

# Autism Related Resources

## for Parents, Teachers, & Families

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*Before you contact any of the resources provided, please be sure to take a look at how one can tell what a research based theory looks like through the two links below.*

### Association for Science in Autism Treatment

“What is Evidence-Based Practice, and Why Should We Care”

<http://www.asatonline.org/resources/articles/evidencebasedpractice.htm>

### Autism Help

“Evidence-Based Autism Interventions”

<http://www.autism-help.org/points-evidence-based-treatment.htm>

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## Autism Support Groups

### Reaching Potentials

**Address:**

1602 William Street, Upper Floor,  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401)

**Phone:** (540)368-8087

**Website:** [www.reachingpotentials.org](http://www.reachingpotentials.org)

### Autism Support Group of Frederickburg

**Phone:** (540)371-2594

**Email:** [nancy@autismsgfred.info](mailto:nancy@autismsgfred.info)

**Website:** <http://autismsgfred.info/home>

### Fredericksburg Area Support Group

Meetings held the 1st Friday of each month, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church, Augustine Avenue, Fredericksburg. Child care provided with 2 days advanced notice. For information call Kim Lett, (540) 720-0068,

[asafredericksburg@yahoo.com](mailto:asafredericksburg@yahoo.com)

### ASA Fredericksburg Chapter

**President:** Kim Lett

**Address:**

206 Park Brook Ct.  
Stafford, VA 22554

**Phone:** (540)720-0068

**Email:** [Chapter729@autism-society.org](mailto:Chapter729@autism-society.org)

### Aspergers Support Group

**Contact:** Paula Guerri

**Phone:** (540)720-0991

### Autism Outreach

**Contact:** Michelle Hurst

**Address:**

Disability Resource Center  
409 Progress Street  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

**Phone:** (540)373-2559 or (703)689-0019

**Website:** <http://www.autismoutreach.org/>

Support Group - Fredericksburg Office

January 10, 2008 (10am-12pm)

February 14, 2008 (10am-12pm)

March 13, 2008 (10am-12pm)

April 10, 2008 (10am-12pm)

May 8, 2008 (10am-12pm)

### **Autism Support/Play Group**

**Contact:** Jayne Redelman

**Address:**

YMCA Butler Road

Stafford, VA

**Phone:** (540)834-2207

Sundays 3-5 p.m.

### **Autism Society of America - Central Virginia Chapter**

**Contact:** Bradford Hulcher

**Address:**

PO Box 29364

Richmond VA 23242-0364

**Phone:** (804) 257-0192

**Email:** [asacv@aol.com](mailto:asacv@aol.com) or [bradhul@aol.com](mailto:bradhul@aol.com)

**Website:** <http://www.asacv.org/>

Meetings held every 3rd Friday of the month, 6:30 - 9:00 pm

River Road United Methodist Church

8800 River Road, Richmond, VA

For information call (804) 257-0192

### **Autism Society of America - Northern Virginia Chapter**

**Contact:** Kymberly DeLoatche, Executive Director

**Address:**

PO Box 1334

Vienna VA 22183-1334

**Phone:** (703) 495-8444

**Email:** [executivedirector@asanv.org](mailto:executivedirector@asanv.org)

**Website:** <http://www.asanv.org>

### **Prince William County Autism Support Group**

**Contact:** Christine Hoch

**Phone:** 703-431-1558

**Email:** [executivedirector@asanv.org](mailto:executivedirector@asanv.org)

**Address:** 8730 Sudley Road, Room 22, Manassas, Virginia.

The Prince William County Autism Support Group is for parents of children with any autism spectrum disorder or interested professionals. With over 100 members, the group meets every second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Speakers give information on a topic relevant to families affected by autism spectrum disorders. The mission of the group is provide information so that parents can make more informed decisions regarding products and services for their children with autism spectrum disorders. Outside of meetings, members correspond via the PWCParents yahoo group.

### **Loudoun County Autism Support Group**

Larc's parent discussion group meets at the Larc office. Typically it meets on the second Thursday from

7:00-8:30. Sometimes the discussion is led by a

speaker knowledgeable on a topic, other times it is

simply discussion based on issues raised by attendees. See Web site for workshop times under "Workshops".

