEachin

200 Marina Dr.

Seal Beach, Ca. 90740

562-431- 9293

\*( have local and semi-local consultants)

Behavior Analytic Services

Duy D. Le, M.S. (Behavior Analyst)

Child Study Center

1300 W. Lancaster Ave.

Fort Worth, TX 76102-3484

Phone: 817-390-2900

**Early Intervention:**

ECI Life Path

P.O. Box 828

McKinney, TX 75070

Phone: 1-877-789-8889

972-359-1110

Fax: 972-359-1119

Email: info@eci-lps.org

CP Preparatory School

PreK3 program thru Mesquite ISD
972-222-7808

[WWW.CPPREPSCHOOL.COM](http://WWW.CPPREPSCHOOL.COM)

Children’s Developmental Center

5805 Coit Rd Suite 403

Plano, TX 75093

Phone:972-964-1500

**Developmental Therapy:**

Dr. Michelle MacAlpine, PhD

Brain Training

2301 Ohio Dr #234

Plano, TX 75093

Phone: 972-964-8510

University of Texas at Dallas (Callier Center)

Preverbal Communication Program (involves speech)

Dallas Campus 214-905-3000

Richardson Campus 972-883-3630

UNT Kristin Farmer Autism Center
[www.autism.unt.edu](http://www.autism.unt.edu)
(940) 369-5373

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Dallas, TX 75224

Texas Star Academy

303 W Nash St

Grapevine, TX 76051

Ft Worth Center

1424 Hemphill St

Ft Worth, TX 76104

**Environmental / Allergy:**

Dr. William Rea

Environmental Health Center

8345 Walnut Hill Lane, Suite 220

Dallas, TX 75231

Phone: 972-368-4132

Dr. Mary Ann Block

1750 Norwood

Hurst, TX 76054

Phone: 817-280-9933

Website: www.blockcenter.com

\*(listed as a DAN Doctor)

Dr. Seshagiri Rao (Pediatric Allergist)

3016 Communications Pkwy Suite 100

Plano, TX 75093

Phone: 972-964-7373

Dr. Alfred Johnson DO

997 Hampshire Ln

Richardson, TX 75080

Phone: 972-479-0400

Kotsanis Institute

Dr. Constantine Kotsanis

Mind and Body Health Center

2260 Pool Rd

Grapevine, TX 76051

Phone: 817-481-6342

Daniel J. Chartrand, M.D.

Harmony Family Health

406 W Main St.

Allen, TX 75013

Phone: 972-977-7496

Website: [www.HarmonyFamilyHealth.com](http://www.HarmonyFamilyHealth.com)

"Autism & ADHD Institute of Texas"
 NAET Allergy Treatment
 Zhanping (Louie) Lu DC, MD in China
 425 Maplelawn Dr. Suite # 101
 Plano, TX 75075
 972-519-8488
 [www.autismtx.com](http://www.autismtx.com)

**Nutrition / Diet:**

Faye Elahi M.S., M. A.

6101 Windcom Ct., Suite 100

Plano, TX 75093

Phone:214-437-1297

Email: faye@specialneedsnutrition.com

UNT Autism Center
[www.autism.unt.edu](http://www.autism.unt.edu)
(940) 369-7426

Elizabeth Strickland M.S., RD, LD

Phone: 830-237-2886

Email: ASDpuzzle@aol.com

Website: [www.asdpuzzle.com](http://www.asdpuzzle.com/)

Laura Kopec MA CNC

Phone: 972-649-4207

**FACILITIES / SCHOOLS**

**Private School Listings for the North Texas area can be found at:**

[**http://www.dallasrelo.com/privateschools.html**](http://www.dallasrelo.com/privateschools.html)

Easter Seals North Texas

888-617-7171 or 972-394-8900

[www.ntx.easterseals.com](http://www.ntx.easterseals.com)

info@ntx.easterseals.com

One location:

Texas Star Academy

303 W Nash St

Grapevine, TX 76051

The Warren Center

Occupational Therapy/ Physical Therapy/Social skills groups

320 Custer Rd

Richardson, TX 75080

Phone: 972-490-9055

UNT Kristin Farmer Autism Center
[www.autism.unt.edu](http://www.autism.unt.edu)
(940) 369-7426

