

## Autism Resource Guide for Professionals

The Center for Developmental Services recently convened a professional task force on autism called the Upstate Autism Professionals' Network to increase and improve communication between autism services providers in Greenville, South Carolina.

### Network participants:

- Center for Developmental Services
- Family Connection of S.C.
- Greenville County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
- Greenville Hospital System, Department of Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics
- Greenville Hospital System, Kidnetics
- Hope Academy/Project Hope Foundation
- Piedmont Autism Division, S.C. Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
- S.C. Autism Society

Following a survey of early childhood professionals in the area stating that updated resource information is a primary need, the Network compiled the following Autism Resource Guide, listing non-profit service providers and contact information. This guide may also be found on [www.cdservices.org](http://www.cdservices.org).

*This resource guide is meant for professional use. Individuals seeking help should research providers before beginning treatment. Pursuing multiple avenues for help may be advantageous. This list is not exhaustive and is for information and referral only. Inclusion in this resource guide does not imply endorsement by all members of the Upstate Autism Professionals' Network, and does not guarantee availability of services.*

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## **Resources for Evaluation**

### **MEDICAL EVALUATION**

**Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics at the Donald A. Gardner Family Center for Developing Minds, The Children's Hospital, Greenville Hospital System, [www.ghs.org/145/index.aspx](http://www.ghs.org/145/index.aspx)**

**Services:** Individual consultation and multidisciplinary evaluations of children suspected of or diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. The site is also part of the region's Carolina Autism Resource and Evaluation (CARE) Center. Specialists include developmental-behavioral pediatricians and psychologists.

**Referrals:** Accepted from primary pediatricians or other medical professionals. Call (864) 454-5115 or for more information visit the website [www.ghs.org](http://www.ghs.org) and follow the links to GHS Services & Centers of Excellence, then to Children's Hospital, and then to Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics. (CARE referrals accepted through Piedmont Autism Division.)

**The Speech, Hearing, & Learning Center - Psychology & Learning Department, [www.shlcgreenville.org](http://www.shlcgreenville.org)**

**Services:** Licensed psychologists provide initial consultations and/or comprehensive evaluations of children (ages four and above), adolescents, and college-age adults who are suspected of having an autism spectrum disorder.

**Referrals:** Accepted from parents, schools, or primary care physicians. Call (864) 331-1402 to schedule an appointment.

### **EDUCATIONAL EVALUATION**

**South Carolina public schools, [www.ed.sc.gov/schools](http://www.ed.sc.gov/schools)**

**Services:** Comprehensive psycho-educational evaluations to assess eligibility for autism education.

**Referrals:** Child Find screening is required to access services at the pre-school level. For school-aged children, parents should contact the child's school principal.

**Anderson School District One, [www.anderson1.k12.sc.us](http://www.anderson1.k12.sc.us)**  
For Child Find call (864) 847-3631, x.340

**Anderson School District Two, [www.anderson2.org](http://www.anderson2.org)**  
For Child Find call (864) 369-4001, x.111

**Anderson School District Three, [www.anderson3.k12.sc.us](http://www.anderson3.k12.sc.us)**  
For Child Find call (864) 348-6196

**Anderson School District Four, [www.anderson4.k12.sc.us](http://www.anderson4.k12.sc.us)**  
For Child Find call (864) 646-8000, x.2025

**Anderson School District Five, [www.anderson5.net](http://www.anderson5.net)**  
For Child Find call (864) 260-5225

**Cherokee County School District, [www.cherokee1.k12.sc.us](http://www.cherokee1.k12.sc.us)**  
For Child Find call (864) 206-2241

**Greenville County Schools, Special Education Services,**  
[www.greenville.k12.sc.us/district/support/sped/index.asp](http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/district/support/sped/index.asp)  
 For Child Find call (864) 331-1302

**Greenwood School District 50,** [www.gwd50.org](http://www.gwd50.org)  
 For Child Find call (864) 941-5475

**Laurens County School District No. 55,** [www.laurens55.k12.sc.us](http://www.laurens55.k12.sc.us)  
 For Child Find call (864) 984-8128

**School District of Oconee County,** [www.oconee.k12.sc.us](http://www.oconee.k12.sc.us)  
 For Child Find call (864) 886-4469