**Website:** <http://www.aurora-school.org>

**Directions:** From Route 7, turn onto Cardinal Park (located east of Leesburg before Route 15)  
Turn Right on Trailview Blvd, Turn Left on Lawson Road  
The Larc office is in the ECHO building on the right before the bridge

### **Virginia Autism Resource Center**

**Address:** 4100 Price Club Boulevard, Midlothian, VA 23112

**Website:** [www.varc.org](http://www.varc.org)

**Phone:** (877) 667-7771 or (804) 674-8888, ex. 5161.

**Email:** [info@varc.org](mailto:info@varc.org)

### **Parents of Autistic Children of Northern Virginia**

**Website:** <http://www.poac-nova.org/>

**Address:** P.O. Box 1839, Vienna, VA 22183

**Phone:** (703) 391-2251

**Member Resource Center:**

3927 Old Lee Highway Suite 102-C

Fairfax, VA 22030-2422

**Hours:** Tues., Wed. and Thurs. - 10AM to 6PM. Fri. & Sat. by Appointment.

**E-Mail:** [Concerns@POAC-NoVA.org](mailto:Concerns@POAC-NoVA.org) or [President@POAC-NoVA.org](mailto:President@POAC-NoVA.org)

### **Commonwealth Autism Service**

**Address:**

2201 W. Broad Street, Suite 107

Richmond, VA 23220

**Phone:** 804-355-0300

**Toll Free:** 800-649-8481

**Website:** <http://www.autismva.org/>

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# Autism Therapies and Other Services

## Occupational Therapist/Physical Therapists

### Sensory Integration

*Chesapeake Center (Springfield)*

**Contact:** Bobby Gibson of Gibson Associates

**Phone:** (703)924-4100

**Email:** bgibson@rma.edu

*(Fairfax)*

**Contact:** JoAnn Kennedy

**Address:**

5229 Richardson Drive

Fairfax, VA 22032

**Phone:** (703)978-6532

*Cranial Therapy specialty (Reston)*

**Contact:** Lynn Ganz

**Phone:** (703)707-0090

*Good Beginnings (Falls Church)*

**Phone:** (703)536-1817

*Myania Moses & Assoc. (Arlington)*

**Phone:** (703)533-8870

*Skill Builders (Annandale)*

**Phone:** (703)750-2443

*Suzan Syron & Associates (Springfield)*

**Phone:** (703)569-7500

*(Sterling)*

**Phone:** (703)709-9090

## Ophthalmologists

**Contact:** Dr. Edward Parelhoff *(Fairfax)*

**Phone:** (703)451-6111

**Contact:** Dr. David Seidman *(Fairfax)*

**Phone:** (703)620-2701

**Contact:** Dr. James B. Sprague *(McLean)*

**Phone:** (703)356-2141

### **Diagnosis/Assessments**

Children's Hospital (*Fairfax*)

Contact: Allan Bloom, *Ph.D.*

Phone: (571)226-8380

Contact: Dr. Chuck Conlon, *Neurodevelopmental Pediatrician*

Fairfax Hospital (*Fairfax*)

Contact: Dr. Elizabeth Latimer

Phone: (703)289-8733

Contact: Dr. Corinne Goll-Bedwi

Phone: (301)838-7635

Kennedy Krieger Institute at Johns Hopkins (Baltimore)

Phone: (800)873-3377

### **Families for Early Autism Treatment**

Website: <http://www.feat.org/>

FEAT archives

Website: <http://list.feat.org/archives/featnews.html>

### **Virginia Autism Resource Center (VARC)**

Phone: (877)667-7771

Website: <http://www.grafton.org/vaautismresourc.htm>

### **Pediatricians**

Contact: Dr. John Farber (*Alexandria*)

Phone: (703)212-6600

Contact: Dr. Lynne Myers (*Falls Church*)

Phone: (703)532-4446

Contact: Dr. Tom Sullivan (*Alexandria & Lake Ridge*)

Phone: (703)212-6600

### **Preschool Child Find**

*Alexandria*

Phone: (703)824-6600

*Arlington*

Phone: (703)228-6042

*Fairfax/Falls Church Devonshire Center*

Phone: (703)876-5244

*Lorton Center*

Phone: (703)446-2100

*Loudoun*

Phone: (703)771-6400

*Prince William*

Phone: (703)791-5390

## **Private Schools**

The Aurora School

**Address:**

205 N. Maple Avenue  
Purcellville, VA 20132  
Phone: (540)751-1414

Ivymount (*Rockville, MD*)

