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Local Autism Resources for Parents

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Therapy Providers:

- **Behavioral Focus LLC-** Trube Miller, CEO
<https://behavioralfocus.net/>
325-530-4089
- **Blue Sprig/West Texas Autism Center-** Jeri Jones, Operations Manager
<https://www.bluesprigautism.com/bluesprig-abilene-south/>
(325) 238-9337
- **Hardin-Simmons Houston Lantrip Center-** Rachel Goulet, Clinical Director
<https://www.hsutx.edu/academics/schools-colleges/irvin-school-education/autism-dyslexia-center/autism-services/> (325) 670-1836

Therapies, Social Skills, and Early Childhood Intervention:

- **WestTexasREhab.org** 325-793-3400- Social Skills Group for age 5 and above (physician referral required); Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy services; Audiology, Orthotics/Prosthetics, Aquatic Therapy, Assistive Augmentative Communication Device, Bilingual Services, Family Support Services, Cleft Palate Clinics, Feeding Program, Life Skills Program/Transitional Program, Cranial Molding Helmets, Custom wheelchair & Seating Evaluations.
- **Abilene Christian University (ACU) center** for Speech, Language, and Learning- Contact Monica Garcia at 325-674-6670
- **King David's Kids-** a ministry to special needs children and their families (ages 3-21). Offer three kinds of groups: Siblings, Communication, and Language/Pragmatic Groups. Contact Crystal Canada at kingdavidskids@gmail.com
- **Hendrick Center For Rehabilitation-** Speech, Physical, and Occupational Therapy. H.E.R.O. equine/hippotherapy. 325-670-6003
- **Head Start-** is a federally funded program from birth to 5 years of age. Includes services for the whole family and is designed to enhance school readiness. 325-675-8685



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Parental Support/Advocacy:

- **MCH Family Outreach-** MCH.org 325-672-9398 Resource information, case management services, parenting support and education, service planning, advocacy, and foster care/foster to adopt.
- **Partners Resource Network-** Jamie Thomas at the PEN Project is an AMAZING advocate and the Regional Coordinator. She also has a local monthly group – her email is regions14.15prn@gmail.com and you can also find her on Facebook at Jamie Thomas PEN or at www.prntexas.org Office phone number: 915-259-8717 or Mobile: 325-450-2774 Spectrum Connection- Parent support group which hosts Annual Autism Walk (<https://spectrum-connection.com/about/>)
- **Region 14 Education Service Center-** 325-675-8614; <http://bit.ly/r14parents>
- **Texas Project First-** Families, Information, Resources, Support, and Training (website created by parents for parents. www.texasprojectfirst.org)
- **Texas Transition: A Bridge to the Future-** www.transitionintexas.org a website for students, parents, educators, and agencies (Post-secondary goals and employment guide)
- **TSLAT-** www.txautism.net online courses, autism conference, autism circuit evidence-based practice resources
- **West Central Texas Council of Governments-** RESPECT, sexual assault, prevention and response project is focused on reducing the risk of sexual abuse against individuals who live with disabilities through educational trainings, increased public awareness, and partnerships with caregivers and the community. 325-386-4368
- **Grasp** is an organization that will help match you up with resources in your area, including support groups. They ask that you email them your name, city and state, phone number and the resources you are looking for to info@grasp.org

Grants Available Anytime:

- **United Healthcare Children's Foundation** – Assistance with medical services and/or equipment up to \$5000.00 per year/\$10,000 lifetime (a family does not have to have United Healthcare insurance to apply) – www.uhccf.org/apply-for-a-grant.
- **C.A.R.E. Foundation** (California Autism Resource & Evaluation Foundation. Helps families with medication, autism diagnosis/evaluation, therapy sessions (including speech, OT & ABA), or autism summer camps – www.careautismfoundation.com/family-funds/)
- **First Hand** – Covers expenses for treatment, equipment, displacement lodging, vehicle modifications – www.firsthandfoundation.org



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- **Modest Needs** – Helps families experiencing a financial crisis including medical expenses – www.modestneeds.org
- **NSW Kids Program** – The Seal Foundation - for Navy Seal families only – Covers direct educational, diagnostic testing, services, and tutoring/mentoring – www.sealfamilyfoundation.org
- **National Autism Association** – Provides communication devices to individuals with autism who are non-verbal or minimally verbal and whose communication challenges put them at risk of injury or harm – www.nationalautismassociation.org

Grants available during specific time-frames only:

February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1:

- **The Orange Effect Foundation – Grant is due May 15th!** This program provides funding for speech therapy and speech technology items - <https://theorangeeffect.org/grant-application/>

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- **Small Steps in Speech – Grant application is due June 1st!** – Provides funds for speech therapy. Funds are not available for iPads or ABA therapy. <https://www.smallstepsinspeech.org/individuals>

March:

- **Varghese Summersett PLLCA Autism Scholarship – Grant is due April 1!** This program provides \$500.00 scholarships for the needs of the child which can include iPads, summer camp, etc. - <https://versustexas.com/scholarships>
- **ASDF Programs – Applications accepted May 1 – 21st!** Scholarships are available for various summer camp programs – <https://myasdf.org/our-programs/>

July:

- **Act Today Grant** – This program provides funds for products and treatment services. Grants available to civilian, military families, and those with immediate needs - <https://www.act-today.org/apply-for-grant/>
- **ASDF – Programs – iPads & Gift Cards** – This organization offers iPads and gift cards to families with children with autism. Click on the program tab to investigate the various options – www.myasdf.org