**School District of Pickens County,** [www.pickens.k12.sc.us](http://www.pickens.k12.sc.us)  
 For Child Find call (864) 855-8150, x.151

**Spartanburg County District One Schools,** [www.spartanburg1.k12.sc.us](http://www.spartanburg1.k12.sc.us)  
 For Child Find call (864) 472-4117, x.5221

**Spartanburg 2 School District,** [www.spartanburg2.k12.sc.us](http://www.spartanburg2.k12.sc.us)  
 For Child Find call (864) 578-0128, x.115

**Spartanburg School District 3,** [www.spa3.K12.sc.us](http://www.spa3.K12.sc.us)  
 For Child Find call (864) 579-8000

**Spartanburg School District 4,** [www.spartanburg4.org](http://www.spartanburg4.org)  
 For Child Find call (864) 476-3186

**Spartanburg 5 School District,** [www.spart5.k12.sc.us](http://www.spart5.k12.sc.us)  
 For Child Find call (864) 439-7760

**Spartanburg County School District 6,** [www.spart6.org](http://www.spart6.org)  
 For Child Find call (864) 576-4212

**Spartanburg School District No. 7,** [www.spart7.org](http://www.spart7.org)  
 For Child Find call (864) 594-4493

**Union County School District,** [www.union.k12.sc.us](http://www.union.k12.sc.us)  
 For Child Find call (864) 429-1730

## EVALUATION FOR ELIGIBILITY – DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD SERVICES

**Piedmont Autism Division, S.C. Dept. of Disabilities and Special Needs,**  
[www.state.sc.us/ddsn/autism/autism.htm](http://www.state.sc.us/ddsn/autism/autism.htm)

Services: Consultation for families, educators and service providers; evaluations for service or treatment planning; training for professionals and families.

Referrals: Parents can call for information. Referrals are accepted from S.C. Dept. of Disabilities and Special Needs Providers (Service Coordination, Early Intervention).  
 Phone (864) 594-4907 or fax (864) 594-4923.

## **Resources for Family Support**

### **Family Connection of South Carolina, [www.familyconnections.org](http://www.familyconnections.org)**

Services: Monthly support groups (Autism Connection), fun family events, parent-to-parent matching for individual support, and periodic workshops to educate parents about resources such as TEFRA, IEP's and other issues families of children with autism face.

Referrals: Open to all families of children with disabilities and special needs and across the state. In Greenville call (864) 331-1340 or fax (864) 331-1343. Statewide call 1-800-578-8750.

### **HopeLink, [www.hope-academy.info](http://www.hope-academy.info)**

Services: Parent support and counseling regarding autism related services at no cost.

Referrals: Call (864) 676-0028, e-mail hopeacademy96@yahoo.com or visit website ([www.hope-academy.info](http://www.hope-academy.info)).

### **KidVentures, Greenville County Disabilities and Special Needs Board, [www.qcdsnb.com/home.htm](http://www.qcdsnb.com/home.htm)**

Services: Early interventionists use a child's natural learning environment, usually through weekly home visits, to build on the strengths of the child. Services also include Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSPs), developmental assessments, service coordination and respite. Services are for children aged birth to five with developmental delay. Must be Greenville County residents. No cost.

Referrals: Accepted from BabyNet for ages birth-3 years old. Accepted from anyone for ages 3-5, though parental permission is required for services. Call (864) 281-9753, ext. 3456.

### **Piedmont Autism Division, S.C. Dept. of Disabilities and Special Needs, [www.state.sc.us/ddsn/autism/autism.htm](http://www.state.sc.us/ddsn/autism/autism.htm)**

Services: Training for family members and service coordination.

Referrals: Parents can call for information. Referrals are accepted from S.C. Dept. of Disabilities and Special Needs Providers (Service Coordination, Early Intervention). Phone (864) 594-4907 or fax (864) 594-4923.

### **Service Coordination, Greenville County Disabilities and Special Needs Board, [www.qcdsnb.com/home.htm](http://www.qcdsnb.com/home.htm)**

Services: Assist families in identifying available resources/supports. Provide advocacy, identify funding for basic and therapeutic needs, and referrals to other community agencies.