**Phone:** (301)469-0223

Matthew's Center for Visual Learning (Manassas)

**Phone:** (703)369-2976

**Website:** <http://www.matthewscenter.org>

St. Coletta's (*Alexandria*)

**Phone:** (703)683-3686

## **Public School Parent Resource Centers**

*Alexandria*

**Contact:** Anne Lipnick

**Phone:** (703)706-4552

**Email:** alipnick@acps.k12.va.us

*Arlington*

**Contact:** Kathleen Donovan

**Phone:** (703)228-7239

**Email:** prc@arlington.k12.va.us

*Fairfax*

**Contact:** Marsha Goldberg

**Phone:** (703)204-3992

**Email:** Marsha.Goldberg@fcps.edu

*Loudoun*

**Phone:** (703)771-6765

**Website:** <http://www.loudoun.k12.va.us/prc/index.htm>

*Prince William*

**Contact:** Betty Ann Maher

**Phone:** (703)791-8846

**Email:** maherba@pwcs.edu or Bassi@pwcs.edu

*Stafford*

**Phone:** (540) 658-6448

**Email:** staffordprc@staffnet.com

## **Relationship Development Intervention (RDI)**

**Contact:** Sarah Honda (Oakton, VA)

**Phone:** (703)691-1270

**Website:** <http://www.autismtherapycentre.com/>

**Email:** sarah@autismtherapycentre.com

**Contact:** Michelle L. Hurst, M.ED., BCBA  
**Contact:** Leslie S. Smith, M.Ed, BCBA  
**Address:**  
108 Elden Street Suite 11  
Herndon, VA 20170  
**Phone:** (703)689-0019  
**Website:** <http://www.AutismOutreach.com>  
**Email:** MichelleHurstAO@aol.com

### **Respite Services**

*ARC of Northern Virginia*  
**Phone:** (703)532-3214  
**Website:** <http://www.thearcofnova.org>

*ARC of Prince William County*  
**Phone:** (703)670-4800

*Hartwood Foundation (Fairfax County Only)*  
**Phone:** (703)912-6206

*United Cerebral Palsy*  
**Phone:** (703)360-2060

*McLean Bible Church*  
**Phone:**(703)790-5590 ext. 109

### **Social Skills Therapy**

*In Step (Fairfax)*  
**Phone:** (703)876-8480

*Jewish Social Services Agency*  
**Address:**  
3018 Javier Road  
Fairfax, VA 22031  
**Phone:**(703)204-9100

### **Speech and Language Pathologists**

*Communication Connections, LLC*  
**Contact:** Cari Syron

*Offices in McLean & Annandale*  
**Address:**  
7617 Little River Turnpike, Ste. 310  
Annandale, VA 22003  
**Phone:** (703)941-7757  
**Secondary Office:**  
1306 Vincent Place, 2nd Floor  
McLean, VA 22101  
**Phone:** (703)821-8883