North Texas Therapy Innovations

Betty McBride, OTR

11886 Greenville Avenue Suite 110

Dallas, TX 75243

Phone: 214-349-6178

Integrative Pediatric Therapy

Sally Fryer, P.T., CST

Main Clinic

12850 Hillcrest Road Suite F104

Dallas, TX 75230

Phone: 972-404-3077

Shelton School Clinic – 15720 Hillcrest Road

Phone: 972-774-1772 ext2498

Plano Location

6101 Windcom Ct Suite 100

Plano, TX 75093

Phone: 972-608-0909

Playworks Pediatric Therapy Services

Sandy Buttine, OTR

(Occupational & Speech Therapy)

12880 Hillcrest Road, Suite 102

Dallas, TX 75230

Phone: 972-387-1100

Dallas Services Therapies Clinic

4242 Office Parkway

Dallas, TX 75204

Phone: 214-828-9900

Star Tracks

(Speech & Occupational Group)

Diane Kalik, OTR

Phone: 972-742-4148

or

Julie Hobert, M.A. CCC/SLP

972-342-5985

Jewish Family Service

Social skills classes

5402 Arapaho Road

Dallas, TX 75248

Phone: 972-437-9950

Autism Treatment Center

10503 Metric Drive

Dallas, TX 75243

Phone: 972-470-9220

Shelton School

15720 Hillcrest Road

Dallas, TX 75248-4161

Phone: 972-774-1772

The Notre Dame School of Dallas

Theresa Francis, Principal

2018 Allen Street

Dallas, TX 75204

Phone: 214-720-3911

Dallas Day School

4242 Office Parkway

Dallas, TX 75204

Phone: 214-828-9900

Child Study Center

Vicki Goodrich

1300 W. Lancaster Ave.

Fort Worth, TX 76102

Phone: 817-390-2943

817-336-8611

817-390-2900

Vanguard Preparatory School

Contact Rosalind Funderburgh

[www.vanguardprepschool.com](http://www.vanguardprepschool.com)

972-404-1616

**Wills, Trusts, Special Needs Planning**

**Richard O’Connor**8111 Preston Rd #550, Dallas, TX 75225

(214) 691-3400

Macy A. Melton

Attorney at Law

The Humble Law Firm, PLLC

1400 Preston Road, Suite 400

Plano, Texas 75093

469-235-5551

Life Planning for Families

TJ Kroehle and Mike Degucchi
[**http://www.txlifeplanning.com/index.html**](http://www.txlifeplanning.com/index.html)3939 Belt Line Rd #310 Addison, TX 75001
Phone: (972) 964-34443939

**RESOURCES OF INFORMATION**

**Organizations:**

National Autism Association of North Texas (NAA-NT)

P.O. Box 261209

Plano, TX 75026-1209

Phone: 214-925-2722

Website: <http://naa-nt.org/>

## Easter Seals North Texas

888-617-7171 or 972-394-8900

[www.ntx.easterseals.com](http://www.ntx.easterseals.com)

info@ntx.easterseals.com

Families for Early Autism Treatment: (FEAT)

FEAT-NT

P.O. Box 211764

Bedford, TX 76095

Phone: 972-245-8722

Website: [www.FEATNT.org](http://www.FEATNT.org)

UNT Autism Center
[www.autism.unt.edu](http://www.autism.unt.edu)
(940) 369-7426

Dallas Asperger Network for Information, Support, and Help (DANISH)

