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children with
autism and
developmental
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ABA (Statewide)

The Art in Me - Applied Behavior Analysis, Counseling.

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Contact: Melissa Thibodaux, BCBA, M.A., LPC

Address: 1617 Metairie Road

Metairie, LA 70005

Phone: (504) 494-1461 Melissa

Phone: (504) 481-7359 Mandy

E-mail: artinmenola@artinmenola.com

Atlas Autism Center - provides in clinic therapy to children with autism. Our services include the following: assessment, 1:1 direct therapy (ABA), group instruction, and parent training. In addition, ATLAS will begin accepting afternoon clients for our Social Skills Group in the spring of 2019.

Address: 1000 Behrman Hwy.,

Gretna, LA 70056

Phone: (504) 265-0548

Email: atlasautismcenter@gmail.com

Autism Spectrum Therapies - AST serves the Greater New Orleans, Northshore and Baton Rouge areas, including parts of Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington Parishes providing ABA services, social skills, adults and teen services, OT & SLP (services are offered on a limited basis at some locations.)

METAIRIE | ORLEANS -ABA Services & AST Learning Center - (504) 434-4310

Address: 5700 Citrus Blvd., Suite A1

New Orleans, LA 70123

NORTHSHORE - ABA Services - (985) 317-3598

Address: 500 River Highlands Blvd., Ste. 700, Covington, LA 70433

SLIDELL - ABA Services - (985) 605-7666

310 Gateway Dr., Ste A, Slidell, LA 70461

Contact: Rebecca Mandal-Blasio, Ph.D.

Phone: (888) 856-6707

Cell: (504) 239-6707

Fax: (504) 265-9339

E-mail:

rebecca.mandal-blasio@autismtherapies.com

The Behavior Guru - We service the greater New Orleans area from ages 0+. Services include ABA therapy, Functional Behavior Assessments, Behavior Intervention Plans, Individual Consultations, Direct Intervention, Social Skills Instruction, Parent/Family Training, Teacher Training, IEP attendance, and Workshops.

Contact: Mindy Rothstein, PhD, BCBA-D

Address: New Orleans, LA 70115

Phone: (504) 345-8222

E-mail: contact@thebehaviorguru.com

The Behavioral Intervention Group - Our learning center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana provides Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Therapy, Social Skills Training, Academic Tutoring and Parent Coaching for children with autism and other developmental disorders.

Address: 7222 Bluebonnet Blvd.

Baton Rouge, LA 70810

Phone: (225) 757-8002

Fax: (225) 757-8822

E-mail: admin@big-br.com

Behavioral Developmental Services - is a therapy center that works with children and young adults with ASD. Developmental delays, behavioral problems, and individuals that are needing social skill development. BDS uses ABA, counseling, and group therapy as part of their therapy practices. We currently have offices in Monroe, Ruston and Olla, Jena and Winnsboro, La.

Address: 3201 Armand St., Monroe, LA 71201

Address: 1002 South Vienna Ruston, LA 71270

Phone: (318) 600-6640

Behavior Support Solutions - is an ABA agency that provides services in home, school and community settings. Most insurance plans accepted. Some Medicaid plans accepted.

Address: New Orleans Area

Phone: (800) 661-3669 x802

Email: intakes@behaviorsupportsolutions.com

Butterfly Effects, LLC - Our team provides therapy mostly to children 21 years of age and younger, however, each referral is evaluated individually to determine our ability to help.

Team members with collective expertise in the areas of ABA, psychology, and other related health services guide program development and treatment planning, while providing oversight to a team of skilled Behavior Technicians. Services are offered in the Greater New Orleans area and Baton Rouge.

Contact: Dodie Powers

Address: 4201 N I-10 Service Road, West, Metairie, LA 70006

Phone: (504) 475-5303

E-mail: dpowers@butterflyeffects.com

Care Tec Pediatric Center - ABA provider. At Care Tec, we use a multidisciplinary approach to improve the lives of children diagnosed with diverse mental health issues, Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and/or other developmental disabilities. Although we serve children with multiple needs, our main focus is to provide services for children on the spectrum.

Address: 2840 Military Highway
Pineville, LA 71360

Phone Number: (318) 704-5304

Alternate Number: (337) 301-1029

Fax Number: (318) 704-5821

The Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD) - The Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD) is one of the world's largest organizations using Applied Behavior

Analysis (ABA) in the treatment of autism spectrum disorder.

Email: info@centerforautism.com

- BATON ROUGE EAST
Address: 11606 Southfork Ave. Suite 300 Baton Rouge, LA 70816
Phone: (225) 292-5981
- BATON ROUGE WEST
Address: 7932 Summa Ave., Suite B-2, Baton Rouge, LA 70808
Phone: (225) 349-7171
- DENHAM SPRINGS
Address: 230 Veterans Blvd., Denham Springs, LA 70726
Phone: (225) 349-7960
- HAMMOND
Address: 1250 SW Railroad Ave #130, Hammond, LA 70403
Phone: (985) 500-3240
- LAFAYETTE
Address: 1003 S Hugh Wallis Rd, Suite B-2, Lafayette, LA, 70508
Phone: (337) 205-4444
- YOUNGSVILLE
Address: 107 Centre Sarcelle Blvd #703, Youngsville, LA 70592
Phone: (337) 857-3674
- MANDEVILLE
Address: 1325 W Causeway Approach Mandeville, LA 70471
Phone: (985) 272-1824
- NEW ORLEANS - UPTOWN
Address: 733 Dante St.
New Orleans, LA 70118
Phone: (504) 517-1711
- NEW ORLEANS - WEST BANK
Address: 3712 MacArthur Blvd #100
New Orleans, LA 70114
Phone: (504) 882-8105
- PRAIRIEVILLE
Address: 17505 Old Jefferson Highway, Prairieville, LA 70769
Phone: (985) 500-3130
- GONZALES

Address: 1028 E Worthey St,
Gonzales, LA 70737

Phone: (504) 399-9851

- **SHREVEPORT**

Address: 7607 Fern Ave #403

Shreveport, LA 71105

Phone: (?)

The Chartwell Center - Chartwell Consortium offers ABA services for children 3-7 and to individuals of all ages after school. Chartwell has an alternative education setting, which integrates ABA practice and collaborates with other professionals for additional recommendations. The education program focuses on appropriate academic targets, increased independence and skills that would help students succeed in a typical school. Chartwell's PATH program works with adults on vocational skills.

Address: 1225 Magazine Street

New Orleans, LA 70130

Phone: (504) 899-2478

Fax: (504) 899-2416

ChatterNOLA - ChatterNola is a boutique private practice specializing in early intervention services in Speech-Language Pathology and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). We focus on delivering high-quality, evidence-based, individualized therapy that will meet the unique needs of each client we serve from birth through 8 years.

Address: LaPlace, LA

Phone: (504) 250-6422

Children's Autism Center - was founded on the belief that every child deserves a chance at developing to their full potential. Through the science of Applied Behavior Analysis and the practice of ABA therapy, our staff of highly trained board certified behavior analysts, master's level teachers and therapists, skillfully motivate the unique learning style of

each child who enters our center. CAC partners with families to help teach foundational skills needed to guide our children to become capable, life-long learners by providing an enriched environment conducive to inspiring meaningful growth and change. CAC provides intensive ABA services delivered within a culturally responsive school-based and center-based model in our New Orleans and Austin, TX facilities including: Center-based 1:1 ABA/Health & Behavioral Intervention services Sprouts Early Childhood Program (18-36 months) School offerings including preschool and non-graded elementary school programs Social skills groups Parent training services Professional development and training.

