



Teachers may be some of the earliest observers of children showing symptoms of an autism spectrum disorder.

Raising the issue with parents can be a sensitive topic and effective teaching styles for all children can be challenging.

Some of the resources on our Parent/General resources list and those provided below provide an introduction to autism spectrum disorders. Farther down on the list are resources more specific to teachers.

*If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us:  
(716) 878-7600.*

### **Ten Things Your Student With Autism Wishes You Knew**

<http://www.ellennotbohm.com/article-archive/ten-things-your-student-with-autism-wishes-you-knew>

**Autism Speaks** – Autism Speaks – <http://www.autismspeaks.org>

## **Local Resources**

Western New York is fortunate to have access to some great local resources including:

### **Early Childhood Direction Center (ECDC) (for children 0-5 years old)**

Phone: (716) 880-3875 <http://www.wchob.org/ecdc>

The Early Childhood Helpline, an Initiative of Success By 6, is a free service for child care centers, family child care providers and group family homes. An Early Childhood Development Specialist is available to provide assistance with problems or concerns you might have regarding children, environment, curriculum, activities, and community resources. ECDC also has a great list of resources: <http://www.wchob.org/ECDC/resources.asp>

### **Parent Network of Western New York (for children 6 years old and up)**

Phone: (716) 332-4170 <http://www.parentnetworkwny.org>

Parent Network of WNY is a community resource for families of individuals with special needs and for professionals who work with these families.

**Autism Society – Western New York Chapter:** Phone: (716) 633-2275 <http://www.autismwny.org/>

**Center for Autism Support and Education (CASE)** Phone: (716) 332-4170

<http://www.parentnetworkwny.org/Home/Programs/CASE>

A resource for parents, foster parents, therapists, respite workers, recreation program staff and anyone else who lives or works with individuals having Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

**NYSED Training:** Three hour certification course through NY State Education Department.

<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/autism.html> it has description and list of approved providers by area.

**National Resources are on the other side of this sheet**



# National Autism Resources for Teachers – *compiled by*

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## **Autism Speaks – School Community Tool Kit**

Autism Speaks is one of the leading sources of information about Autism. Their school-community tool kit discusses autism and presents suggestions on how to talk with parents about Autism.

<http://www.autismspeaks.org/family-services/tool-kits/school-community-tool-kit>

**The Organization for Autism Research (OAR)** is led by parents and grandparents of children and adults on the autism spectrum. OAR set out to use applied science to answer questions that parents, families, individuals with autism, teachers and caregivers confront daily. No other autism organization has this singular focus. OAR has a webpage for educators and service providers which presents an overview of relevant topics as well as resource guides in Spanish and English:

<http://www.researchautism.org/educators/index.asp>

- An Educator's Guide to Autism (Spanish and English)
- An Educator's Guide to Asperger Syndrome (Spanish and English) can both be found here:  
<http://www.researchautism.org/resources/reading/index.asp#Educator>

## **American Federation of Teachers & Easter Seals – Helping Students with Autism – Tips for Educators**

24 page booklet – good overview and quick read

[http://capper.easterseals.com/site/DocServer/Helping\\_Students\\_with\\_Autism\\_-\\_Tips\\_for\\_Educators.pdf?docID=135566](http://capper.easterseals.com/site/DocServer/Helping_Students_with_Autism_-_Tips_for_Educators.pdf?docID=135566)

## **Autism Society – Building our Future – Educating Students on the Spectrum – 12 page booklet, free download**

<http://support.autism-society.org/site/DocServer/buildingourfuture06.pdf?docID=4201>

## **National Autism Center's Evidence-Based Practice Autism in the Schools - 258 page guide**

[http://www.nationalautismcenter.org/pdf/NAC%20Ed%20Manual\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.nationalautismcenter.org/pdf/NAC%20Ed%20Manual_FINAL.pdf)

## **The National Association of Special Education Teachers (NASET) Autism Spectrum Disorders Series** is a monthly

education resource that will focus on the research, writing, and practical information that we have obtained on causes, characteristics, eligibility, assessment, and teaching strategies. <http://www.naset.org/2561.0.html>

**The National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorders** - is a multi-university center to promote the use of evidence-based practice for children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorders. Offers web based modules on 24 standards of best practice. <http://autismpdc.fpg.unc.edu>

## **Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities**

The Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities is an organization composed of persons committed to enhancing the quality of life of individuals, especially children and youth, with autism, intellectual disabilities and other developmental disabilities.

<http://daddcec.org/Home.aspx>

## **National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities - NICHCY**

Serves the nation as a central source of information on disabilities in infants, toddlers, children, and youth. The State Resource Sheets will help you connect with the disability agencies and organizations in your state. <http://nichcy.org>

## **Bullying and ASDs - <http://specialneeds.thebullyproject.com/toolkit>**

[http://www.iancommunity.org/cs/ian\\_research\\_reports/ian\\_research\\_report\\_bullying](http://www.iancommunity.org/cs/ian_research_reports/ian_research_report_bullying)

**Autism Speaks – Combating Bullying** <http://www.autismspeaks.org//print/node/131566>

Please let us know if you have found a site that might be useful to other teachers. [jmertz@kaleidahealth.org](mailto:jmertz@kaleidahealth.org) or (716) 878-7600.