

Autism Awareness - Resources

During Autism Awareness Month, please take a minute to learn a little bit more about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), a condition that continues to rise in numbers in every region and in all walks of life. We are committed to supporting our families, school, and programs, in the area of autism.

Below are just a few valuable websites to learn more about ASD, and to share with others:

- **The Organization for Autism Research:** www.researchautism.org
Check out the Kit for Kids, Resources, Training Materials
- **ABOARD's Autism Connection (PA):** <http://autism-support.org>
Great source for families, local meetings and events; provides autism support across the state of Pennsylvania. We offer autism support to parents, including autism support groups, autism resources, and autism conferences and events. We also provide information on the signs and symptoms of autism, getting an autism diagnosis, and applying for medical assistance and health insurance. Finally, we help people with autism by providing information on autism treatments, links to autism research studies, and support groups for people on the spectrum.
- **The Centers for Disease Control:** www.cdc.gov
Diagnostic information, Incidence, Research
- **Autism Services, Education, Resources and Training (ASERT):** www.paautism.org
Statewide Resource for Autism Information
- **The Bureau of Autism Services (PA):**
<http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/dhsorganization/officeofdevelopmentalprograms/bureauofautismservices/index.htm>
Statewide trends surrounding ASD across the age-span
- **Do2Learn -** www.do2learn.com began in 1996 through a National Institutes of Health Small Business Innovative Research grant. They believe that simply telling busy teachers, parents, and professionals what they should be doing is not enough. Within each topic, they provide the hands-on resources needed to implement suggestions. If they explain how to devise a visual communication system using picture cards, they provide free cards to get you started. When they present the Teacher Toolbox on how to adapt a classroom for children with special needs, they provide resources for behavior management plans, literacy tools, and the materials to create everything in your classroom. Their approach is to use the latest technology and expert guidance to create innovative and usable solutions
- **Hands In Autism -** <http://handsinautism.org>
https://handsinautism.iupui.edu/pdf/flyers/HANDS%20Promo_W_HANDSResources.pdf
The Center provides innovative research-based, and practical training and technical support to school staff, medical and service providers, primary caregivers, and individuals on the autism spectrum within Indiana and globally based on the HANDS training model. This model is founded on the belief that training should focus on: individual strengths; comprehensive training; data driven decision making; blended evidence-based intervention strategies; and hands-on practice; coaching and mentoring with individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) as well as a range of other individuals with diverse strengths and challenges in their natural settings. HANDS offers complementary resources and a range of services.