Referrals: Accepted from anyone. Call (864) 281-3960 or fax (864) 234-1587.

### **South Carolina Autism Society, [www.scautism.org](http://www.scautism.org)**

Services: Provide information, service coordination, advocacy and training

Referrals: Accepted from anyone but prefer contact by family member. Call (803) 750-6988 or 1-800-438-4790.

## **Resources for Therapy and Other Intervention**

**South Carolina public schools**, [www.ed.sc.gov/schools](http://www.ed.sc.gov/schools)

Services: Services are determined by the student's IEP team.

Referrals: Child Find screening is required to access services at the pre-school level. For school-aged children, parents should contact the child's school principal.

**Hidden Treasures Christian School**. <http://www.hiddentreasure.org>

Services: Private Christian school for children of all ages with developmental disabilities and others who have trouble in a traditional classroom setting.

Referrals: Call 864-235-6848 or email [info@hiddentreasure.org](mailto:info@hiddentreasure.org).

**Hope Academy**, [www.hope-academy.info](http://www.hope-academy.info)

Services: Private non-profit, inclusion-based school serving K3 - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Children with autism learn side-by-side with typical children in a regular classroom setting. Small classes with low student-teacher ratios.

Referrals: Call (864) 676-0028 or e-mail [hopeacademy96@yahoo.com](mailto:hopeacademy96@yahoo.com).

**HOPEReach**, [www.hope-academy.info](http://www.hope-academy.info)

Services: Provides quality Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) treatment to children diagnosed with autism or a related developmental disorder.

Referrals: Call (864) 676-0028, e-mail [hopeacademy96@yahoo.com](mailto:hopeacademy96@yahoo.com) or visit website ([www.hope-academy.info](http://www.hope-academy.info))

**Kidnetics, The Children's Hospital, Greenville Hospital System**

Services: Occupational, physical and speech/language evaluations and individual and group therapy.

Referrals: Accepted from parents and professionals. Call the Kidnetics business office phone: (864) 331-1344; or fax: (864) 331-1446.

**Furman University Summer Learning Place**,  
<http://www.furman.edu/gradstudies/summerlearningplace.htm>

Services: Summer program for students between the ages of 6 and 14 with academic or behavioral needs.

Referrals: Call (864) 294-3086.

**Other/Applied Behavior Analysts**: see [www.bacb.com](http://www.bacb.com).

**Other/Qualified Service Providers** (*funded through S.C. Disabilities and Special Needs Board*): see [www.state.sc.us/ddsn/qpl/QPLinks.htm](http://www.state.sc.us/ddsn/qpl/QPLinks.htm).

**The Speech, Hearing, & Learning Center – Speech/Language Department**,  
[www.shlcgreenville.org](http://www.shlcgreenville.org)

Services: Speech/language evaluations and therapy.

Referrals: Accepted from parents, schools, or primary care physicians. Call (864) 331-1302 to schedule an appointment.

## Resources for Recreation

**Clemson Challenger Sports**, Clemson SC,

<http://people.clemson.edu/~jbryan/ChallengerLeague>

Services: Offers baseball in spring and soccer in the fall for children with special needs.

Contact: Joseph B. Ryan, Ph.D. at (864) 656-1531 or [jbryan@clemson.edu](mailto:jbryan@clemson.edu).

**Clemson University Outdoor Lab**, [www.clemson.edu/PRTM/outdoor/camps.html](http://www.clemson.edu/PRTM/outdoor/camps.html)

Services: Summer and weekend programs serving children and adults with special needs.

Contact: Call (864) 646-7502 or fax (864) 646-3620. Email for reservation services: [reservations-L@clemson.edu](mailto:reservations-L@clemson.edu); or for camps & programs: [cuolcamps-L@clemson.edu](mailto:cuolcamps-L@clemson.edu).

**Greenville County Recreation District**, [www.gcrd.org](http://www.gcrd.org)

Services: Special Olympic activities (basketball, bowling, swimming, etc.). Summer camp and weekend activities with Camp Spearhead (special needs camp). Ages 8 and up.

Contact: Randy Muir at (864) 288-6470 or [randy@gcrd.org](mailto:randy@gcrd.org).