Nancy Mandell

Email: merinance4@aol.com

The Arc of Dallas

12700 Hillcrest, Suite 200

Dallas, Texas 75230

Phone: 214-634-9810

or

1-877-628-1515

Fax: 214-634-9815

Email: info@arcdallas.org

The Autism Society of America

7910 Woodmont Ave. Suite 300

Bethesda, Maryland 20814

Phone: 1-800-3Autism

Website: www.autism-society.org

The King’s Commission Special Needs Ministry

Arapaho Baptist Church

Michelle Moore

2256 Arapaho Road

Garland, TX 75044

972-495-2223, ext. 73

Joni & Friends Family Retreats

10310 N. Central Expwy., Suite 350

Dallas, TX 75231

Phone: 214-739-2523

Or Karen Greebon: 972-385-4001

**Newsletters:**

NAA-NT Newsletter

National Autism Association of North Texas newsletter

The Advocate

The Newsletter of the Autism Society of America

-must be a member of the ASA

- membership fees (individual $25.00 and family $35.00)

FEAT-NT Newsletter

-sign up to receive (no fee)

-membership is free

**Books:**

Autism: Effective Biomedical Treatments

by Jon B. Pangborn, Ph.D. and Sidney M. Baker, M.D.

Recovering Autistic Children

Edited by Stephen M. Edelson, Ph.D. and Bernard Rimland, Ph.D

“Unraveling the Mystery of Autism and PDD”

(A Mother’s story of Research and Recovery)

by Karyn Seroussi

“Let Me Hear Your Voice”

by Catherine Maurice

“Special Diets for Special Kids”

by Lisa Lewis

“Autism: Handle with Care”

by Gail Gillingham

“Thinking in Pictures”

by Temple Grandin

“Is This Your Child?”

Allergies, Intolerances & Sensitivities

by Dr. Doris Rapp

“An Anthropologist on Mars”

by Temple Grandin

 College Guide For Students with Learning Disabilities
http://www.bestcolleges.com/resources/college-planning-with-learning-disabilities/

Children with Autism

A Parent’s Guide

by Michael D. Powers

Understanding and Teaching Children with Autism

by Rita Jordan and Stuart Powell

**Catalogs:**

Autism Research Catalog

(952) 988-0088

Future Horizons

(Best Book Distributor on Autism)

Phone: 1-800-489-0727

or

817-277-0727

Website: www.FutureHorizons-Autism.com

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Check all copyright dates for the most up to date information on a certain subject.

Note: Inspirational books are timeless!

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<http://www.collegedisabilityadvocates.com>

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[SpecialEdAdvocate.org](http://www.ldadvocates.com)

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

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3936 Saturn Street

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Website: www.educationconsultantsinc.com

**Childcare / Babysitting**:

(please be sure to check any individuals out, their references, their backgrounds yourself, NAA-NT is not responsible for any background checks, references or incidents regarding child care, this list is for information purposes only)

Child care group:

Website: [www.childcaregroup.org/rr/RRSearchforCC.htm](http://www.childcaregroup.org/rr/RRSearchforCC.htm)

ARC of Dallas resources on childcare:

Website: [www.arcdallas.org/resources\_childcarefacilities.htm](http://www.arcdallas.org/resources_childcarefacilities.htm)

Around town Kids:

Website: [www.aroundtownkidsmckinney.com/html/ChildCare.htm](http://www.aroundtownkidsmckinney.com/html/ChildCare.htm)

Beyond Sitters:

Website: [www.beyondsitters.com](http://www.beyondsitters.com)

Adventure Kids Playcare:

Website: web.adventurekidsplaycare.com/about.html

Collaborative for children

(ask specifically for childcare for special needs children)

Website: [www.initiativesforchildren.org](http://www.initiativesforchildren.org)

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Attendant Care for Children with Special Needs

Phone: 972-849-7578

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[www.gonannies.com](http://www.gonannies.com)

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 Email: willmajas@sbcglobal.net Phone:214-483-2162
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Snrespitecare@yahoo.com
972-467-2015

Tamara Kasper (therapeutic babysitting, shadowing, respite)
Cell phone # 713-203-0514
e-mail is tamkasper@aol.com

Plano Family YMCA in Legacy
5101 Tennyson Parkway
Plano, TX 75024
Phone: (972) 378-9622
Fax: (972) 473-6274

Russell Creek Family YMCA
3300 McDermott
Plano, Tx 75025
(214) 705-9459
Metro (972) 335-2331

