

The Greater Baton Rouge Community Guide to Autism Spectrum Disorders Resources

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This guide has been compiled by the Opening Doors for Autism Committee of the Junior League of Baton Rouge and is available for download at www.brshf.org, www.juniorleaguebr.org or request an email copy at autism@juniorleaguebr.org.



Welcome, we're glad you're here.

The Junior League of Baton Rouge and the Opening Doors for Autism Committee is pleased to share the Greater Baton Rouge Community Guide to Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), developed by parents and professionals from the Greater Baton Rouge community.

This is certainly not an exhaustive listing of resources on ASD. Resources constantly change. Budget and size constraints limit entries, and therefore, this guide is not a complete listing of available resources.

The Junior League of Baton Rouge is a non-profit organization that depends on people like you to keep us informed of available ASD resources. If you find an error, or know of changes you would recommend for the next revision, please contact us at: autism@juniorleaguebr.org.

EDUCATION & SCHOOLS

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) guarantees children with disabilities the right to a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) to the maximum extent possible to prepare them for further education, employment, and independent living.

Louisiana Department of Education

www.doe.state.la.us

- Division of Student Standards, 225-342-3366
- Division of Educational Improvement and Assistance, 225-342-3513

Early Intervention: System Point of Entry

(Ages 0 - 3)

The ARC of Baton Rouge

www.arcbatonrouge.org

225-355-4461

The Office of Citizens with Developmental Disabilities, Early Steps Program

www.dhh.louisiana.gov/offices/?id=334

225-925-2426 / 866-925-2426

Other Educational/Vocational Resources

Louisiana Department of Education

www.louisianaschools.net

877-453-2721

Louisiana Rehabilitation Services

<http://www.dss.state.la.us/>

800-342-0286

Private School Programs

Aim for Success Preschool

www.abilitiesinfo.com

Angela Mitchell, M.Ed.

abilities.info@abilitiesinfo.com

225-292-4138

Catholic Diocese

www.csobr.org

specialed@csobr.org

225-383-3066

Country Day School

<http://countrydayschoolbr.com>

Carla Schild, Principal

225-928-4042 / 225-928-2115

The Dunham School

www.dunhamschool.org

225-767-7097

Gables Academy

www.gablesacademybr.com

225-752-9231

gablesbr@bellsouth.net

Greater Baton Rouge Hope Academy

www.hopeacademybr.org

Ann Felice Fourrier, School Director

225-293-0141

info@hopeacademybr.org

Public School Systems

Ascension Parish Public Schools

www.apsb.org

225-473-7981/225-261-2300

City of Baker School System

www.bakerschools.org

225-774-0283

Central Community School System

www.centralcsd.org

225-262-5795 (Main)

225-775-2202 (Special Ed)

East Baton Rouge Parish School System

www.ebrschools.org

225-929-8600

East Feliciana Parish School District

www.efpsb.k12.la.us

225-683-8277

Iberville Parish School Board

www.ipsb.net

225-687-5400

Livingston Parish Public Schools

www.lpsb.org

225-667-7044

Pointe Coupee Parish Public Schools

<http://pointecoupee.groupfusion.net>

225-638-8674

West Baton Rouge Parish School System

www.wbrschools.net

225-343-8309

West Feliciana Public Schools

www.wfpsb.org

225-635-3891

Zachary Community School System

www.zacharyschools.org

225-658-4969

GOVERNMENTAL & FINANCIAL SERVICES

Bureau of Community Supports and Services

800-660-0488

- Waiver Registry

Family Opportunity Act Medicaid

www.medicaid.dhh.louisiana.gov

888-342-6207

Helping Hand Program

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

Home and Community Based Waiver

www.dhh.state.la.us

Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Children's Special Health Services

<http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov/offices/?ID=256>

225-242-4890

National Autism Association - Family First Program

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

U.S. Social Security Administration

<http://www.ssa.gov/>

800-772-1213

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi>

UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation

<http://www.uhccf.org/apply.html>

800-328-5979 (Ext. 24459)

<https://>

www.unitedhealthcarechildrensfoundation.org/application/apply.Html

LEGAL ADVOCACY

Advocacy Center

- Baton Rouge Branch -225-925-8884 / 800-711-1696
- New Orleans Main Branch - www.advocacyla.org; 504-522-2337 / 800-960-7705