Address: 1215 Prytania St., 5th Floor

New Orleans, LA 70130

Phone: (512) 733-2800

Crane Rehab Center - Offering a comprehensive early intervention program for children diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. The program will include Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Applied Behavior Analysis therapy (ABA) within an interdisciplinary model. This program will provide children with ASD the opportunity to receive quality, evidence-based, treatment at one location.

Adult Facility

Address: 101 River Road, Ste.112

Jefferson, LA 70121

Phone: (504) 828-7696

Pediatric Facility

Address: 8300 Earhart Blvd. Suite 100

New Orleans, LA 70118

Phone: (504) 866-6990

Contact: Katie Barlow, BCBA

Email: info@cranerehab.com

Creating New Connections, LLC - helps children with autism spectrum disorders

create meaningful interactions with the world. Providing Parent Education Courses, focused ABA Program | Consultation Services, Early Childhood ABA Therapy, Teen Social Skills Groups.

Contact: Christine Tilley, BCBA

Address: 3401 Canal Blvd.

New Orleans, LA 70125

Phone: (504) 231-8981 Christine

Phone: (985) 637-1643

E-mail:

Christine@creatingnewconnections.com

sally@creatingnewconnections.com

The Emerge Center - is a non-profit center whose mission is to empower children and adults to reach their greatest potential, and to effectively communicate and interact. Services include individual and group speech therapy, occupational therapy, psychology/behavioral services, and audiology. Autism program combines one-on-one ABA therapy (clinic-based and home-based) with group speech-language preschool classes, and other therapies as needed.

Address: 7784 Innovation Park Drive

Baton Rouge, LA 70820

Phone: (225) 343-4232

GRACE Behavioral Interventions - Located in River Ridge and provide home, school, and clinic based services. We are currently in network with Cigna, Louisiana Health Care Connections, and Healthy Blue. Grace Behavioral Interventions utilizes the science of Applied Behavioral Analysis to provide individualized instruction to assist our clients in achieving goals, and improve socially significant behaviors.

Phone: (985) 859-1312

Greater New Orleans Resource Center on Developmental Disabilities - Anyone receiving services through GNORCDD must

have been deemed eligible by the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) i.e.: MHSD and JPHSA/CSPDD.

Psychologist, Dr. Nicole Lasserre provides ABA therapy on site, at home, and in school.

Contact: Denise Ben

Jefferson & Orleans Parishes

Address: 234 F. Edward Hebert Blvd.

Belle Chasse, LA 70037

Phone: (225) 567-1254 Ext.300

Cell: (504) 810-2012

Gulf South Autism Center - Pre-School Program, Group Speech Therapy, Individual ABA for School-Age Children, Individual Occupational Therapy, Individual Speech Therapy.

Contact: Brian Esteve, LBA, Clinical Director

Address: 7252 Lakeshore Dr.

New Orleans, LA 70124

Phone: (504) 323-3450

Fax: (504) 323-3455

Live Oak Children's Center - Behavioral Psychology Services to children of ALL needs. Services include Psychology, ABA, Feeding Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy Art Therapy, and Parent and Professional Training.

Address: 56 Louis Prima Dr., Suite A
Covington, LA 70433

Phone: (985) 327-7256

Fax: (985) 327-7253

E-mail: info@liveoakchildrens.net

Louisiana Autism Center - Each child is an individual and deserves services that are designed specifically for them. Based upon your child's specific strengths and unique characteristics, we draw from extensive research on Autism Spectrum Disorders, Applied Behavior Analysis, Learning Theory, and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy to develop an individualized treatment package.

Address: 2036 Jackson St.
Alexandria, LA 71301
Phone: (318) 641-3083, (318) 641-0444
Fax: (318) 641-6112

McNeese Autism Program - The McNeese Autism Program provides comprehensive treatment services for children with autism spectrum disorders. Our services include intensive early interventions, problematic behavior clinics, social skills groups, language training, pediatric feeding problem interventions, and family training. Our experienced professional staff is comprised of Board Certified Behavior Analysts who are committed to the highest standards of evidence-based practice for your child's specific needs and work closely with you to design the very best treatment for your child.
Address: 4205 Ryan Street, Lake Charles, LA
Phone: (337) 475-5000 or (800) 622-3352

Merakey Shelley Hendrix Autism Center - Louisiana Autism Centers: Merakey joined the Capital Region by bringing its continuum of services for individuals with autism to the community. Applied behavioral methods are embedded within all Merakey Autism programs to foster basic skills and maximize functional communication. Our comprehensive approach and highly qualified staff are trained to successfully support each child's area of need and increase their opportunities for success. With a rich history of providing autism services, Merakey utilizes Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA) as part of a multi-disciplinary team to oversee and develop programs specifically targeted to meet the needs of the individuals we serve. Services include:

- School services
- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)
- Ancillary Therapy Services including Speech and Language and Occupational

Therapy

- Gateway Transition Services - [Merakey Cheatham Transition House](#)

Address: 9150 Bereford Dr.

Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Phone: (225) 960-7689

HAMMOND

Address: 14088 W Club Deluxe Rd.

Hammond, LA 70403

Phone: (985) 542-0077

Acceptable forms of payment include Medicaid, Commercial Insurance, and self-pay.

Mercy Family Center Diagnostic Clinic at Cypress Academy - Offering a variety of services for children identified as "at-risk" including assessment of behavior, expressive and receptive language, speech, personal independence (problem-solving and daily living skills), play and cognitive skills with a diagnostic team comprised of a psychologist and speech-language pathologist. 1:1 and group Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy services in a clinical setting both within a student's regular school day and within Cypress' school building supervised by a BCBA-Certified Child Psychologist with the potential for an After-School Intervention Program at Cypress to grow.

Contact: Corrina Spedale

Address: Touro Synagogue, 4238 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70115

Phone: (504) 383-3337

Email: cspedale@cypressacademy.org

Ochsner - Michael R. Boh Center for Child Development - The Michael R. Boh Center for Child Development is dedicated to improving the lives of children and adolescents with developmental disorders through comprehensive interdisciplinary team evaluations, integrated treatment protocols, high quality evidence-based patient care, direction of special education services, and

professional education and research.

Address: 1319 Jefferson Hwy.

New Orleans, LA 70121

Phone: (504) 842-3900.

Erin Perry, BCBA - Provides ABA services to families with children with autism and other related developmental disabilities.

Address: New Orleans, LA

Cell: (225) 266-7214

E-mail: danceusm@yahoo.com

SOAR Autism Center - We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization offering applied behavior analysis therapy (ABA), speech therapy, social skills, life skills, independent living skills, educational advocacy, support network meetings, lending library, resources, workshops and trainings, as well as community events, adult social events and support. We accept most insurances including Medicaid for ABA.

Contact: Sherri Houin, Executive Director/CEO

Address: 21 Industrial Pkwy., Bldg. A,

Ponchatoula, LA 70454

Phone: (985) 370-2300

Fax: (844) 205-7627

E-mail: Shouin@soarwithautism.org

ST. BERNARD OFFICE

Address: 317 W. Genie Street

Chalmette, LA 70043

Phone: (504) 371-5565

Spears Learning Center - Services provided are one-on-one ABA Therapy Speech Therapy and Parent Training.