Mom's Best Friend
[www.mbfagency.com](http://www.mbfagency.com)
(972) 446-0500

Laurie Winn
214-585-1059

<http://www.lewisvilleymca.org/Index.cfm?FuseAction=Page&PageID=1000540>

Child care group:
<http://www.childcaregroup.org/rr/RRSearchforCC.htm>

ARC of Dallas resources on childcare:
<http://www.arcdallas.org/resources_childcarefacilities.htm>

<http://www.care.com/>

Around town Kids:
<http://www.aroundtownkidsmckinney.com/html/ChildCare.htm>

Alex Bradley: (18 yr old)
leighannbradley@aol.com

Beyond Sitters:
[www.beyondsitters.com](http://www.beyondsitters.com)

Attendant Network
<http://www.attendantnetwork.org/attnet/index.jsp>

Robin Montgomery is 15yo and also good with kids. She has a brother with Asperger Syndrome and did a research paper on autism to learn more about his challenges. She attends public school, while her brother is homeschooled. Her number is 972-517-2570

Catherine Irwin

469-222-5613

Adventure Kids Playcare:
<http://web.adventurekidsplaycare.com/about.html>

Collaborative for children: (ask specifically for childcare for special needs children)
<http://www.initiativesforchildren.org/>

Kids Night Out:   Call Addy Hjarpe at 972-941-7327 or email at addyh@plano.gov

Randa Sayage:  abegail252@sbcglobal.net

Special Needs Catering
Kira Bell
214-794-5213

Margerita Garcia:
Margie Garcia [lisa\_noemi2001@yahoo.com]

Giggles Sitter Services:

This was created to provide support for children with special needs and their families by providing in-home respite/babysitting services. All employees are trained in the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis and are CPR and First Aid certified.
To schedule services or for more information, please contact us at:
(817) 731-2293

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ejrahn@verizon.net

**Adult Services**

DARS (dept. of assistive and rehabilitative services)
Scott McCune DARS Area Manager
<http://www.dars.state.tx.us/supemp/providerlist.shtml>

Jewish Family Service, Dallas:
Services for Adults with Special Needs
General
(Please contact Gretchen Ladd, PhD at GLadd@JFSdallas.org or 972.437.9950.)
Psycho-Social Assessment / Individual Counseling
Diagnostic Testing
Family Counseling
Case Management
Social Skills Groups for Adults
Psychiatric Consultation
Employment
(Please contact Camille Kramer, MS, CDMS at CKramer@JFSdallas.org or 972.437.9950.)
Assessment of Job Skills
Job-Search Training
Interview Training
Job Development & Placement
Job Coaching
Long-Term Coordination with Employer
(Working in conjunction with the Texas
Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services

<http://www.nichcy.org/EducateChildren/transition_adulthood/Pages/adultservices.aspx>

High School and College Students Coaching and Support
Carol Laman: carol\_laman@att.net
214-912-8968

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College Living Experience Support<http://www.cleinc.net/home.aspx>
College Living Experience Austin
Martha Dorow, Admissions Coordinator
11800 Stonehollow Drive, Ste. 200, Austin,
TX 78758
512-339-7878 800-486-5058
[www.cleinc.net](http://www.cleinc.net)

Lifepath Systems (MHMR) STARR Employment program
Brent Harris, Employment Specialist
<http://www.lifepathsystems.org/MR/Docs/Document%20M.pdf>
<http://www.lifepathsystems.org/MR/Services.aspx>

My possibilities Day program for adults with special needs:
<http://www.mypossibilities.org/>

Achievement Center Day Habilitation
<http://www.achievementcenteroftexas.org/>

Launch Ability<http://www.launchability.org/>

Easter Seals North Texas employment services for adults with special needs<http://ntx.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=TXNW_workforce>

Imagine Enterprises Inc.
<http://www.imagineenterprises.com/>

Job Accommodation Network
<http://www.jan.wvu.edu/>
800-526-7234 (TTY 877-781-9403)

nonPareil Institute
Office Phone Number: 972-473-3593
Address: 5240 Tennyson Parkway, Suite 105, Plano, TX 75024
Mailing address: P.O. Box 260652, Plano, TX 75026-0652

