



Empower Autism

2012 WNC Resource List

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THANK YOU.

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Assessments (Diagnostic and Developmental)

1. Olson Huff Center: Offers integrated medical, behavioral and rehabilitation services
828-213-1780
www.missionchildrenshospital.org/huffcenter
2. North Carolina Early Intervention Branch (NCEI) has 18 Children's Developmental Services Agencies (CDSA's) that help families with young children with special needs (birth to 3 years old). CDSA's vary by county.
Buncombe County: 828-251-6091
<http://www.beeearly.nc.gov/index.php/>
3. TEACCH: Treatment and Education of Autism and related Communication-handicapped Children—A Diagnostic and Education Center.
828-251-6319
www.teacch.com
4. Tawney Sankey, school psychologist, LPA : Evaluations (developmental IQ, Achievement) for ages 4-21.
828-505-3649
Tawney2425@hotmail.com
5. Martha Perry, PhD
spectrumDr@yahoo.com

Early Intervention

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3. St. Gerard House: a non-profit ministry in Hendersonville, NC, that offers evidence-based treatment for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), learning disabilities, developmental delays, and behavioral health needs. ABA Preschool.
(828) 693-4223
<http://stgerardhouse.com/>

Family Support

1. Autism Society of North Carolina: Provides free workshops for families, parent support groups, free parent advocacy, as well as state funded and private pay services
www.autismsociety-nc.org
828-236-1547
2. Family Support Network: offers a free library, one-to-one family mentoring, parent workshops and support groups
828-213-0033
www.familysupportnetworkWNC.org
3. TEACCH: Treatment and Education of Autism and related Communication-handicapped Children—A Diagnostic and Education Center.
828-251-6319
www.teacch.com
4. F.I.R.S.T: a community parent resource center offering unique education and support for families of children with disabilities for all the stages of life, from preschool to school age to young adult to adult.
828-277-1315
<http://www.firstwnc.org/>
5. Autism Consulting and Training, Inc: provides in-home educational services to children affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders in Asheville, NC and provides parent training and support throughout the United States.
305-793-8280
www.AshevilleAutism.com
6. Suzanne Hosch, Consultant and Special Ed teacher:
828-215-3625
7. Caring for Children: Respite scholarships
828-298-0186
dawnprecour@yahoo.com
8. All Needs Respite: Respite for everyone on a sliding scale
828-280-6776
allneedsrespite@gmail.com

In-Home Programs: Many families with autism find that creating systems at home can organize life for them and their child. Several practitioners can help you design a home program.

1. Empower Autism: a high quality, affordable option for home-programs, mentoring, and tutoring that fit your family patterns.
828-458-0313
www.EmpowerAutism.com
2. Autism Consulting and Training, Inc: provides in-home educational services to children affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders in Asheville, NC and provides parent training and support throughout the United States.
305-793-8280
www.AshevilleAutism.com
3. June April Way: is a private practice created by [Megan Simpson](#), a certified instructor and Child Facilitator trained at the Autism Treatment Center of America™, home of the Son-Rise Program
(828) 713-0939
www.juneaprilway.com
4. The P.L.A.Y project: This Home Consultant Program provides training and support for families of young children (18 months to 6 years) with autism right in their home. Our trained consultants teach parents techniques that are effective, fun, and useful in day-to-day interactions with their child with autism.
www.firstwnc.org/projectPlay.html
828-277-1315
5. WNC Best: a private organization whose goal is to provide science based intervention for young children with Autism Spectrum Disorders.
828.778.BEST
www.wncbest.org
6. Autism Society of NC: Offers private pay services in the home
www.autismsociety-nc.org
828-236-1547

In-Office Therapy (Talking, Behavioral, Occupational, Physical and Speech):

1. Olson Huff Center: Offers integrated medical, behavioral and rehabilitation services, including behavioral, occupational, physical, and speech therapy.
828-213-1780
www.missionchildrenshospital.org/huffcenter
2. Higher Ground Pediatric Therapy
(828) 684-7337
rbrown55ot@att.net
3. Skyland Behavioral Health: offers evaluations, psychotherapy and medication management services for individuals, couples, and families with learning, attentional, emotional, relationship, and behavioral issues.
(828) 252-2501
<http://skylandbha.com/site/>
4. Tawney Sankey: Individualized Comprehensive Psychological/Developmental Diagnostic Evaluations for children, adolescents and young adults ages 4-21 to assess Autism Spectrum Disorders, ADHD, learning disabilities, school performance issues, social/emotional/behavioral/

adaptive difficulties and developmental delays.

828-505-3649

5. Martha Perry, PhD: Individual and family therapy with specialization in ASD's, school performance, behavioral issues, parenting, and advocacy.
SpectrumDr@yahoo.com

State Funded Services (one-to-one help, respite, crisis care etc). Call these places first, and they explain your options and potentially authorize you for specific services. They will put you in touch with other agencies called 'providers' who actually perform the one-to-one help etc.

1. Western Highlands (for ages 3 and up in Buncombe and surrounding counties)
1-800-951-3792
www.westernhighlands.org
2. Smoky Mountain Center (for ages 3 and up in western counties)
1-800-849-6127
<http://smokymountaincenter.com/>

Recreation

1. Dragonfly Forest: After-school recreation clubs designed to be accessible for kids with autism
828-458-0313
www.dragonflyforest.org
2. Blue Ridge Treks: Blue Ridge Treks is an experiential program designed to enhance physical and psychological health and wellness.
828-707-5751
<http://www.blueridgetreks.com/>
3. City of Asheville Therapeutic Recreation: City-run recreation programs including day camp, dances, clubs, and more.
(828) 259-5483, 828-775-3153
www.ashevillenc.gov/Departments/ParksRecreation/Recreation/TherapeuticPrograms.aspx
4. Buncombe County 'Every Child' After-School: offers inclusive small group afterschool supervision to 5-12 year olds with intellectual/developmental differences.
828-243-6033
www.arcnc.org/everychild
5. Camp Lakey Gap: Overnight camp for children and adults with autism
828 669-8977
<http://www.christmount.org/camplakeygap/>
6. For other summer camp ideas, please see the Family Support Network's summercamp guide

School

1. Asheville City Schools, Exceptional Children Department: provides special education and related services for eligible children, ages 3 to 21.
<http://www.ashevillecityschools.net/depts/ec/Pages/default.aspx>
828-350-6129
2. Buncombe County Schools, Special Services: provides special education and related services for children ages 3 through 21 who have been determined eligible for special education services by the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team.
828.255.5971
<http://www.buncombe.k12.nc.us/Page/181>
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<http://stgerardhouse.com/>
4. Talisman Academy: Boarding school for students in 7th-12th Graders with Asperger's Syndrome. Also includes Talisman Transitions: Young Adult independent living for ages 18-24.
828-697-1113
www.talismanacademy.com

Medical

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