Contact: Kelly Spears MS, CCC-SLP/BCBA

Address: 2612 Metairie Rd. Metairie, LA 70001

Phone: (504) 309-5679

Northshore Clinic Phone: (985) 871-0689

E-mail: spearslearningcenter@gmail.com

St. Nicholas Center - St. Nicholas Center offers a wide range of services including

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy, Social Skills training, and diagnostic testing. Services are provided to children with autism, developmental delays, and neurological disorders in a fun loving, and educational environment.

Address: 2519 Ryan St., Lake Charles, LA 70601

Phone: (337) 491-0800

Fax: (337) 491-0508

Email: info@stnickcenter.org

Stella Learning Center - is the first Autism and related disorders learning center in the Tri-Parish area: Terrebonne, Lafourche, and St. Mary. Related disorders include Autism Spectrum Disorders, ADHD, Downs Syndrome, learning disabilities, and cognitive disabilities. SLC offers teaching behavior systematically in a highly structured environment utilizing intensive interventions based on the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA).

Address: 310 South Hollywood Rd.

Houma, LA 70360

Phone: (985) 868-2671

The Touchstone Center - The Touchstone Center is a private facility dedicated to providing the state of the science Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services to individuals, families & schools.

Address: 1018 Verret Street, Houma, LA 70360

Address: 311 Jackson Street

Thibodaux, LA 70301

Phone: (985) 492-1941

Fax: (985) 492-1943

Email: thetouchstonecenter@gmail.com

Therapeutic Learning Center

Address: 3329 Metairie Rd, Metairie, LA 70001

Phone: (504) 565-7300

TLC is an innovative pediatric Occupational, Speech, and Physical Therapy practice

dedicated to improving the well-being of children within the greater New Orleans area. TLC supports children to enhance their learning and development from infancy through young adulthood. Our team's 30+ years of professional practice, in addition to raising our own children, has given us the belief that a change in the way therapy services have been offered is imperative. Therefore, our goal is to provide a holistic and family-centered therapy for all of our clients. We value a team approach; and therefore, the relationship with our client's education team and parents are just as important as our relationship with your child to ensure their success.

We provide therapy services at our outpatient clinic, as well as **ABA centers**, daycare centers, preschools, and schools across the greater New Orleans area including private and charter schools. Providing therapy in a child's educational setting allows real-time observation, collaboration with your child's education team to ensure carryover of skills, and decreasing disruption of your family's schedule to transport your child to therapy.

*** We accept Blue Cross Blue Shield, United Healthcare, Aetna, and Coventry health insurances. *** At this time we do not accept Medicaid insurance.

West Behavioral - is a private intervention and consulting practice that provides individualized behavioral interventions and services. Our services are broad and reach multiple populations of individuals. At West Behavioral, we use applied behavior analysis (ABA) to improve socially significant behavior, reduce socially significant problem behaviors and ensure that each individual reaches their full potential.

Contact: Lindy West, BCBA
Address: 611 State Street, Jennings, LA 70546

Phone: (337) 246-7525

E-mail: lindy@westbehavioral.com

Within Reach - Center for Autism - provides Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services to individuals diagnosed with Autism or other developmental disabilities.

Contact: Emily Bellaci, LBA, BCBA

Address: 1515 Demosthenes St.

Metairie, LA 70005

Phone: (504) 885-4327

E-mail: Emily@WithinReachNOLA.com

EVALUATIONS

The Autism Center at Children's Hospital -- The Department of Psychology

Address: 935 Calhoun Street

New Orleans, LA 70118

Contact: Dr. Jodi Kamps

Phone: (504) 896-9484 for appointments.

(May have a waiting list of a few months)

Provides comprehensive evaluation and management of cognitive, emotional and behavioral problems of childhood, and the emotional and behavioral problems

associated with acute and chronic medical conditions. Specialized clinics are available in the assessment and management of attention deficit hyperactivity disorders, developmental disorders and pediatric neuropsychology.

Management expertise includes, but is not limited to:

- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- Complex Learning/Cognitive Disorders
- Medical Psychology/Psychopharmacology
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Behavior Problems
- Adjustment to Chronic Disease
- Neuropsychological Assessment
- Behavioral Adjustment and Emotional Problems of Childhood

The Department of Psychology also runs the **Children's Hospital Rapid Treatment**

Program This outpatient program is dedicated to providing an expedited response for patients referred by pediatricians on the medical staff at Children's Hospital for children with ADHD, depression, anxiety, PTSD, and non-CNS based sleep disorders. The program utilizes a brief intervention model, which incorporates both behavioral interventions and psychoactive medications, when required.

Dr. Terry Johnson

Address: 3350 Ridgelake Dr, Suite 272
Metairie, LA 70002.

Phone: (504) 874-3190

Email: drterryphd@bellsouth.net

Does autism evaluations; private insurance only. Dr. Johnson is a licensed psychologist with over 20 years of experience working with children, adolescents, and their families. She offers help for children with diagnoses to determine a course of treatment.

Dr. Laurie Olson

Address: 3350 Ridgelake Dr, Suite 274
Metairie 70002

Phone: (504) 400-9218

Dr. Laurie Olson has over 20 years of experience with children with autism & other developmental disabilities. She is often called upon to assist with behavioral challenges & works closely with the child's parents and teachers. Dr. Olson was schooled in behaviorism & has recent, intensive training from the TEACCH Autism Program at UNC.

Dr. Patricia Blackwell

Pelts, Kirkhart, and Associates, LLC.
Address: 1539 Jackson Ave, NOLA 70130

Phone: (504) 581-3933

Does autism evaluations but possibly does not take insurance, only out-of-pocket.

Live Oak Behavioral Psychology

Address: 56 Louis Prima Drive, Suite A,

Covington, LA 70433

Phone: (504) 450-7561

Brand new clinic based on Northshore; possibly might do autism evaluations using private evaluation – ADHD, Gifted evaluations, learning disabilities, and autism; also does home-based ABA services

Behavioral Health and Human Development Center

Address: 4517 Lorino St, Metairie, LA 70006

Phone: (504) 454-3015

Email: bhhdc01@yahoo.com

The Behavioral Health & Human Development Center is a developmental health and wellness clinic operated by Dr. Carlos Reinoso, a developmental psychologist. The center specializes in the assessment and treatment of developmental disorders including Autism, Asperger's Disorder, DHD, Dyslexia, and Learning Disabilities.

Dr. Kristin Callahan

Address: 137 N. Clark Street, NOLA 70119

Phone: (504) 301-8669

Email: Dr.kristincallahan@gmail.com

Dr. Callahan is a licensed psychologist who provides comprehensive diagnostic assessments for children suspected of having an autism spectrum disorder. She runs social skills groups, provides individual and family treatment, consults with families and schools regarding challenging behaviors related to autism spectrum disorders, and conducts trainings for parents, teachers, and professionals regarding early identification, diagnosis, and intervention for children with autism.

Mercy Family Center

Address: 110 Veterans Blvd., Suite 425,
Metairie, LA 70005

Phone: (504) 838-8283 (Metairie)
(985) 727-7993 (North Shore)

Counseling, group therapy, educational, guidance services, testing, and assessments. Cognitive assessments, gifted and school entrance examinations, medication management, psychopharmacology, treatment of attention deficit, diagnosis and treatment for hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), anxiety management, and chronic illness/pain management, coping with affective mood disorders, counseling for trauma.

