
Autism Spectrum Disorder Resources

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DO YOU KNOW A CHILD WITH AUTISM?

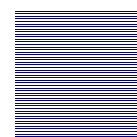
**Facts, Information & Resources
about Autism Spectrum Disorders**

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The Nebraska Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Network was established in 2001. In the late 1990s, parents and educators requested that the Nebraska Department of Education take an active role in ensuring quality educational opportunities for children with ASD throughout the state.

An Ad Hoc Committee of the State Special Education Advisory Committee comprised of parents, educators and state agency representatives authored the Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Nebraska State Plan (2000).

The goal of the Nebraska State Plan is to build and enhance the capacity of school districts in serving children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and to ensure availability of quality services across the state.

Do you know a young child who...

- May not respond to their name
- Either does not speak any words or lost verbal skills around 18 months
- May not point or gesture
- May not interact with other children in a social manner
- May not play with toys appropriately
- Likes to do things repetitively

Please speak with your pediatrician or family doctor if you have concerns.

Facts about Autism Spectrum Disorders

Autism is the third most common developmental disability, occurring in approximately 1-3 in 500 individuals.

Autism usually is evident within the first 3 years of life.

Autism is a spectrum disorder, meaning that individuals diagnosed may have very different symptoms and characteristics.

Autism interferes with communication, interaction and sensory processing.

Early intervention is critical in improving communication and social skills necessary for success in school and the community.

Individualized educational programming can enhance a child's educational experience through the use of strategies designed to meet the child's specific needs.

Educational Verification

Contact your local school district to refer your child for a comprehensive educational assessment for Autism if you and/or your physician have concerns.

Network Services

The ASD Network provides the following services for parents and professionals in Nebraska:

Information Dissemination

Each region maintains resources and information. Please contact your regional coordinator for a list of materials.

School-based Training & Technical Assistance

- Verification/Assessment support
- Training & Technical Assistance with educational programming

School-based services are coordinated through the school districts. If you would like assistance from your regional ASD team, please contact your local school district.

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