Disability and Employment Campaign
<http://www.whatcanyoudocampaign.org/>

Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas
 www.dfwjobs.com
Teryl Cozby
Disability Navigator
Rockwall Workforce Center
Phone:972-722-1573 ext. 4204
Fax:   972-722-1798

**Professional Psychological Solutions, PLLC
Transition Training and social skills training for young adults 19-25 years of age.
Patrick M. Martin, Ph.D
Dr. Sylvia Garza**[**www.ppsdfw.com**](http://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.ppsdfw.com&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCNFemeCbCQuC5YsElLjS-z5299hmcQ)**.**[**drmartin@ppsdfw.com**](http://email18.secureserver.net/?&v=b&cs=wh&to=drmartin@ppsdfw.com) **214-537-5943**

REACH of Plano
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Location:
720 E. Park Blvd., Suite 104
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972-398-9649 fax
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REACH of Dallas
<http://www.reachcils.org/home/dallas.php4>
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Dallas,TX 75235-2275
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TTY: (214) 630-5995
Fax: (214) 630-6390
Email: reachdallas@reachcils.org

**Ready to Work program**
972-896-7800
[www.serviceprovidersolutions.org](http://www.serviceprovidersolutions.org)

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| Disability Program NavigatorJanice Ferguson Texas Workforce Commission101 East 15th St.Austin, TX 78778512-305-9637Janice.ferguson@twc.state.tx.us <http://www.doleta.gov/disability/new_dpn_grants.cfm> DARS Plano Field Office(214) 365-2800520 CENTRAL PARKWAY EAST SUITE 232 PLANO, TX 75074 |
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All Medicaid Waiver programs should have supported employment and habilitation opportunities for adults with special needs.  If you have CLASS or HCS, these services should be offered by the provider you choose.

Respite Activities:

Friday Night Out

Custer Road Methodist Church

6601 Custer Rd. (at Legacy)

Plano, TX

Phone: 972-618-3450

* Parents night out – 1st Friday of month
* Respite for Dev. Disability children

Kids Night Out

City of Plano Parks and Recreation

Therapeutic Recreation

Addy Hjarpe

Phone: 972-941- 7327

Email: addyh@plano.gov

* Parents night out – 2nd Friday ea. month
* Respite Care for Dev. Disability children (up to age 12)
* Donation basis- $5.00

**Recreation & Activities:**

Center for Ballet Arts (CBA).
Morgan Leigh, B.F.A., M.F.A.
dance and rhythmic music to enable children to break through their shells and connect to their surrounding world.

morgan@centerforballetarts.com

940-999-7579

Very Special Arts Festival:

Date varies year to year

Plano Center (Plano)

Joan Shopoff, Director of Plano Parks & Rec./ Therapeutic Recreation

Phone: 972-941-7272

Therapeutic Recreation-City of Plano Parks and Recreation

Activities vary

Addy Hjarpe

Phone: 972-941-7327

Email: addyh@plano.gov

or

Joan

Phone: 972-941-7272

Request a Therapeutic Recreation Brochure

ARTS for People (Artistic, Recreational & Therapeutic Services)

11300 N. Central Expressway, Suite 316

Dallas 75243

Phone: 214-891-9200

Non-profit organization that uses registered therapists and other artists/performers to provide music, dance, art, and storytelling services for people in nearly 100 local healthcare facilities and other community agencies.

Growth Through Aquatics

Special needs swim lessons

Phone: 972-686-4008

Equest Therapeutic Horsemanship

Therapeutic horseback riding program for children and adults with disabilities.

3800 Troy Rd

Wylie, TX Phone: 972-412-1099

Yoga for the Special Child

Lynne Silberman

Licensed Practitioner

Phone: 214-828-9900 ext. 214

Dallas Services, Inc.

A local non-profit organization dedicated to enabling individuals with disabilities and other special needs to achieve their potential by fostering community inclusiveness and independence

Website: [www.dallasservices.org](http://www.dallasservices.org/)

Spirit Horse Therapeutic Riding Center

1960 Post Oak Drive

Corinth, Texas 76210

Phone: 940-497-2946

Fax: 940-497-4439

Email: info@spirithorsetherapy.com

Angel League Athletic Association

T-Ball teams (and other sports) for special needs kids

Teams located in Allen, McKinney, Richardson, Plano, & other surrounding area cities.

