



ASD Websites

National Websites:

www.aacap.org: Website for the **American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry**. The section *Facts for Families* offers very useful information for families on all aspects of psychopathology. Many children in the Spectrum have received other psychiatric diagnoses. This web site offers information on those disorders and valuable links with other general resources.

www.autism-society.org: **Autism Society of America** is the first web site for Parents and Providers specific to ASD. Well updated and comprehensive, information is available in other languages (i.e. Spanish, etc.). This site also provides useful links to other related web sites.

www.autismspeak.org: **Autism Speaks** is dedicated to increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders, to funding research into the causes, prevention and treatments for autism, and to advocating for the needs of individuals with autism and their families.

www.brightfutures.org: **Bright Futures at Georgetown University** - The American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry have endorsed this initiative funded by several federal agencies to provide education and resources about general topics in children's health. The reader is referred to the Mental Health document and the chapters on Development, Pervasive Developmental Disabilities and Mental Retardation. As a very complete document on children's and families mental health, the reader may find value in many other chapters. The Bright Futures Initiative is designed to serve both Providers and Parents.

www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism: **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** is a federally-funded agency committed to the scientific developments in population research for ASD and other conditions

www.poweroftheordinary.org/sitemap.php: From the **Center for Dissemination and Utilization** which promotes the use of evidence-based practices by parents and practitioners in early intervention, early childhood education, and parent and family support programs. Contains a wealth of tools to help parents of children ages 0-6 recognize and use powerful everyday learning opportunities with their children.

www.firstsigns.org: **First Signs** is dedicated to the early identification and intervention of children with developmental delays and disorders

<http://firstwords.fsu.edu/>: **First Words Project** is a model early identification and intervention program based at Florida State University

www.iidc.indiana.edu/irca: **Indiana Resource Center for Autism** provides communities, professionals and families with the knowledge and skills to support children and adults in typical early intervention, school, community, work, and home settings. Many useful articles and resources.

<http://www.nea.org/specialed/nearesources-specialed.html>: Website for the **National Education Association**. Many useful resources, including a printable educational guide for professionals and families entitled: *The Puzzle of Autism: What Educators Need to Know*

www.do2learn.com: Many printable **tools and resources for families** to help their children, including visual supports and schedules, communication cards, games, songs, etc.

ASD Research Websites:

<http://aarr.stanford.edu/>: **Autism and Asperger's Syndrome Research Reports**

www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/dd/ddautism.htm: **Centers for Disease Control & Prevention**

www.exploringautism.org: **Exploring Autism**

<http://www.naar.org/naar.asp>: **National Alliance for Autism Research (NAAR)**

<http://health.nih.gov/result.asp/62/24>: **National Institute of Health**

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/autism-spectrum-disorders-pervasive-developmental-disorders/index.shtml>:
National Institute of Mental Health

www.mindinstitute.org: **UC Davis M.I.N.D. Institute**

Asperger's Syndrome and High-Functioning ASD Websites:

www.aspennj.org: **Asperger's Syndrome Education Network**

www.maapservices.org: **Global Asperger's & High Functioning ASD Information and Support Network**

www.udel.edu/bkirby/asperger/: **Online Asperger's Syndrome Information and Support**