**Happy Hooves at Eden Farms**, Marietta, SC, [www.edenfarms.net/facilities.htm](http://www.edenfarms.net/facilities.htm)

Services: Therapeutic horseback riding. Promotes fine and gross motor skills, balance, sensory processing skills, confidence, and caretaking skills.

Contact: (864) 898-0043 or [edenfarms@nuvox.net](mailto:edenfarms@nuvox.net).

**Mauldin Miracle League**, City of Mauldin Recreation Dept.,

[www.mauldinmiracleleague.com](http://www.mauldinmiracleleague.com)

Services: Baseball league for special needs children.

Contact: Call (864) 288-3354.

**Riverbend Equestrian Center**, of Greenville County Recreation District,

[www.gcrd.org/riverbend.html](http://www.gcrd.org/riverbend.html) (Furman University area)

Services: Therapeutic horseback riding.

Contact: (864) 246-6466.

**TOPSoccer**, sponsored by Carolina Elite Soccer Academy of Greenville,

[www.carolinaelitesc.com/other\\_topsoccer.html](http://www.carolinaelitesc.com/other_topsoccer.html)

Services: Soccer program for players ages 4 - 19 with varied physical, cognitive, and social/pragmatic difficulties.

Contact: Pearse Tormey of CESA at (864) 329-1113 or [tormey@aol.com](mailto:tormey@aol.com); Richard Delap at (864) 268-1835 or [rdelap@bellsouth.net](mailto:rdelap@bellsouth.net).

**Upstate Challenger Sports**, Powdersville/Piedmont area

Services: Baseball, basketball, soccer, and golf for children with special needs.

Contact: Jesse or Kristy Hunsinger at (864) 295-9747 or [upstatecs@bellsouth.net](mailto:upstatecs@bellsouth.net).

## **Resources for Information**

**Developmental Disability Council:** [www.scddc.state.sc.us](http://www.scddc.state.sc.us)

**PDD Waiver Info, through DDSN:**  
[www.state.sc.us/ddsn/PervasiveDevDisorder/PDDLlinks.htm](http://www.state.sc.us/ddsn/PervasiveDevDisorder/PDDLlinks.htm)  
 or call the S.C. Autism Society at 1-800-438-4790

**South Carolina Autism Society:** [www.scautism.org](http://www.scautism.org) or call 1-800-438-4790

**South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs:**  
[www.state.sc.us/ddsn/service/contents.htm](http://www.state.sc.us/ddsn/service/contents.htm)

**South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services/TEFRA:**  
[www.dhhs.state.sc.us/dhhsnew/InsideDHHS/Bureaus/EligibilityPolicyAndOv](http://www.dhhs.state.sc.us/dhhsnew/InsideDHHS/Bureaus/EligibilityPolicyAndOv)

**USC School of Medicine Center for Disability Resources Library**  
<http://uscm.med.sc.edu/CDR/index.htm> or call (803)-733-1501

## **Resources for Funding**

**BabyNet:** Call (864) 331-1450 for Greenville and Pickens Counties or visit [www.scdhec.net/health/mch/cshcn/programs/babynet/](http://www.scdhec.net/health/mch/cshcn/programs/babynet/). All other counties call 1-800-868-0404 for referrals.

**PDD Waiver Info, through DDSN:**  
[www.state.sc.us/ddsn/PervasiveDevDisorder/PDDLlinks.htm](http://www.state.sc.us/ddsn/PervasiveDevDisorder/PDDLlinks.htm)

**TEFRA, also known as the Katie Beckett waiver:** A specific type of Medicaid based on income of applicant, not the applicant's family. Applicant must meet eligibility criteria. Waiver qualification and services are administered through the S.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services. For information, contact Family Connection of S.C. at (864) 331-1340 or (800) 578-8750, or see [www.dhhs.state.sc.us](http://www.dhhs.state.sc.us).

**S.C. Autism Society** (information only): Call (803) 750-6988 or 1-800-438-4790, or visit [www.scautism.org](http://www.scautism.org).

**South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs:** For information about funding through a local provider, see [www.state.sc.us/ddsn/service/contents.htm](http://www.state.sc.us/ddsn/service/contents.htm).