Special Olympics of Texas

Dallas (214)943-9981

Plano (972)682-9030

**Hair Salons:**

Kids-B-Kids

3100 Independence Pkwy

Plano, TX 75075-9152

972-596-8979

Tots-N-Teens Family Hairkuts

2011 W. Spring Creek Pkwy., Suite 800

Plano, TX 75023

972-527-1816



**The Future**

Much has been learned about autism spectrum disorder in the last ten years. Autism is treatable. Now, with appropriate treatment, many people with autism are active, participating members of their communities. People with ASD can learn to compensate for and cope with their disability, often quite well. While each individual is unique, it may help to know that:

* Children with ASD are learning in general education classrooms with and from their peers.
* Students with ASD continue their education beyond high school. Some people with ASD graduate from college with masters and doctorates degrees!
* Adults with ASD, even those who face challenging symptoms, are capable of holding jobs in the community.
* People with ASD are living in a home or community of their own rather than institutions.
* People with ASD receive assistance and support in the natural settings of daily life (at school, on the job, and in their homes).
* People with ASD are becoming self-advocates. Some are forming networks to share information, support each other, and have their voices heard in the public arena.
* More frequently, people with ASD are attending and/or speaking at conferences and workshops on autism.
* People with ASD are providing valuable insight into the challenges of this disability by publishing articles and books and by appearing on television specials about their lives and their disabilities.
* Biomedical intervention along with educational therapies is recovering more and more children from autism every day.
* More and more children with autism are attending regular education classes and succeeding with support.



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

The National Autism Association of North Texas (NAA-NT) is a chapter of the National Autism Association (NAA) that was started in Plano, Texas on April 23rd, 2009. The mission of the National Autism Association is to educate and empower families affected by autism and other neurological disorders, while advocating on behalf of those who cannot fight for their own rights. To that end, NAA has launched several programs to support families dealing with autism such as the new safety program, FOUND, which provides immediate Project Lifesaver funding to counties nationwide. Project Lifesaver is a nationwide tracking program established to locate and rescue missing persons, namely those with cognitive impairments and developmental disabilities.

NAA has also launched the FAMILY FIRST PROGRAM. The divorce rate within the autism community has been creeping up for quite some time. With the explosion in autism cases many more challenges surface with couples in our community. Family First was launched to accomplish these four goals:

* To provide couples with access to counseling
* To provide couples with financial aid for counseling
* To raise awareness about the divorce rates within our community and around the country
* To provide a solid support system for all couples affected by autism.

Another wonderful program NAA has launched to support families is The Helping Hand Program which provides families with financial assistance in getting necessary biomedical treatments, supplements and therapy services for their child with autism.

NAA also provides education through yearly conferences that feature the latest autism treatments and therapies with nationally renowned speakers. NAA funds autism biomedical research through research grants, and is actively involved in advocating with our national politicians for autism awareness, autism services throughout the lifespan of individuals and insurance coverage for autism biomedical treatments.

Our chapter is following in the footsteps of our parent organization to provide support for families affected with autism, to educate our community about autism, to help train law enforcement officers in how to deal with individuals with autism. We are committed to bringing autism awareness, education, and information to parents, professionals and emergency personnel, and we are committed to providing programs and networking opportunities that will empower parents and help them navigate the difficult maze of autism treatments and therapies.

“No person was ever honored for what he received. He was honored for what he gave.”

– Calvin Coolidge

Our NAA honors each and every one of our contributors that have made all of the above programs possible. It is from what you gave that our families are able to move forward with success. Please consider a donation of any denomination this holiday season. With your help, our new year will bring many new beginnings for our families affected by Autism.

This letter can serve as your tax deductible contribution.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Amount given: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Amount: $10 ☐ $20 ☐ $30 ☐ $40 ☐ $50 ☐ Other $\_\_\_\_ ☐

Thank you so much!