*Dower and Associates, Inc. (Loudoun and Prince William Counties)*

**Contact:** Nikia Dower, MS, CCC-SLP/L, BCBA

**Phone:** (703)618-2272 (business cellular)

**Phone:** (703)330-0554 (office - Prince William County)

**Email:** SLPTUTOR@aol.com

**Website:** <http://www.dowerandassociates.com>

*ICAN of Washington, Inc. (Bethesda, MD)*

**Contact:** Cynthia Onder, MA, CCC-SLP/L, BCBA

**Phone:** (301)897-0815 (office)

**Phone:** (301)897-0819 (fax)

**Email:** icanofwashington@hotmail.com

*Kid's Communicating, LLC (Buckeystown, MD)*

**Contact:** Jennifer Bobbitt, MA, CCC-SLP/L, BCBA

**Phone:** (301)502-0213 (cellular)

**Email:** speechpathjen@verizon.net

*Reston Speech and Language Center*

**Contact:** Julie Morrow, M.A., CCC

**Address:**

626 K Grant Street

Herndon, VA 20170

**Phone:** (703)904-8334

**Email:** restonspeech@cox.net

**Website:** <http://www.restonspeech.com>

*NeuroComm Speech Pathology Associates*

**Contact:** Andrea Bucovetsky, MA, CCC-SLP,

**Address:**

4441 MacArthur Boulevard, N.W.

Washington, DC 20007

**Phone:** (202) 905-4634

**Email:** abucovetsky@yahoo.com

*Children's Hospital Hearing & Speech Center*

**Phone:** (202)884-5600

*Children's Speech & Language Center (Arlington)*

**Phone:** (703)685-1070

*McLean Speech & Language Services, LLC - Susan Glaub*

**Address:**

6845 Elm Street,

McLean VA 22101

**Phone:** (703)734-0211

*Susan Falck Muten (Reston)*

**Phone:** (703)707-0090

*Sabra Gelfond (Bethesda, MD)*  
Phone: (301)493-0023

*Speech & Language Center of No. Va. (McLean)*  
Phone: (703)356-2833

*University of Maryland Speech & Hearing Clinic (Vienna)*  
Contact: Deborah Parks  
Phone: (703)242-7851

*Vivian Sisskin Kupferman*  
Phone: (301)405-4218

*Bobbi Wade (Alexandria)*  
Phone: (703)823-5262

*Sharon Stringer (Falls Church)*  
specializes in autism and c. palsy  
Phone: (703)534-5756

*Leigh McCarthy, Pediatric SLP / speech evals (Fairfax)*  
Phone: (703)443-8600

*Gail Stolarik at the practice of Susan Falck-Muten (Reston)*  
Phone: (703)707-0090

*South Riding Speech Therapy (SR and W. Prince William Co.)*  
Phone: (703)327-5323  
Email: southridingspeechtherapy@hotmail.com

*Leah Anderson, SLP*  
Address:  
136 Reville Road  
Fredericksburg, VA 22405  
Phone: (540)288-8415 or (540)273-4956

### **Sports/Therapeutic Recreation Programs**

*Alexandria*  
Phone: (703)998-5229

*Arlington County*  
Phone: (703)228-4740

*Fairfax/Falls Church*  
Phone: (703)324-5532

*Loudoun County*  
Phone: (703)777-0438  
*Prince William County*  
Phone: (703)792-7060

*Adapted Aquatics (Fairfax County)*

**Phone:** (703)324-8565

*Challenger Baseball*

**Phone:** (703)590-4129

*Disabled Sports USA*

**Phone:** (301)217-0960

*Eddie's Club*

2004 Fall begins October 3, also has baseball starting September 12

**Contact:** Eddie Garretson

**Email:** EGarret166@aol.com

**Phone:** (703)551-0652

**Website:** <http://eddiesclub.org/>

*Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program*

**Phone:** (703)764-0269

## **Applied Behavior Analysis**

*ABA/Verbal Behavior*

**Address:**

1417 Taureau Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

**Contact:** Kathryn Rekstis

**Email:** krekstis@yahoo.com

**Phone:** (516)319-0480

*Autism Learning Center*

provides program supervision and teaching staff

**Address:**

2841 Hartland Rd. #206

Falls Church, VA 22043

**Phone:**(703)289-3956

**Email:** autismclc@aol.com

*Autism Outreach, Inc.*

**Address:**

108 Elden Street Suite 11

Herndon, VA- Also serving families in MD and the DC.

**Contact:** Michelle L. Hurst M.Ed., BCBA,

**Email:** MichelleHurstAO@aol.com

**Phone:**(703)289-0019

*Behavioral Consultant*

**Contact:** George Bisset, MA, serving Northern and Central VA, MD and the DC,

**Phone:**(703)637-1247

**Email:** gcbisset@hotmail.com

*The Commonwealth Child Development Institute*

**Phone:** (888)752-3539

*Dower and Associates, Inc.*

Specialty: ABA with an emphasis in Verbal Behavior

Main Office (*Manassas*)

**Phone:** (703)330-0554

Secondary office (*Leesburg*)

