

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

225-927-0855

The Office of Citizens with Developmental Disabilities, Early Steps Program

www.dhh.louisiana.gov/offices

225-342-0095 / 866-783-5553

Other Educational/Vocational Resources

Louisiana Department of Education

www.louisianaschools.net

877-453-2721

Department of Children and Family Services

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

800-524-3578

Private School Programs

Aim for Success Preschool

www.abilitiesinfo.com

abilities.info@abilitiesinfo.com

225-292-4138

Catholic Diocese

Catholic Schools Special Education Program

www.csobr.org

225-356-4239

Country Day School

<http://countrydayschoolbr.com>

225-928-4042

The Dunham School

www.dunhamschool.org

225-767-7097

Greater Baton Rouge Hope Academy

www.hopeacademybr.org

225-293-0141

St. Lillian Academy

<http://stlillian.org>

225-771-8173

Public School Systems

Ascension Parish Public Schools

www.apsb.org

225-391-7000/225-257-2000

City of Baker School System

www.bakerschools.org

225-774-5795

Central Community School System

www.centralcsd.org

225-262-1919 (Main)

225-650-2905 (Special Ed)

East Baton Rouge Parish School System

www.ebrschools.org

225-922-5400

East Feliciana Parish School District

www.efpsb.k12.la.us

225-683-8277

Iberville Parish School Board

www.iprb.net

225-687-4341

Livingston Parish Public Schools

www.lpsb.org

225-686-7044

Pointe Coupee Parish Public Schools

www.pcpsb.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

Home and Community Based Waiver
www.dhh.state.la.us

Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Children's Special Health Services
www.prd.doa.louisiana.gov/laservices
225-242-4890

National Autism Association
<http://www.nationalautismassociation.org>
877-622-2884

U.S. Social Security Administration
<http://www.ssa.gov/>
800-772-1213

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi>

United Healthcare Children's Foundation
<http://www.uhccf.org/apply.html>
855-698-4223

LEGAL ADVOCACY

Advocacy Center

Baton Rouge Branch
225-925-8884 / 800-960-7705

New Orleans Main Branch -
www.advocacyla.org
504-522-2337 / 800-960-7705

The ARC of Louisiana
225-383-1033 / 866-966-6260
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
www.louisianabelieves.com
877-453-2721

Louisiana Law Help
www.lawhelp.org/LA

Wrightslaw
www.wrightslaw.com

LOCAL SUPPORT/ PARENT GROUPS

Autism Society of LA
www.lastateautism.org
800-955-3760

Baton Rouge Late Bloomers
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/brlatebloomers>

Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD)
<http://batonrouge.centerforautism.com>
855-345-2273

Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge, Inc.
225-216-7474 / 800-922-3425
www.fhfgbr.org

Family Service Coordination
225-929-8629

Gulf Coast Teaching Family Services
www.gctfs.org/baton_rouge.php
800-759-2975

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

Louisiana Parent Training and Information Center (LaPTIC)
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
225-342-6804 / 800-450-8108

Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council
<http://www.laddc.org>
225-342-6804 / 800-450-8108

Louisiana Families for the Effective Autism Treatment (LOUfeat)
www.loufeat.blogspot.com/

Louisiana Together Educating All Children (LaTEACH)
225-342-6804 / 800-450-8108
www.laddc.org

ONLINE & NATIONAL RESOURCES

4 Paws For Ability

www.4pawsforability.org/autism-assistance-gdog

Asperger Syndrome Education Network (ASPEN) 732-321-0880

www.aspenj.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.askjan.org

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

"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.aspergerssyndrome.org

Military Tool Kit for Special Needs

www.militaryonesource.mil/efmp/parent-tool-kit

National Autism Association

www.NationalAutismAssociation.org

National Institute of Child Health & Human Development

www.nichd.nih.gov/health/topics/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 &

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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/clientsandfamilies/services/developmental.html
225-922-2700

Family Focus
www.familyfocusbr.com
225-231-7155

Early Steps
www.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/139/n/139
225-925-2426 / 866-925-2426

McMain's Children's Developmental Center
www.mcmainscdc.org
225-923-3420

Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center Pediatric Development & Therapy Center
www.ololphysianguroup.com
225-765-6346

Children's Hospital
www.chnola.org/content/psychology.htm
504-896-9484

The Autism Center at Children's Hospital
www.chnola.org/autism
504-896-7272

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/services/pediatrics#tabs-2
225-381-6527

Early Steps
www.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/139/n/139
225-925-2426 / 866-925-2426

McMain's Children's Developmental Center
www.mcmainscdc.org
225-923-3420

NeuroTherapy Specialists, Inc.
www.neurotherapyspecialists.net
225-272-0150

Our Lady of the Lake Outpatient Pediatric Therapy
225-765-8743

Speech/Language Service Providers

Access to Better Communication

www.abc.louisiana.com

225-930-0208

Connecting For Communication, LLC

www.connectingforcommunication.com

225-767-5032

The Emerge Center

www.emergela.org

225-343-4232

Interactive Communication, LLC

www.interactivecommunicationbr.com

225-802-9430

Lane Memorial Hospital

www.lanermc.org

225-658-4000

LSU Speech Language and Hearing Clinic

225-578-9054

Relationship Development Intervention, RDI

www.rdiconnect.com

866-378-6405

Speech Pathology Center of Louisiana

www.speechpathologycenter.com

225-923-1140

Southeastern University-Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic

www.selu.edu/acad_research/depts/coun_hd/slh_clinic/index.html

985-549-2214

Mental Health and Other Therapy Services

Behavioral Intervention Group

www.big-br.com

225-757-8002

Capital Area Human Services, Child/Adolescent Behavioral Health

www.cahsd.org/clientsandfamilies/services/child_adolescent.html

255-922-0445

Family Focus

www.familyfocusbr.com

225-231-7155

Family Service of Greater BR

www.fsgbr.org

225-924-0123

Family Therapy Clinic of Louisiana

www.ftcla.com

225-292-0155

LSU Department of Psychological Services

225-578-1494

McMain's Children's Developmental Center

www.mcmainscdc.org

225-923-3420

Mercy Family Center (Mandeville, LA)

www.mercy.net

985-727-7993

Services for Adults with ASD

Adult Protective Services

www.dhh-louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/129/n/130
800-898-4910

The ARC of Baton Rouge

www.arcbatonrouge.org
225-355-4461

Autism Society of LA

www.lastateautism.org
800-955-3760

Best Buddies

www.facebook.com/best.louisiana

Capital Area Agency on Aging

www.capitalaaa.org
225-922-2525 / 800-833-9883

Gulf Coast Teaching Family Services

www.gctfs.org/baton_rouge.php
800-759-2975

Governor's Office of Disability Affairs

www.goea.louisiana.gov
225-342-7100 / 877-668-2722

Louisiana Aging and Disability Information Station

www.louisianaanswers.com
800-280-0908

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.louisianabelieves.com/academics/students-with-disabilities
877-453-2721

Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services

www.dss.state.la.us
888-524-3578

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