Childcare providers are often on the front lines for detection of developmental differences in young children. In the state of Wisconsin, the average age of ASD diagnosis is 4-1/2 years old. Your encouragement for families to notice symptoms can make a significant difference in the life of their child(ren)!

Best Place to Start

Autism Society of Southeastern Wisconsin: please visit the web page www.assew.org

Southeast Regional Center for CYSHCN: One of five Regional Centers dedicated to supporting families with children and youth with special health care needs birth to 21 years and the providers who serve them. The Regional Center can help you get answers, find services and connect you to community resources. www.southeastregionalcenter.org

Wisconsin First Step: A statewide Information and Referral (I&R) hotline that serves families with children who have special health care needs and professionals. It serves as the central directory for Wisconsin’s Birth to 3 Program. Another component to First Step is to serve as the Information and Referral hotline for the WI Regional Centers. In addition to providing referrals to disability related resources, parent specialists provide direct linkages to the closest CYSHCN Regional Center. A health and human services database of disability related resources has been developed and is regularly update. Visit us at: www.mch-hotlines.org

Wisconsin Birth to Three: For children aged birth to 3
Wisconsin’s early intervention program for infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities and their families http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/bdds/birthto3/

School-based Program in the family’s local School District: for children ages 3 to 6 years of age
Early Childhood and 6 years to 21 years of age (Family should contact local school district)

Autism Specific Information

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) website
www.aap.org/healthtopics/autism.cfm

Autism Speaks
http://www.autismspeaks.org/family-services

Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Child Development:
www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/child/default.htm

Learn the Signs. Act Early WI www.actearlywi.edu

Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Learn the Signs Act Early:
www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/ccp/index.html

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Supporting Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)
Southeast Wisconsin

Autism Specific Trainings

**Autism Internet Modules**: Written by experts from across the U.S., all online modules are free and are designed to promote understanding of, respect for, and equality of persons with ASD. [www.autisminternetmodules.org/index.php](http://www.autisminternetmodules.org/index.php)

**Department of Public Instruction (DPI)**: Provides free webinars designed to build the local capacity for students with autism spectrum disorders within Wisconsin Schools. [http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/autism.html](http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/autism.html)

**Southeast Regional Center for CYSHCN**: Provides on-site training to childcare providers who wish to learn more about autism spectrum disorders and community resources. 1-800-234-5437 [www.southeastregionalcenter.org](http://www.southeastregionalcenter.org/)

**Wisconsin Medical Home Webcast Series**: A free online learning opportunity in partnership between the Wisconsin Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program and the Waisman Center, University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities. [www.waisman.wisc.edu/connections/webcast.php](http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/connections/webcast.php)

Overall Special Needs Information

**American Speech-Language-Hearing Association**
[www.asha.org](http://www.asha.org)

**National Resource Organization**: [www.zerotothree.org/site/PageServer?pagename=homepage](http://www.zerotothree.org/site/PageServer?pagename=homepage)

**Wisconsin Birth to Three**

Wisconsin information on working with children with special health care needs, screening, mental health and more: [www.collaboratingpartners.com/index.html](http://www.collaboratingpartners.com/index.html)

**Milwaukee Early Care Administration: Special Needs Child Care Program**
[http://dcf.wi.gov/childcare/meca/snsp/default.htm](http://dcf.wi.gov/childcare/meca/snsp/default.htm)

**Resources with practical tools**

**The Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL)**: A national resource center for disseminating research and evidence-based practices to early childhood programs. [www.vanderbilt.edu/csefel/](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/csefel/)

How to talk with parents (CORE of a good life—guided conversations): [www.waisman.wisc.edu/naturalsupports/ec.php](http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/naturalsupports/ec.php)

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