**Phone:** (703)618-2272

**Contact:** Nikia Dower, MS, CCC-SLP/L, BCBA

**Email:** slptutor@aol.com

*Michelle L. Hurst M.Ed., Northern VA*

**Email:**AutismOutreach@hotmail.com

*Positive Behavioral Dynamics*

**Contact:** Benjamin C. Mauro, PhD, BCBA, Director of Consultative Services

**Address:**

150 Little Falls Street, Suite 101

Falls Church, VA 22046

**Phone:**(703)533-3856

**Email:**bmauro@pbdynamics.com

*Reaching Potentials, Inc.*

**Address:**

1604 William Street

Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Phone (540)368-8087

**Email:**RPforAutism@aol.com

**Pivotal response therapy**

*TEACCH*

**Website:** <http://www.teacch.com/>

*DIR/Floortime*

**Website:** [www.floortime.org](http://www.floortime.org)

**Contact:** Dr. Mary N. Megson

**Website:** <http://www.megson.com/>

**Phone:** (804) 673-9128

**E-mail Address:** info@megson.com or webmaster@megson.com

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## Autistic Friendly Doctors and Dentists



### Defeat Autism Now (DAN) Doctors

The Autism Research Institute (ARI) has been dedicated to educating parents and clinicians about biomedically-based research, appropriate testing, and safe and effective interventions for autism. The ARI has held conferences for physicians, researchers, and scientists committed to finding an effective treatment for autism. Their work has become known as Defeat Autism Now! They have created a list of doctors that are licensed healthcare providers that attend at least one DAN seminar every two years and have signed a statement that says that they subscribe to and conduct their practice in accordance with the DAN philosophy. The link below will take you to a list of doctors in your state.

**Website:** [http://www.autismwebsite.com/practitioners/us\\_lc.htm](http://www.autismwebsite.com/practitioners/us_lc.htm)

### Dentists

*Little Pearls Dentistry for Children*

**Contact:** Michael Gazori

**Address:**

19465 Deerfield Ave, Suite 302

Lansdowne, VA 20176

**Phone:** (703) 726-3030

**Website:** [www.littlepearlsdentistry.com](http://www.littlepearlsdentistry.com)

**Email:** [info@littlepearlsdentistry.com](mailto:info@littlepearlsdentistry.com)



*VDAA Fredericksburg*

**Contact:** Dr. Navin Shetty, DDS, MS

**Address:**

1420 Central Park Blvd., Suite 201

Fredericksburg, VA 22401

**Phone:** (540) 786-0696

**Email:** [uptown@vdaa.info](mailto:uptown@vdaa.info)

*Robert S. Sears, D.D.S. and Richard J. Moses III, D.M.D.*

**Address:**

150 Elden Street, Suite 200

Herndon, VA 20170

**Phone:** (703) 707-2070

**Email:** [dr.sears-moses@gmail.com](mailto:dr.sears-moses@gmail.com)

*Dr. Neda*

**Address:**

1984 Isaac Newton Square, Suite 200

Reston, VA 20190

**Phone:** (703) 435-1500

**Email:** [smiles@kidsdentalsafari.com](mailto:smiles@kidsdentalsafari.com)

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## Biomedical Information

### Autism Web

A Parents' Guide to Autism and Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD)

Website: <http://www.autismweb.com/>

### Generation Rescue, Stafford, VA

An international movement of parent-volunteers helping more than 10,000 children begin biomedical treatment. Generation Rescue is a parent-founded, parent-funded, and parent-led organization of more than 350 families. Our mission is to share the truth with parents about the cause of their child's NDs so they can focus on treatment

Contact: Angela Redden

Email: [angela.redden@gmail.com](mailto:angela.redden@gmail.com)

### Autism Nutrition

The guiding philosophy of AUTISM NUTRITION is the biomedical approach to autism. Spearheaded by the late Dr Bernard Rimland of the Autism Research Institute (ARI), the biomedical approach is based on the latest scientific research that shows autism to have at least some biological causes - such as heavy metal poisoning, yeast infection, food sensitivity, nutritional deficiency, etc.

Website: <http://www.autism-nutrition.com/>

### Ladders

The Autism Research Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to researching the neurological underpinnings of autism and other related developmental brain disorders.

Website: <http://www.ladders.org/>

### The Autism Research Institute (ARI)

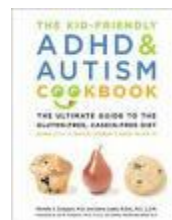
A non-profit organization was established in 1967. For more than 40 years, ARI has devoted its work to conducting research, and to disseminating the results of research, on the triggers of autism and on methods of diagnosing and treating autism. We provide research-based information to parents and professionals around the world.