Kids First Tiger Care

Contact: Dr. Susan Berry
Address: 1661 Canal Street, Suite 1200
New Orleans, LA 70112
Phone: (504) 299-9980
Developmental evaluations.

LSU Health New Orleans

School of Allied Health - Human Development Center
Autism Spectrum Disorder Interdisciplinary Diagnostic Clinic
[Schedule an appointment](#)

Tulane Doctors - Center for Autism & Related Disorders (TCARD)

Lisa D. Settles, PsyD
Kathryn Wampold, LMSW
Margaret Hauck, PhD
Address: 131 S. Robertson St., 14th Floor A,
New Orleans, LA 70112
Phone: (504) 988-3533 for appointments
Fax: (504) 988-0496
Email: autism@tulane.edu
The Tulane Center for Autism and Related Disorders (TCARD) was developed as a multidisciplinary team specializing in the identification and management of Autism and other Developmental Disorders.

Ochsner - Michael R. Boh Center for Child Development

Address: 1319 Jefferson Hwy.

New Orleans, LA 70121

Phone: (504) 842-3900.

The Michael R. Boh Center for Child Development is dedicated to improving the lives of children and adolescents with developmental disorders through comprehensive interdisciplinary team evaluations, integrated treatment protocols, high quality evidence-based patient care, direction of special education services, and professional education and research.

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES

To support all families in accessing high quality childcare, the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) provides financial assistance to low-income families while they are working or attending school.

CCAP Household Eligibility

Address: P.O. Box 260037
Baton Rouge, LA 70826
Phone: (877) 453-2721
Fax: (225) 376-6060, (225) 342-3906
Email: LDEccap@la.gov

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES 0-3

EarlySteps

EarlySteps provides services to families with infants and toddlers aged birth to three years (36 months) who have a medical condition likely to result in a developmental delay, or who have developmental delays.

EarlySteps System Point of Entry (SPOE) Referrals

Region 10 - Parish: Jefferson

Southeast Louisiana Area Health Education Center

Address: 1321 26th St. Kenner, LA 70026

Phone: (504) 496-0165

Fax: (504) 496-0167

Toll Free: (866) 296-0718

Email: brian.jakes2@selahec.org

Region 1 - Parish: Orleans, St. Bernard, Plaquemines

Easter Seals of Louisiana

Address: 1010 Common Suite 2440, New Orleans, LA 70112

Phone: (504) 595-3408

Fax: (504) 595-3158

Toll Free: (877) 595-3408

Email: hbell@laeasterseals.com

Region 2 - Parish: East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, West Feliciana, Pointe Coupee, Iberville, Ascension

Southeast Louisiana Area Health Education Center

Address: 4324 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd, St. C-155, Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Phone: (225) 925-2426

Toll Free: (866) 925-2426

Fax: (225) 925-1370

Email: brian.jakes2@selahec.org

Region 3 - Parish: Assumption, St. John, St. Charles, St. James, Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Mary

Southeast Louisiana Area Health Education Center

Address: 602 Parish Road

Thibodaux, LA 70301

Phone: (985) 447-6550

Toll Free: (866) 891-9044

Fax: (985) 447-6513 or (866) 897-9044

Email: brian.jakes2@selahec.org

Region 4 - Parish: Lafayette, Iberia, St. Martin, Vermillion, St. Landry, Evangeline, Acadia

First Steps Referral and Consulting LLC

Address: 138 East Main Street

New Iberia, LA 70560

Phone: (337) 359-8748

Toll Free: (866) 494-8900

Fax: (337) 359-8747

E-mail: babyfsrc2@bellsouth.net

Region 5 - Parish: Beauregard, Jefferson Davis, Allen, Cameron, Calcasieu

First Steps Referral and Consulting LLC

Address: 138 East Main Street

New Iberia, LA 70560

Phone: (337) 359-8748

Toll Free: (866) 494-8900

Fax: (337) 359-8747

E-mail: babyfsrc2@bellsouth.net

Region 6 - Parish: Vernon, Rapides, Winn, Grant, LaSalle, Catahoula, Concordia, Avoyelles

Easter Seals of Louisiana

Address: 700 Main Street, Pineville, LA 71360

Phone: (318) 487-1165

Toll Free: (855) 449-0900

Fax: (318) 445-4990

E-mail: aalexander@laeasterseals.com

Region 7 - Parish: Caddo, Bossier, Webster, Claiborne, Bienville, Natchitoches, Sabine, DeSoto, Red River

Families Helping Families at the Crossroads of Louisiana

Address: 2620 Centenary Blvd. Bldg. 2 Suite 249, Shreveport, LA 71104

Phone: (318) 226-8038

Toll Free: (866) 676-1695

Fax: (318) 425-8295

E-mail: kim.spoegmail.com

Region 8 - Parish: Ouachita, Union, Jackson, Lincoln, Caldwell, Morehouse, West Carroll, East Carroll, Richland, Franklin, Tensas, Madison

Easter Seals of Louisiana

Address: 1863 Avenue of America Monroe, LA 71201

Phone: (318) 322-4788

Toll Free: (877) 322-4788

Fax: (318) 322-1549

Email: pnewton@laeasterseals.com

Region 9 - Parish: St. Tammany, Livingston, St. Helena, Tangipahoa, Washington

Southeast Louisiana Area Health Education Center

Address: 1302 J.W. Davis Drive Hammond, LA 70403

Phone: (985) 429-1252

Toll Free: (866) 640-0238

Fax: (985) 429-1613

Email: brian.jakes2@selahec.org

Home and Community-Based Services – Human Service District/Authority

Flexible Family Fund- OCDD provides monthly stipends to families of eligible children with severe or profound developmental disabilities from birth to age 18 to help their families meet extraordinary costs. These subsidies are offered on a first-come,

first served basis. To submit an application, contact a human services district or authority.

Individual and Family Support - services provide assistance not available from any other resource that will allow people with developmental disabilities to live in their own homes or with their families in their own community. These services include respite care, personal assistance services, specialized clothing, dental and medical services, equipment and supplies, communication services, crisis intervention, specialized utility costs, specialized nutrition, and family education. Services are provided through contractual agreements by private provider agencies or through individualized agreements with individuals and families who obtain their own service providers.

Medicaid home and community-based waiver programs - allow people greater flexibility to choose where they want to live and to use services and supports that best suit their needs. Services provided must represent a least-restrictive treatment alternative. Each home and community-based waiver has specific service packages and eligibility requirements. Waiver opportunities are dependent upon funding, and are also offered based on the individual's need and priority level from their Screening for Urgency of Need (SUN) through the Request for Services Registry.

Tiered Waiver System - OCDD's four developmental disability home and community-based waivers, New Opportunities Waiver (NOW), Residential Options Waiver (ROW), Supports Waiver, and Children's Choice Waiver have now been operationalized to a tiered waiver system of service delivery, which will allow for individuals to be supported in the most appropriate waiver.

Human Services Districts/Authorities

Click the name of a Human Services District/Authority for information that is more detailed.

[Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority \(JPHSA\)](#)

Address: 1500 River Oaks Rd West
Jefferson, LA 70123
Phone: (504) 838-5257
INTAKE (East Bank) Lee Taylor (504) 838-5429
INTAKE (West Bank) Jeffery Watkins
(504) 371-0214 Parishes Served: *Jefferson*

[Metropolitan Human Services District \(MHSD\)](#)

Address: 3100 General DeGaulle Drive
New Orleans, LA 70114
Phone: (504) 568-3130
Parishes Served: *Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard*

[Acadiana Area Human Services District \(AAHSD\)](#)

Address: 302 Dulles Drive, Lafayette, LA 70506
Phone: (337) 262-5610
Parishes Served: *Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, Vermilion*

[Capital Area Human Services District \(CAHSD\)](#)

Address: 4615 Government Street, Building 2,
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
Phone: (225) 925-1910
Toll Free: (866) 628-2133
Parishes Served: *Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana*

[Central Louisiana Human Services District \(CLHSD\)](#)

Address: 429 Murray Street, Suite B
Alexandria, LA 71301
Phone: (318) 484-2347

Parishes Served: *Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, LaSalle, Rapides, Vernon, Winn*

[Florida Parishes Human Services Authority \(FPHSA\)](#)

Address: 835 Pride Drive, Suite B
Hammond, LA 70401
Phone: (985) 543-4730
Parishes Served: *Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington*

[Imperial Calcasieu Human Services District \(IMCAL\)](#)

Address: One Lakeshore Drive, Suite 2000,
Lake Charles, LA 70607
Phone: (337) 475-3100
Parishes Served: *Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis*

[Northeast Delta Human Services Authority \(NEDHSA\)](#)

Address: 2513 Ferrand Street
Monroe, LA 71201
Phone: (318) 362-3396
Parishes Served: *Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll*

[Northwest Louisiana Human Services District \(NLHSD\)](#)

Address: 3018 Old Minden Road, Suite 1211,
Bossier City, LA 71112
Phone: (318) 741-7455
Parishes Served: *Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Webster*

[South Central Human Services Authority \(SCLHSA\)](#)

Address: 5593 Highway 31 Houma, LA 70360
Phone: (985) 876-8805
Parishes Served: *Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, St. Mary, Terrebonne*

MEDICAID

Louisiana Department of Health – MEDICAID

Medicaid provides medical benefits to low-income individuals and families. Although the federal government establishes the general rules for Medicaid, specific requirements are established by each state. In Louisiana, over a million residents receive health care coverage through Medicaid, most of whom are children under 19. The Louisiana Medicaid Program operates within the Louisiana Department of Health.

Apply now or renew coverage for any Medicaid program by visiting the [Louisiana Medicaid Online Application \(OLA\)](#). Once you submit the online application, it is sent immediately to the Medicaid office for processing, and there is no delay for mailing or faxing a paper form. Phone: (888) 342-6207

FAMILY OPPORTUNITY ACT

The Family Opportunity Act Medicaid provides health coverage to uninsured or underinsured children who have disabilities in families with too much income to qualify for regular Medicaid or LaCHIP. Family Opportunity Act Medicaid opens coverage up to children with disabilities in families with a higher income range, allowing families to buy into the Medicaid Program. The child has to have a disability diagnosis. All information needed is below.

EPSDT Personal Care Services

(See Long Term--Personal Care Services (LT-PCS) for Medicaid recipients ages 65 or older, or age 21 or older with disabilities)
Physician and Personal Care Attendant Agencies

ELIGIBILITY:

All Medicaid recipients 0 through 20 years of age not receiving Individual Family Support

waiver services. However, once a recipient receiving Individual Family Support waiver services has exhausted those services they are then eligible for EPSDT Personal Care Services. Recipients of Children's Choice Waiver can receive both PCS and Family Support Services on the same day; however, the services may not be rendered at the same time

COVERED SERVICES:

Basic personal care-toileting & grooming activities; Assistance with bladder and/or bowel requirements or problems; Assistance with eating and food preparation; Performance of incidental household chores, only for the recipient; Accompanying, not transporting, recipient to medical appointments; Does NOT cover any medical tasks such as medication administration, tube feedings, urinary catheters, ostomy or tracheostomy care.

Medicaid Long-Term Care Services

Long-term services and supports are delivered in institutional and home and community-based settings. Medicaid coverage is available to eligible people receiving long-term care services in nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities, and home and community-based settings. Long-term care services may be more immediately available in a facility setting than other long-term care options.

Special Needs & Parent Support Services of LA, LLC - (SNAPSS, La)

Medicaid Help Line

Free Medicaid advocate assisting people with disabilities and complex medical needs navigate all Medicaid Services. Info, referral, resources, access to care, denials of care, appeals, elderly or developmental disability waivers.

Text/Call: (504) 300-5117

FB: @SNAPSSLa
Messenger: @SNAPSSLa
Web: KarenScallan.com

SOCIAL SECURITY

A child with a disability

Social Security does not yet have an online application for Children's benefits. Visit [Apply For Disability Benefits – Child \(Under Age 18\)](#) to [apply](#) for your child.

You can complete the online [Child Disability Report](#) if you are ready to apply now.

An adult with a disability

You can now file for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) online but only if you meet certain requirements. You are eligible to file online for SSI if you:

- Are between the ages of 18 and 65
- have never been married
- Are not blind
- Are a U.S. citizen residing in one of the fifty states, District of Columbia, or the Northern Mariana Island
- haven't applied for or received SSI benefits in the past; and
- Are applying for Social Security Disability Insurance at the same time as your SSI claim.

Find out if you are eligible to receive [Social Security Disability Benefits](#).

Once you finish the online process, a Social Security representative will contact you for any additional information needed for the applications.

You can also schedule an appointment with a local Social Security office to file an application. Call **(800) 772-1213** TTY **(800) 325-0778** from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday or

[contact your local Social Security office](#). Learn more and start the disability process at our [Disability Benefits](#) page.

AUTISM ORGANIZATIONS

[Autism Society of Greater New Orleans \(ASGNO\)](#)

Address: P.O. Box 7028, Metairie, LA 70010

Phone: (504) 464-5733

Email: info@asgno.org

Services include: Brushes, Buddies and Beyond for Autism (Art Club) in Chalmette and Metairie, Family Game Night in Slidell and New Orleans, Sensory Friendly Film Program at participating AMCs on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday (7pm) and Saturday (10am), Annual Autism Awareness Festival, resource directory, Mini-Grant Program for teachers and families, and links to advocacy resources.

Email: sheri@blessedbydowns.com

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

[Louisiana Autism Society](#)

Responds to the need for quality life options for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder living throughout Louisiana.

EQUINE THERAPY

GaitWay Therapeutic Horsemanship

Address: 1300 Lawrence Parkway
St. Gabriel, LA

Address: 152 Turner Road, Port Allen, LA

Phone: (225) 319-7344

Email: info@gaitway.org

Greater New Orleans Therapeutic Riding, Inc.

Address: P. O. Box 23284,
New Orleans, LA 70183-0284

Phone: (985) 651-5239

Email: info@gnotrc.com

Activities: Grooming & Tacking, Hippotherapy,
Therapeutic Riding Disabilities Served: ADD or
other Hyperactivity Disorder, Amputee,
Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Developmental Delay
or Disability, Downs Syndrome, Head
Trauma/Brain Injury, Hearing Impairment,
Learning Disability, Intellectual Disability,
Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy,
Orthopedic, Paralysis

Happy Trails Therapeutic Horsemanship Center, Inc.

Address: 17050 Hwy 16, Franklinton, LA

Phone: (985) 839-9736

Crossroads Riding Center

Address: 600 Claiborne Street, Pineville, LA

Phone: (318) 623-5507

Email: indabrocato@yahoo.com

Activities: Equine Facilitated Experiential
Learning, Grooming & Tacking, Ground Work,
Recreational Riding, Therapeutic Riding
Disabilities Served: At Risk Youth, Emotional,
Behavioral, or Mental Health, and Substance
Abuse.