The ARC of Louisiana

225-383-1033

www.thearca.org

The Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates, Inc. (COPAA)

410-372-0208

www.copaa.org

Louisiana Department of Education - Legal Rights and Procedures

<http://www.louisianaschools.net/ldel/uploads/4966.pdf>

225-342-3513

Louisiana Law Help

www.lawhelp.org/LA

Wrightslaw

www.wrightslaw.com

LOCAL SUPPORT/ PARENT GROUPS

Autism – PDDNOS of Baton Rouge

<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/autsim-pddofbr>

Baton Rouge Late Bloomers

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/brlatebloomers>

Capital Area Action for Adults with Autism Network (CAAAAN)

225-757-8890

Disabilities Information ACCESS Line (DIAL)

800-922-3425

Gulf Coast Teaching Family Services

800-766-2291

www.donategulfcoast.org

Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge, Inc.

225-216-7474

www.fhfgbr.org

Family Service Coordination

225-929-8629

LaDisability Talk

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LaDisabilityTalk/>

Louisiana Parent Training and Information Center (Formerly Project Prompt)

www.laptic.org

504-888-9111 / 800-766-7736

Louisiana State Autism Chapter

800-955-3760

www.lastateautism.org

Meet Up (LA)

- Special Needs Parents - <http://spclneedsparents.meetup.com>
- Autism - <http://autism.meetup.com/>
- Aspie's Meetup: <http://aspergers.meetup.com/>

Louisiana Citizens for Action Now (LaCAN)

www.lacanadvocates.org

Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council

<http://www.laddc.org>

Louisiana Families for the Effective Autism Treatment (LOUfeat)

www.loufeat.blogspot.com/

Louisiana Together Educating All Children (LaTEACH)

800-894-6558 / 337-436-2570

www.laddc.org

National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY)

225-336-8770

<http://www.nichcy.org/stateshe/la.htm>

ONLINE & NATIONAL RESOURCES

4 Paws For Ability

www.4pawsforability.org/autismdogs.htm

Asperger Syndrome Education Network

(ASPEN) 732-321-0880

www.aspennj.org

Autism Inspiration

www.autisminspiration.com

Autism Online

www.autisonline.org

Autism and PDD Support Network

www.autism-pdd.net

Autism Research Institute

www.autism.com

Autism Service Dogs of America

www.autismservicedogsofamerica.com

Autism Society of America (ASA)

www.autism-society.org

Autism Speaks

www.autismspeaks.org

Autism Today

www.autismtoday.com

AutismWeb

www.autismweb.com

CDC's National Immunization Program's "Vaccines and Autism" Internet Site

www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety

do2Learn

www.do2learn.com

Exploring Autism

www.exploringautism.org

First Signs 978-346-4380

www.firstsigns.org

Interactive Autism Network

www.ianproject.org

Job Accommodation Network

www.jan.wvu.edu

800-526-7234 / 877-781-9403 (TTY)

Law Enforcement & Autism

<http://policeandautism.cjb.net>

"Learn the Signs. Act Early."

www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/actearly/default.htm

MAAP Services for Autism, Asperger's, and PDD 219-662-1311

www.maapservices.org

Military Tool Kit for Special Needs

www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/portal/page/itc/MHF/MH

National Autism Association

www.NationalAutismAssociation.org

National Institute of Child Health & Human Development

www.nichd.nih.gov/autism

North Star Foundation

<http://www.northstardogs.com/autism.shtml>

Online Asperger Syndrome Information and Support (OASIS)

www.udel.edu/bkirby/asperger

Organization for Autism Research

www.researchautism.org 703-351-5031

Unlocking Autism

www.unlockingautism.org

MEDICAL & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Academy of Pediatrics (Louisiana's Chapter)

www.laaap.org

225-925-7239

Association for Behavior Analysis International

www.ABAinternational.org

269-492-9310

Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc.