Phone: 1-866-366-3361

Website: <http://www.autism.com/>

### The Kid-Friendly ADHD and Autism Cookbook

The Ultimate Guide to the Gluten-Free, Casein-Free Diet . A new book by two Defeat Autism Now practitioners, developmental pediatrician Pamela Compart M.D. and nutritionist Dana Laake. Advice for feeding picky eaters, and a good explanation of how and why the diet works. Recipes have information on calories, protein, fiber, etc., per serving.



### Special Diets for Special Kids

Understanding and Implementing Special Diets to Aid in the Treatment of Autism and Related Developmental Disorders by Lisa Lewis, Ph.D. One of the first books to explain the gluten-free, casein-free diet and how it can help treat autism. Her explanation of the science behind the diet is



not as easy to follow as Seroussi's. However, this book has more than 150 recipes for breads, cakes, candy, chili, macaroni and cheese, etc.

### **Special Diets for Special People**

Understanding and Implementing a Gluten-Free and Casein-Free Diet to Aid in the Treatment of Autism and Related Developmental Disorders. The newest how-to book and recipes by GFCF diet guru Lisa Lewis, Ph.D.

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## Financial Aide and Scholarships

### Virginia Department of Health

Website: <http://www.vahealth.org/specialchildren/cdsprogram.asp>

### Autism Society of America

Website: [http://www.autism-society.org/site/PageServer?pagename=about\\_resources](http://www.autism-society.org/site/PageServer?pagename=about_resources)

### ARC of Northern Virginia

Website: <http://www.thearcofnova.org/old/CommServices/finass.html>

### Autism-PDD Support Network

Website: <http://www.autism-pdd.net/financial-resources.html>

### Organization for Autism Research

Website: <http://www.researchautism.org/news/otherevents/scholarship.asp>

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## Transition Services

### **Virginia Department of Education Transition Services**

Transition Services for Students with Disabilities

**Website:** <http://www-test.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/sped/transition/>

### **Stafford County Parent Resource Center**

**Phone:**(540) 658-6710

**Email:** prc@staffordschools.net

### **Spotsylvania County Parent Resource Center**

**Address:**

7409 Brock Rd

Spotsylvania, VA 22553

**Phone:**(540) 582-3615 or (540) 582-3616

### **Virginia College Quest**

A new website offering information, resources and activities to help prepare middle and high school students with disabilities for transition to college.

**Website:** <http://www.vacollegequest.org/>

### **PEATC (Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center)**

The Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center Building positive futures for Virginia's children by working collaboratively with families, schools and communities in order to improve opportunities for excellence in education and success in school and community life. Our special focus is children with disabilities.

**Website:** <http://www.peatc.org/>

### **Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services**

**Address:**

511 Westwood Office Park

Fredericksburg, VA 22401

**Website:** <http://www.vadrs.org/transitionservices.htm>

### *School to Work Transition Services:*

In partnership with people with disabilities and their families, the Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services collaborates with the public and private sectors to provide and advocate for the highest quality services that empower individuals with disabilities to maximize their employment, independence and full inclusion into society.

**Phone:** (800)552-5019 (Voice)

**Phone:** (800)464-9950 (TTY)

### **National Center on Secondary Education and Transition**

Creating Opportunities for Youth With disabilities to Achieve Successful Futures

**Website:** <http://www.ncset.org/default.asp>

### **The Choice Group - Northern Virginia**

Employment Services: follow along, situational assessment, job coach, training services. Individual supported skills training and placement. Main Office Location: Richmond Service Areas: Caroline County, Culpeper County, Fredericksburg City, Rappahannock County, Spotsylvania County, Stafford County

**Contact:** Robin Metcalf

**Email:** robin.metcalf@thechoicegroup.com

**Address:**

4807 Radford Avenue Suite 106

Richmond, VA 23230

**Phone:** (804)2789151

**Website:**<http://www.thechoicegroup.com>

## **Adult Rehabilitation Centers**

### **The Salvation Army in Virginia**

**Address:**

821 LaFayette Blvd.

Fredericksburg, VA 22401

**Mail Address:**

P.O. Box 179

Fredericksburg, VA 22404-0179

**Phone:** (540) 373-3431

### **Rappahannock Goodwill**

**Contact:** Woody Van Valkenburgh

**Email:** woody.vanvalkenburgh@fredgoodwill.org

**Address:**

P.O. Box 905

Fredericksburg, VA 22404

**Phone:** (540)371-3070

**Website:** <http://www.Fredgoodwill.org>

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## **Volunteer Opportunities**

