

## AUTISM

**Texas Project FIRST** (Region 9 ESC) resources related to Autism:

- **Strategies for Consideration for Students with Autism** (Also known as “The Autism Supplement”)

**Texas Education Agency** resources related to Autism:

- **Texas Statewide Leadership for Autism Training** (Region 13 ESC) - Through the network of the 20 Regional Education Service Centers (ESCs) around the state and in conjunction with the Texas Education Agency, the Texas Statewide Leadership for Autism is providing a mechanism to access training, technical assistance, support, and resources. Please see the [TARGET Manual](#) (evaluations & interventions), [Online Trainings](#), and [Resources](#) pages.
- **Guidance on the Commissioner’s Rules** related to Autism (TAC 89.1055 (e))/Side by Side Document
- **Texas Autism Conference** (Region 2 ESC) - The focus is to provide parents, educators, and campus leadership with strategies, resources, tools, and evidence based practices in the education of students with autism spectrum disorders.
- **The Legal Framework for the Child Centered Special Education Process** (Region 18 ESC) - [Autism](#) and [Special Factors](#)
- **TEA School Health - Students with Special Health Needs** - In accordance with HB 1322 passed by the 81st Legislative Session in 2009, TEA added fact sheets on specific disabilities to its website. This web page links to a fact sheet on Autism Spectrum Disorders (pdf) with an overview of the disorder, symptoms or behaviors associated with the disorder, educational implications, and instructional strategies and classrooms accommodations that might be provided.

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**Association for Science in Autism Treatment** - ASAT's mission is to share accurate, scientifically sound information about autism and treatments for autism.

**Attwood** - This is the website of Dr. Tony Attwood, a psychologist who specializes in the diagnosis and support of children with Asperger’s Syndrome. The site includes internet and printed resources, research reports, and conference information.

**Autism Fact Sheet** - A web publication by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. Its mission is to collect and disseminate research information related to neurological disorders.

**[Autism National Committee \(AutCom\)](#)** - On this website you will find updates on politics and judicial decisions; commentary by people with autism; information about developmental and relationship-based approaches to early intervention and education; and coverage of issues affecting community living, home-owning, and consumer choice.

**[Autism Navigator](#)** - The Autism Navigator® offers online courses, tools, and resources to support families as well as professionals. Their first online course, About Autism in Toddlers, is free to the public.

**[Autism Research Institute](#)** - ARI is a non-profit research, resource and referral organization that conducts and funds research to find the causes and develop safe, effective treatments for autism. The website features a large number of resources on topics related to autism, including articles, videos and free webinars for parents and professionals.

**[Autism Self Advocacy Network](#)** - ASAN was created to provide support and services to individuals on the autism spectrum while working to educate communities and improve public perceptions of autism. ASAN's online library includes policy advocacy toolkits and self-advocacy resources.

**[Autism Society of America](#)** - This is the website of the Autism Society of America, whose mission is to "promote lifelong access and opportunities for persons within the autism spectrum and their families, to be fully included, participating members of their communities." Also available in [Spanish](#).

**[Autism Speaks](#)** - This site provides a state-by-state resource guide for autism services and providers in the U.S. Search by category and zip code. See also The Autism Speaks [100 Day Kit for Newly Diagnosed Families of Young Children](#), which was created specifically for families of children ages 4 and under to make the best possible use of the 100 days following their child's diagnosis of autism.

**[Autism Spectrum Disorders at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)** - This information is from the CDC's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities.

**[Center for Parent Information and Resources](#)** - The CPIR has a fact sheet on Autism (also available in Spanish - [El Espectro del Autismo](#)).

**[Center for Autism and Related Disorders](#)** - CARD is one of the world's largest organizations using applied behavior analysis (ABA) in the treatment of autism spectrum disorder. They have various locations throughout Texas.

**[DIR®Floortime Model](#)** - Stanley Greenspan & Interdisciplinary Council on Developmental and Learning disorders have created this website to provide information on what the Floortime model is, how to get started, find schools, etc. There are also a number of videos and some on line training modules (for fee).

**[Easter Seals](#)** - The Easter Seals “Living with Autism” series includes State Autism Profiles, Autism Signs and Symptoms, and Autism After Age 21.

**[Families for Early Autism Treatment \(FEAT\)](#)** - FEAT is a non-profit organization of parents, family members and treatment professionals dedicated to providing best outcome Education, Advocacy and Support for the Northern California Autism Community. The site includes autism resources and links to local and regional FEAT chapters.

**[FEAT-Houston](#)** - FEAT-Houston’s mission is to improve the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities by increasing resources and providing information about Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). They offer workshops and meetings with training on effective treatment strategies for individuals with autism spectrum disorders. Some of their ABA resources are in [Spanish](#).

**[National Autism Association](#)** - The NAA responds to the most urgent needs of the autism community by providing real help and hope so that all affected can reach their full potential.

**[National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorders \(NPDC on ASD\)](#)** - This is a multi-university center to promote the use of evidence-based practice for children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorders.

**[OASIS @ MAAP](#)** - This website provides articles, educational resources, links to support groups, sources of professional help, lists of camps and schools, conference information, recommended reading and moderated support message boards for family members and individuals who deal with the challenges of Asperger Syndrome, Autism, and PDD/Nos.

**[Organization for Autism Research](#)** - OAR funds research studies that investigate treatments, educational approaches, and statistical aspects of autism. Resources for parents, educators and professionals include [OAR's Life Journey Through Autism Series](#).

**[Project IDEAL](#)** – A website devoted to providing teacher preparation, but a good resource for families. They have specific online training modules on Managing Behavior. This project also offers a definition & characteristics of those with [Autism](#).

**[Texas Autism Research and Resource Center \(TARRC\)](#)** - The Texas Autism Research and Resource Center is a service of the Texas Health & Human Services Office of Autism Services. The TARRC’s initiatives include: the [Texas Autism Research Conference](#); [Autism Spectrum Disorder Recognition and Response Training for First Responders](#); and [the Community Assessment and Planning Toolkit for Autism Services](#).

**[Texas Health & Human Services – Autism program](#)** – Program for ages 3-15

**Vocational Rehabilitation Service Models for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders** - This site focuses on issues and strategies for improving employment outcomes for individuals with autism spectrum disorders.

**Various University Autism Centers:**

- [Autism Resource Clinic for Central Texas](#) Baylor University
- [Burkhart Center for Autism Education & Research](#) Texas Tech University
- [Center for Autism & Developmental Disabilities](#) University of Houston Clear Lake
- [Center for Autism & Developmental Disabilities](#) UT Southwestern Medical Center
- [Kristin Farmer Autism Center](#) University of North Texas
- [Texas Autism Collaborative](#) Texas A&M
- [The Autism Center at Children's Learning Institute](#) UT Health Science Center Houston
- [The Center for Autism Research, Evaluation and Support](#) Texas State University
- [The Meadows Center – Autism Spectrum Disorders Institute](#) University of Texas
- [The Teacher Education Autism Model](#) UT San Antonio
- [Autism Center for Excellence](#) Virginia Commonwealth University

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