Cascade Stables

Contact: Avery Bul Scheurich

Address: 700 East Dr, New Orleans, LA 70118

Phone: (504) 891-2246

Offers one-on-one saddle seat-riding
instruction to children with disabilities;
instructors are NOT certified in Therapeutic
Horseback Riding but are comfortable
teaching children and adults with disabilities.

FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES OFFICES

Families Helping Families of Greater New Orleans

Louisiana Parent Training and Information Center (LaPTIC

*Region 10 – serving parishes of Jefferson,
Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard
(LaPTIC – statewide)*

Mary Jacob, Executive Director

Address: 700 Hickory Ave.

Harahan, Louisiana 70123

Phone: (504) 888-9111 or (800) 766-7736

Fax: (504) 353-2350

Email: info@fhofgno.org

Families Helping Families of Southeast Louisiana, Inc.

*Region 1 – serving parishes of Orleans,
Plaquemines, St. Bernard*

Aisha Johnson, Executive Director

Address: 2401 Westbend Parkway, Suite 3090,
New Orleans, Louisiana 70114

Phone: (504) 943-0343 or (877) 243-7352

Fax: (504) 940-3242

Email: info@fhfsela.org

Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge, Inc.

*Region 2 - serving parishes of East and West
Baton Rouge, East and West Feliciana, Iberville,
Pointe Coupee, and Ascension*

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809

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Fax: (225) 216-7977
Email: info@fhfgbr.org

Bayou Land Families Helping Families, Inc.

Region 3 – serving parishes of Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, St. Mary, Terrebonne

Charles S. Michel, Ed.D, Executive Director
Address: 286 Hwy. 3185
Thibodaux, Louisiana 70301
Phone: (985) 447-4461 or (800) 331-5570
Fax: (985) 447-7988
Email: bayoulandfhf@gmail.com

Families Helping Families of Acadiana, Inc.

Region 4 – serving parishes of Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, and Vermillion

Nicole Flores – Executive Director
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Lafayette, Louisiana 70506
Phone: (337) 984-3458 or (855) 984-3458
Fax: (337) 984-3468
Email: info@fhfacadiana.org

Families Helping Families of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.

Region 5 – serving parishes of Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, and Jeff Davis

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Lake Charles, Louisiana 70601
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Email: info@fhfswla.org

Families Helping Families at the Crossroads of LA, Inc.

Region 6 – serving parishes of Avoyelles, Concordia, Catahoula, Grant, LaSalle, Rapides, Vernon and Winn

Jim Sprinkle, Executive Director
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Pineville, Louisiana 71360
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Fax: (318) 640-4299
Email: fhfxroads@aol.com

Families Helping Families Region 7

Region 7 – serving parishes of Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, Desoto, Red River, Natchitoches, Sabine, and Webster

Chanel Jackson, Executive Director
Address: 215 Bobbie St., Suite 100,
Bossier City, Louisiana 71112
Phone: (318) 226-4541 or (877) 226-4541
Fax: (318) 226-4518
Email: info@fhfregion7.com

Families Helping Families of Northeast Louisiana, Inc.

Region 8 – serving parishes of Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll

Stacey Guidry-Little, Executive Director
Address: 5200 Northeast Road
Monroe, Louisiana 71203
Phone: (318) 361-0487 or (888) 300-1320
Fax: (318) 361-0417
Email: info@fhfnela.org

Northshore Families Helping Families, Inc.

Region 9 – serving parishes of Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington

Kathy Dillon, Executive Director
Address: 108 Highland Park Plaza
Covington, Louisiana 70433
Phone: (985) 875-0511 or (800) 383-8700
Fax: (985) 875-9979
CSHS (985) 345-8300 or (877) 537-8700
Email: nfhf@bellsouth.net

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Parents filing for Continuing Tutorships for their children with disabilities now have a new option of places to go. Loyola University College of Law is now offering this service for parents that live in Orleans and Jefferson Parish. The Loyola Law Clinic does not charge attorney fees; however, the parents will need to pay for any court costs and/or recording

fees. There is a financial eligibility which is 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. Financial eligibility will be discussed with the potential client during a telephone interview.

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As the parent of a special needs child, I am intimately aware of the many challenges faced by families planning for the future of their exceptional child. My goal as an attorney is to help families form practical, thoughtful, and personalized estate plans to meet their long-term needs and provide peace of mind.

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RECREATION

Art

[NOLArts Learning Center](#)

Address: 1215 Prytania St. #424,
New Orleans, LA 70130

Phone: (914) 844-5053 / (410) 693-5305

E-mail: NOLArtslearningcenter@gmail.com

NOLArts Learning Center is a nonprofit which creates opportunities for young people with autism and other special needs to engage with the New Orleans cultural community through creative projects, performances and events. Through advocacy and education, NOLArts promotes inclusion and acceptance of diverse abilities.

Social

Cortez Caravan Special Dance Group – Social group that holds dances and events.

Address: 3310 Florida Ave., Kenner, La. 70065

Contact: Dave Doll

Phone: (504) 458-1328

Contact: Susan Brumfield

Phone: (504) 455-6845

Jefferson Parish Recreation Department Pinnacles - East Bank

Address: Ree Alario Center, 6921 Saints Drive
Metairie, LA 70003

Contact: Leslie H. Dunn, Recreation

Special Programs Supervisor

Phone: (504) 736-6999 ext. 110

Email: LDunn@jeffparish.net

Jefferson Parish Recreation Department – West Bank

Contact: Susan Hirschman

Phone: (504) 349-5000 Ext. 105

People First of NOLA - Meets every 3rd
Tuesday of the Month from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Contact: Leona Harris | Families Helping
Families of NOLA

Address: Ashé Cultural Arts Center
1712 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70113
Phone: (504) 943-0343

[Arc of Greater New Orleans \(ArcGNO\) – Krewe of Arc Social Club](#)

Address: 925 Labarre Rd., Metairie, LA 70003

Phone: (504) 837-5105

Fax: (504) 831-4107

Email: vstamant@arcgno.org

The Krewe of Arc Social Club was established at the Arc of Greater New Orleans to provide leisure and recreation activities for individuals after hours. The activities are planned by the club members and club advisors and also by Arc staff and volunteers. The club hosts various club fundraisers to fund numerous club activities. Club dues cost \$5.00 per month and are due each month on the 17th. The Krewe of Arc is open to all Arc clients.

[Autism Society of Greater New Orleans \(ASGNO\)](#)

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[Boy Scouts of America – Southeast Louisiana Council](#)

Address: 4200 S. I-10 Service Rd. West,
Metairie, LA 70001

P.O. Box 1146, Metairie, LA 70004

Phone: (504) 889-0388 / (800) 394-9410

Fax: (504) 889-1162

Scouting is a year-round program uniquely designed to meet the needs of young people and their families. The program offers fun and challenging activities that promote character development and physical fitness. Family involvement is an essential part of the program, and parents are encouraged to play an active role in making the most of the short time they have to impact the lives of their children.

Southeast Louisiana Council serves Scouting in Southeast Louisiana Parishes of Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemine, St. John the Baptist, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. Tammany, and Terrebonne

[Girl Scouts Louisiana East](#)

Address: 841 S. Clearview Pkwy.
New Orleans, LA 70121
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Email: customercare@gsle.org

We're 2.6 million strong—1.8 million girls and 800,000 adults who believe in the power of every G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)[™] to change the world. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts Louisiana East serves the parishes of Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana.