### **Autism Society of America**

**Email:** [asacv@aol.com](mailto:asacv@aol.com)

**Phone:** (804) 257-0192

**Address:**

PO Box 29364

Richmond, VA 23242-0364

### **Commonwealth Autism Services**

**Phone:** (800) 649-8481

### **Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center (PEATC)**

**Email:** [partners@peatc.org](mailto:partners@peatc.org)

**Phone:** (703) 923-0010 or (800) 869-6782

### **Special Olympics (Area 11)**

**Email:** [Volunteer\\_coordinator@area11sova.org](mailto:Volunteer_coordinator@area11sova.org)

**Phone:** (504) 891-0099

**Address:**

PO Box 218

Fredericksburg, VA 22404

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## Education and Research

### Virginia Autism Resource Center

They provide training, consultations, publications, other materials and information to parents and professionals working with autism *free of charge*.

**Address:**

PO Box 1300

Stephens City, VA 22655

**Phone:** (877)667-7771 or (540) 869-3377

**Email:** info@varc.org

### Cure Autism Now- MidAtlantic (DC, MD, VA) Chapter

CAN, The Cure Autism Now Foundation, is a non-profit organization of parents, physicians, and researchers, dedicated to promoting and funding research with direct, clinical implications for treatment and a cure for autism.

**Address:**

7731 Tuckerman Lane, Box 147

Potomac, MD 20854

**Phone:** (301)419-8198

**Website:** [www.canfoundation.com](http://www.canfoundation.com)

### Autism Center Registry of Virginia

If you live in Virginia and have a child who has been diagnosed with having autism, consider enrolling him or her in the VCU Autism Center Registry of Virginia.

If you want to hear more or would like to register your child, please contact the center for more information or a registry package.

**Address:**

PO Box 980489

Richmond, VA 23298-0489

**Phone:** (804) 628-2268 or toll free (866) 628-2268

**Email:** autismreg@vcu.edu

**Website:** [www.vcuhealth.org/vtcc/vcu\\_autism\\_center.html](http://www.vcuhealth.org/vtcc/vcu_autism_center.html)

### FEAT

A good source for the latest mainstream news on autism.

**Website:** <http://www.feat.org/>

### National Alliance for Autism Research (NAAR)

NAAR suggests and promotes biomedical research.

Website: <http://www.naar.org/>

### **Organization for Autism Research (OAR)**

Putting research to work providing answers to questions for those confronted directly and indirectly by autism.

Website: <http://www.researchautism.org/>

### **Autism Research Institution**

The Autism Research Institute (ARI) is proud to be the only autism non-profit to be awarded the coveted 'Four Star Award' by Charity Navigator for sound fiscal management. ARI is even prouder of its unique track record in funding research projects which have made a real difference in discovering the true causes of autism, and developing effective treatments that bring about recovery from autism.

Website: <http://www.autism.com/medical/research/index.htm>

### **National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)**

The NICHD conducts and supports research on topics related to the health of children, adults, families, and populations. Choose an item below to learn more about the NICHD research portfolio.

Website: <http://www.nichd.nih.gov/research/>

### **International Society for Autism Research (INSAR)**

The International Society for Autism Research (INSAR) is a scientific and professional organization devoted to advancing knowledge about autism spectrum disorders (ASDs), including autism, Asperger's syndrome and Pervasive Developmental Disorders Not Otherwise Specified (PDD NOS).

Website: <http://autism-insar.org/>

### **Autism Speaks**

Many opportunities are available for families to participate in autism research. You can join a clinical trial, enroll in a research study, contribute to our rich genetic database, or participate online by adding your family information to a research database. 90% of children with cancer are enrolled in clinical trials, but only 5% of children with autism currently participate in research. Your participation will make a big difference.

Website: <http://www.autismspeaks.org/participate/index.php>

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