

# Autism Resources



Has your child been diagnosed with Autism? Autism is a spectrum disorder, which means it affects each person differently. Having resources and support in the beginning of your journey can be very helpful.

## First Steps

The Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) is the primary state agency that funds community-based services and supports for people with developmental disabilities. Find out if your child is eligible for the Autism Waiver by calling 866-417-3480 or use this link:

<http://marylandpublicschools.org/programs/Pages/Special-Education/autismfactsheet.aspx>

- Kennedy Krieger has a Center for Autism and Related Disorders. Find out more by visiting <https://www.kennedykrieger.org/patient-care/centers-and-programs/center-for-autism-and-related-disorders>, or call 888-554-2080.
- Infants and Toddlers is a program offered by The Frederick County Health Department that provides early intervention services. Find more information by calling 301-600-1611 or visit: <http://md-frederickcountyhealth.civicplus.com/269/Infants-Toddlers-Program>
- Frederick County Public Schools offers excellent Special Education services. Child Find can help to evaluate and identify children suspected of having a disability. <https://www.fcps.org/academics/special-education> Child Find - 301-644-5292 or 301-644-5003

## Funding Sources

- Related to DDA, Low Intensity Support Services (LISS) are provided throughout the year by a lottery system. LISS can be used to pay for approved services or goods. The application for LISS can be found here: <https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/liss.aspx>

## Childcare

- Maryland Family Network -<https://www.marylandfamilynetwork.org> – 410-659-7701

## Respite

- Frederick County Respite Care Program - <http://health.frederickcountymd.gov/270/Respite-Care> 301-600-1611
- A Mothers Rest – <https://www.amothersrest.org> – email -[innkeeper@amothersrest.org](mailto:innkeeper@amothersrest.org)

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