Champions of Greater New Orleans

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CGNO is a Louisiana non-profit group serving children, teens and young adults with differing abilities and their families. Champions provide social, recreational and educational activities. Our members have fun while forging new friendships and developing social and life skills. We have meetings, field trips, an annual family camping trip, a yearly dance, and a support system and fellowship for parents or caregivers. Siblings are welcome to participate in all activities.

Sports

[New Orleans Track Club](#) - Wheelchair division is open at most (not all) of our races; however, this does not include handcycles—wheelchairs must be push rim
Address: P.O. Box 52003
New Orleans, LA 70152-2003
Phone: (504) 467-8626

[S.M.C.L. Foundation](#) - Established in March 2006 to improve the quality of life of our veterans or youth with disabilities and those who are economically disadvantaged in the Metro New Orleans Community and Southeast Louisiana. The Rollin' Pelicans are a Division 3 wheelchair basketball team and represent Louisiana as members of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA). The team is supported by SMCL
[Adaptive/Paralympic Sport Club of New Orleans](#).

Contact: Julius Lee
Phone: (504) 450-4014
Email: <mailto:jleepva@cox.net>

[The Miracle League of Greater New Orleans](#)

The Miracle League provides all children with special needs, regardless of their level of disability, the opportunity to play league sports and be part of a team.
Address: 200 Henry Clay
New Orleans, LA 70118

Phone: (504) 894-5415 or (504) 899-9511

Email: glorio@chnola.org

The Miracle League Northshore

We provide any disabled child, regardless of their level of disability, the opportunity to play league sports and enjoy the emotional and physical benefits of being part of a team sport.

Address: 13505 Highway 1085

Covington, LA 70433

Phone: (601) 431-0696

Email: noble.young@lcmhealth.org

Special Olympics Louisiana Area 1 - Greater New Orleans | Area 1 is comprised of the following parishes: Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard and Plaquemines.

- Fall – Bowling
- Winter – Basketball
- Spring – Bocce, Athletics
- Summer – Swimming, Softball

Area Leader: Gabe Feldman

Phone: (202) 441-6280

Email: GNO@laso.org

New Orleans Fencers Club - Offers seated and wheel chair fencing for all ages and abilities.

Phone: (504) 430-0053

The League of Angels

Email: angels.league@yahoo.com

Did you know the League Of Angels accepts players from all over! You don't have to be a resident of St Bernard to join our league. All are welcomed. The League of Angels will offer a chance for the special needs community to play sports and be one with Da Parish.

Address: Val Riess Park Chalmette

1101 Magistrate St.

Chalmette, LA 70043

Ski-Dawgs Adaptive Water Skiing

Think Adaptive skiing is just for someone in a

wheelchair. Think again! Adaptive skiing doesn't mean just someone in a wheelchair, if you have any kind of disability that prevents you from skiing the traditional way then adaptive skiing may be for you.

Phone: David (985) 516-8283

[Adaptive/Paralympic Sport Club of New Orleans-Contact Us](#)

ACEing Autism

Address: Tulane University, Reily Center Tennis Courts, 31 McAlister Dr., New Orleans, LA 70118

Phone: (310) 288-0120

Email: Hannah Case: hcase@tulane.edu/

Abby Marden: amarden@tulane.edu

For scholarships: info@aceingautism.org

Provides sports-related (tennis) intervention for children age 10 and up who have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Scholarships for the program are available upon request. Racquets and all equipment are provided by the organization.

Swimming

Cross Gates Family Fitness

Autism Swims – First Friday of the Month. 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm. event for members/non-members and their families. Sign up at the desk.

Address: 1131 Gause Blvd, Slidell, LA 70458.

Phone: (985) 643-3500

Jo Jo's Hope Therapeutic Swimming at Elmwood Fitness Center

- JoJo's Hope focuses on an interactive aquatic curriculum that includes games, songs, and laughter. Sessions are on Sundays, Mondays, and Wednesdays. Activity programs are adapted to meet the needs of individuals with mental or physical limitations. The therapeutic programs are specially designed for those with Multiple Sclerosis, Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, Autism, Down syndrome, and other disabilities. JoJo's

(ages 6 months-100 years) Cost is \$30/month for insurance coverage.

Address: 102 High Avenue Metairie, LA

Phone: (504) 957-9962

[West Jefferson Fitness Center Marrero -](#)

This program is funded by a grant, but they do request a donation to their foundation of \$50.

That is for four lessons, and Janell will give another four free lessons if she feels they will benefit. Janell Perez - Instructor

Address: 1121 Medical Center Blvd.

Marrero, LA

(On the corner of Medical Center Blvd. and Wichers Dr.)

Phone: (504) 349-6164

[YMCA Diverse Abilities Swim Program 2019](#)

[Aquatics Guide](#) - Pilot program focused on reaching children with diverse abilities during the summer of 2019. Our new program will provide specialized one-on-one or small group lessons for children with various special needs. Through this swimming program, parents and caregivers will be given the opportunity to provide their children with the means to learn fundamental water safety and swimming skills in a safe environment.

Offerings vary based on location. Scholarships are available based on financial need. Please see your branch for more details

Phone: (504) 568-9622.

Contact: Rachael Jonas, Association Aquatics Director

Email: rachaelj@ymcaneworleans.org

to discuss options and availability.

[Love Swimming](#) - Year-round, indoor swimming school offering lessons for ages 6 months to adult.

Address: 5221 S. Front Street New Orleans

Phone: (504) 891-4662

Email: loveswimmingnola@gmail.com

[Jewell's Pool](#)

Address: 2315 Alcide Drive Marrero, LA

Phone: (504) 218-8800

SOCIAL SKILLS GROUPS

[The Behavior Guru](#) - We service the greater

New Orleans area from ages 0+. Services include ABA therapy, Functional Behavior Assessments, Behavior Intervention Plans, Individual Consultations, Direct Intervention, **Social Skills Instruction**, Parent/Family Training, Teacher Training, IEP attendance, and Workshops.

Contact: Mindy Rothstein, PhD, BCBA-D

Address: New Orleans, LA 70115

Phone: (504) 345-8222

E-mail: contact@thebehaviorguru.com

[The Behavioral Intervention Group](#) - Our

learning center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana provides Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Therapy, **Social Skills Training**, Academic Tutoring and Parent Coaching for children with autism and other developmental disorders.

Address: 7222 Bluebonnet Blvd.

Baton Rouge, LA 70810

Phone: (225) 757-8002

Fax: (225) 757-8822

E-mail: admin@big-br.com

[Children's Autism Center](#) - was founded on the belief that every child deserves a chance at developing to their full potential. Through the science of Applied Behavior Analysis and the practice of ABA therapy, our staff of highly trained board certified behavior analysts, master's level teachers and therapists, skillfully motivate the unique learning style of each child who enters our center. CAC partners with families to help teach foundational skills needed to guide our children to become capable, life-long learners

by providing an enriched environment conducive to inspiring meaningful growth and change. CAC provides intensive ABA services delivered within a culturally responsive school-based and center-based model in our New Orleans and Austin, TX facilities including: Center-based 1:1 ABA/Health & Behavioral Intervention services Sprouts Early Childhood Program (18-36 months) School offerings including preschool and non-graded elementary school programs, **Social skills groups**, Parent training services, Professional development and training.