www.BACB.com

Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians

www.lafp.org

225-923-3313

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

www.lsbep.org

225-763-3935

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

www.labswe.org

225-756-3470

Southwestern Society of Pediatric Dentistry

www.aapd.org/district5

888-840-4500

RECREATIONAL SERVICES

The ARC of Baton Rouge

www.arcbatonrouge.org

225-927-0855

BREC

www.brec.org

225-926-4659 Camp Sunshine

225-216-7474 Dances for Adults with

Disabilities

225-769-7805 Therapeutic Horseback Riding

Program

The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Annual Pass

http://www.nps.gov/fees_passes.htm

<http://store.usgs.gov/pass/access.html>

SERVICE & THERAPY PROVIDERS

Diagnosis/Assessment Services

The Baton Rouge Clinic, Pediatric Neurology

www.batonrougeclinic.com

225-769-4044

Capital Area Human Services District (Developmental Disabilities Division)

www.cahsd.org/08homeDDFrameset.html

225-925-1910

Family Focus

www.familyfocusbr.com

225-231-7155

Early Steps

www.dhh.louisiana.gov/offices/?id=334

225-925-2426 / 866-925-2426

McMain's Children's Developmental Center

www.mcmainscdc.org

225-923-3420

Office of Mental Health, Early Childhood Supports and Services

<http://ecssla.org>

225-219-4900

Children's Hospital

www.chnola.org/content/psychology.htm

504-896-9484

Multidisciplinary Service Programs

Abilities for Speech and Language

www.abilitiesinfo.com

225-292-4138

The ARC of Baton Rouge

www.arcbatonrouge.org

225-355-4461

Baton Rouge General Pediatric Rehabilitation Center

www.brgeneral.org

225-381-6804

Early Steps

www.dhh.louisiana.gov/offices/?id=334

225-925-2426 / 866-925-2426

McMain's Children's Developmental Center

www.mcmainscdc.org

225-923-3420

NeuroTherapy Specialists, Inc.

www.neurotherapyspecialists.net

225-926-1838

Our Lady of the Lake Outpatient Pediatric Therapy

225-765-8743

River West Medical Center

www.riverwestmc.com

225-687-5680

Speech/Language Service Providers**Access to Better Communication**www.accesstobettercommunication.com

225-930-0208

Associates III Hearing, Speech and Learning Center

225-227-6242

Baton Rouge Speech and Hearing Foundationwww.brshf.org

225-343-4232

Connecting For Communication, LLCwww.connectingforcommunication.com

225-612-7762

Interactive Communication, LLC

225-802-9430

Lane Memorial Hospitalwww.lanermc.org

225-658-4000

LSU Speech Language and Hearing Clinic

225-578-9054

Relationship Development Intervention, RDIwww.rdiconnect.com**Speech Pathology Center of Louisiana**www.speechpathologycenter.com

225-923-1140

Southeastern University-Speech-Language-Hearing Clinicwww.selu.edu/acad_research/depts/csd/slh_clinic/index.html

985-549-2214

Mental Health and Other Therapy Services**Behavioral Intervention Group**www.big-br.com

225-921-2857

Capital Area Human Services, Child/Adolescent Behavioral Healthwww.cahsd.org/03homeMHCSFrameset.html

225-922-0445

Family Focuswww.familyfocusbr.com

225-231-7155

Family Service of Greater BRwww.fsgbr.org

225-924-0123

Family Therapy Clinic of Louisiana

225-927-2455

LSU Department of Psychological Services

225-578-1494

McMain's Children's Developmental Centerwww.mcmainscdc.org

225-923-3420

Mercy Family Center (Mandeville, LA)www.mercyfamilycenter.com

985-727-7993

Services for Adults with ASD

Adult Protective Services

800-898-4910

The ARC of Baton Rouge

www.arcbatonrouge.org

225-355-4461

Best Buddies

www.bestbuddieslouisiana.org

225-768-8430

Capital Area Agency on Aging

www.capitalaaa.org

225-925-7674 / 800-833-9883

Capital Area Action for Adults with Autism Network (CAAAAN)

225-757-8890

Gulf Coast Teaching Family Services

www.donategulfcoast.org/programs.phd

800-766-2291

Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs

877-668-2722

Louisiana Aging and Disability Information Station

www.louisianaanswers.com

800-738-2256

Louisiana Assistive Technology Access Network (LATAN)

www.latan.org

800-270-6185 / 225-925-9500

Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

www.dhh.louisiana.gov/offices/?ID=77

225-342-0095

Louisiana Department of Education, Transition from School Age Services to Adult Services

www.doe.state.la.us

225-342-0520

Louisiana Department of Social Services, Louisiana Rehabilitation Services

www.dss.state.la.us/departments/lrs/

[Vocational Rehabilitation.html](#)

800-737-8966

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