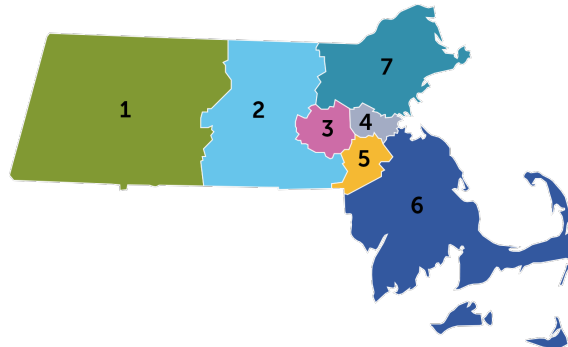




Autism Support Centers

Your local Autism Support Center can offer information, resources, support and education for you and your child. Call the support center serving your region or visit its website, to learn what your resource center can provide to your family.



1. Pathlight: Autism Connections

Western Massachusetts

Phone: (413) 779-5087 or (413) 585-8010

Email: autismconnections@pathlightgroup.org

Website: autismconnectionsma.org

2. HMEA: Autism Resource Central

Central Massachusetts

Phone: (508) 835-4278

Email: autism@hmea.org

Website: autismresourcecentral.org

3. Autism Alliance/Advocates, Inc.

Metrowest Massachusetts

Phone: (508) 652-9900

Email: autismalliance@advocates.org

Website: autismalliance.org

4. Vinfen

Greater Boston Massachusetts

Phone: (617) 441-1800 or (877) 285-6336

Email: info@vinfen.org

Website: vinfen.org/asc

5. Lifeworks ARC

Norfolk County/Southeastern Massachusetts

Phone: (508) 835-4278

Email: autismsupportcenter@lifeworksarc.org

Website: lifeworksarc.org/service/autism-support-center/

6. Community Autism Resources (CAR)

Southeastern Massachusetts

Phone: (508) 379-0371

Email: autism@hmea.org

Website: community-autism-resources.com

7. Northeast Arc

Northeast Massachusetts

Phone: (978) 777-9135

Email: info@ne-arc.org

Website: ne-arc.org/services/autism-and-specialty-aba-services/

Insurance Resource Center for Autism & Behavioral Health

Because your child has a diagnosis of autism, they may qualify to have a MassHealth plan, even if they have a private plan through a parent or guardian. There may be fees to get this additional coverage. But having it could also save you money.

We recommend contacting the Insurance Resource Center for more information:

Phone: (774) 455-4056,

Email: AIRC@umassmed.edu or you can use their online

tool: amicovered.disabilityinfo.org

Federation for Children with Special Needs

Offers special education support and trainings, support groups in a variety of languages, information on transition planning, emotional support and referrals to local resources, help with health insurance-related issues and connects parents to other parents of children with special needs. Visit its website: fcsn.org.

Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

A state agency that offers support, including a case worker, respite, support for community participation and funding for afterschool programs and camps. **Individual support through autism resource centers may require you to be established with DDS.*** Visit its website: mass.gov/orgs/departments-of-developmental-services.

If you have any questions about the information above, please call the Autism Spectrum Center at (617) 355-7493 and ask to speak with a Patient and Family Educator or Social Worker who can help you.

This family education sheet is available in Spanish, Portuguese, Simplified Chinese and Haitian Creole.