Address: 1215 Prytania St., 5th Floor
New Orleans, LA 70130
Phone: (512) 733-2800

McNeese Autism Program - The McNeese Autism Program provides comprehensive treatment services for children with autism spectrum disorders. Our services include intensive early interventions, problematic behavior clinics, **social skills groups**, language training, pediatric feeding problem interventions, and family training. Our experienced professional staff is comprised of Board Certified Behavior Analysts who are committed to the highest standards of evidence-based practice for your child's specific needs and work closely with you to design the very best treatment for your child.
Address: 4205 Ryan Street, Lake Charles, LA
Phone: (337) 475-5000 or (800) 622-3352

SOAR Autism Center - We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization offering applied behavior analysis therapy (ABA), speech therapy, **social skills**, life skills, independent living skills, educational advocacy, support network meetings, lending library, resources, workshops and training's, as well as community events, adult social events and support. We accept most insurances including Medicaid for ABA.

Contact: Sherri Houin, Executive Director/CEO
Address: 21 Industrial Pkwy., Bldg. A,
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
Phone: (985) 370-2300
Fax: (844) 205-7627
E-mail: Shouin@soarwithautism.org

St. Nicholas Center - St. Nicholas Center offers a wide range of services including Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy, Social Skills training, and diagnostic testing. Services are provided to children with autism, developmental delays, and neurological disorders in a fun loving, and educational environment.

Address: 2519 Ryan St., Lake Charles, LA 70601
Phone: (337) 491-0800
Fax: (337) 491-0508
Email: info@stnickcenter.org

SUPPORT GROUPS

Advocating for Our Exceptional Kids (River Parishes Area)

This group is about sharing our knowledge of opportunities and experiences for our special needs children in the River Parish and the surrounding areas. Its primary goal is to serve as a platform for sharing advice, connections to therapies, dates of local events, lessons and anything beneficial for our kids. Feel free to post information that would be helpful and positive for our group!

Autism Society of Acadiana Vermillion Parish Support Group

Autism Society of Greater New Orleans Virtual Parent Support Group

ASGNO is thrilled to continue to offer our community-based parent-led parent support

group! Our parent support group is a safe place to seek advice, and support from your peers who are experiencing the same struggles that you are. Seek solidarity, support, and suggestions that have worked for other people just like you!

Champions of GNO

Champions of Greater New Orleans is a group started by a family member of a teen with Autism Spectrum Disorder. The family had been frustrated by the lack of recreation and guided social opportunities for teenagers and young adults in the New Orleans area with varying abilities.

Colorful Connections NOLA

Hello, welcome to Colorful Connections Nola. I am Dewain Baldwin. My friend Marie and I started this group for people with autism and other disabilities. We are a loving group and strive to be inclusive of ALL identities. We are looking to bring everyone together in the disabilities community to show them a good time. We want everyone to have access to fun recreational activities and social events like movie nights, playing fun games, etc. We are something special, we started with a fun small group, and now we have over 140 members so far! So if you're looking for something new to get into in New Orleans, please come join our fun Colorful Connections group and we will take good care of you and we will come together to help everyone out. For feedback and questions, please message us.

Chase Answers - GROUP

I think that as parents going through some of the same struggles, we can help each other by sharing our experiences (negative or positive). Sometimes I just want to hear the opinion of another mom who really understands. Please feel free to share information on treatments,

doctors, books, therapists, conferences, biomedical, homeopathy, HBOT, local resources or events, whatever you'd like.

Disability Advocacy Network for All

We strive to assist and advocate for persons with disabilities so that we can live up to our FULL potential in the community. In the workplace, home, school, church, grocery store, park, or anywhere else we may go. Please let us know how we can help!

Exceptional Lives - Louisiana

This is a group dedicated to families and providers in Louisiana. If you have a child with a developmental or intellectual disability, welcome. If you work with families, welcome. As parents, we know we learn the most from each other so ask away and let's see how we can support each other.

GRASS (GReater AScension Special needs)

The GReater AScension Special needs group (GRASS) is a closed group for adult individuals who are differently abled and parents/guardians of individuals with special needs to share ideas, experiences, resources, equipment, etc. that may be helpful to others. This group is meant to be a safe place for people to share their feelings and to support each other.

LAdisABILITY Talk

LAdisABILITY Talk is a Louisiana statewide, online group where we can Talk Everyday All Day about disABILITY issues! Ask questions, share and make comments to Families Helping Families of Greater New Orleans and Louisiana Parent Training and Information Center staff and your peers about anything disability-related.

[**LaPAC - Louisiana Parents of Adult Children with Disabilities**](#)

LaPAC is a statewide, online group where we can Talk Everyday All Day about disABILITY issues that are specific to parents (or family members) of ADULT CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES. Ask questions, share and make comments to Families Helping Families of Greater New Orleans staff and your peers about anything disability-related.

[**Louisiana 22q Support Network**](#)

The Louisiana 22q Support Network connects and supports families affected by 22q11.2 deletion syndrome (sometimes referred to as velo cardio facial syndrome or Digeorge syndrome) in Louisiana and surrounding areas.

[**Louisiana Autism and Special Needs Support Group**](#)

[**Louisiana Emergency Resources for those with Disabilities**](#)

This group is for emergency resources in Louisiana for those with disabilities. Only posts on emergency resources for those with disabilities in Louisiana are allowed.

[**New Orleans Mom Special Needs Moms**](#)

An online group for moms of children with special needs, sponsored by New Orleans Moms Blog.

[**NOLA Autism Parent's & Caregivers**](#)

A place where parents, and caregivers of people with autism spectrum disorder. Can share local events, and information. PLEASE share any helpful information you may have with our group!

[**Nola Warrior Moms**](#)

Support for moms with kids that need a little extra.

[**NOLA Down Syndrome Moms**](#)

Welcome! This is a safe space to ask questions, lean on other moms, and trade information about services in NOLA. Introduce yourself if you are new! So happy you are here.

[**Northshore Parents & Caregivers of Individuals with Disabilities**](#)

This group organization is for parents and caregivers for networking, supporting, encouraging, and discussing all aspects of raising/caring for a child/teenager/adult with special needs here on the Northshore! It is my hope that this can bring about awareness and advocacy for our children and their diagnoses in our area, along with having each other to lean on as not many understand our complex lives. I also hope this group can provide information on the developmental disability services that are available for our children and how to go about signing up for them. Your questions are always welcomed and encouraged!

[**Sensory Processing Disorder Parent Support - Jeanette Loftus**](#)

The best, most awesome, largest & busiest Sensory Processing Disorder Page :) Welcome to our SPD family, Welcome to our SPD community :)

[**SOAR with Autism Support Group**](#)

This group is for individuals who want to share information, resources, personal stories, or anything autism. This a closed sub group of SOAR-Strengthening Outcomes with Autism Resources, a Louisiana non-profit organization created by parents of children with autism.

[**St. Bernard Parents & Caregivers of Individuals with Disabilities**](#)

This group is for parents and caregivers for

networking, supporting, encouraging, and discussing all aspects of raising/caring for a child/teenager/adult with special needs in St. Bernard Parish! It is my hope that this group can bring about awareness and advocacy for our children and their diagnoses in our area, along with having each other to lean on as not many understand our complex lives. I also hope this group can provide information on the developmental disability services that are available for our children and how to go about signing up for them. Your questions are always welcomed and encouraged!