

Autism Resources in Fairfax County

Compiled by the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board



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Fairfax County Public School Resources

- **Parent Resource Center:** <https://www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center>, 703-204-3941
Dunn Loring Administrative Center, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA 22027

Community Resources

- **Employment**
 - **ServiceSource:** www.servicessource.org/autism
 - Contact Theresa Piccolo at 571-337-9076. ABLE (Autism Bridge to Learn and Empower): Employment services, including assessments and assistance with obtaining volunteer and paid employment, and soft skills club to individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder living in Fairfax County (supported by funding from the Fairfax County Consolidated Community Funding Pool).
 - **Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS):** <http://www.vadrs.org/>
 - Contact Jessica Stehle at 571-210-2183, 11150 Fairfax Boulevard, Suite 300, Fairfax, Virginia 22030. DARS operates a vocational rehabilitation program that helps individuals with disabilities get ready for, find, and keep a job.
- **Social Skills / Recreational**
 - **JSSA (Jewish Social Service Agency):** www.jssa.org/socialskillsgroups
 - Social skills therapy groups for children and teens with autism spectrum disorders
 - **Department of Therapeutic Recreation:** www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/therapeutic-recreation, 703-324-5532
 - Saturday Leisure Program, Motor Skills Program and Funtastic Friday (drop-in leisure program for children on the Autism spectrum and their families).
 - **Park Authority Adaptive Aquatics:** 703-324-8565, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ada-inclusion/#aqua
- **Respite**
 - **McLean Bible Church:** Contact Stephanie Reding at 703-770-8654, www.mcleanbible.org
 - Respite group (Friday evening and Saturday during the day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
 - **Hartwood Foundation:** www.hartwoodfoundation.com, 703-914-3901
 - Fee-for-service respite provider for persons who have a primary diagnosis of intellectual disability
- **ID Waiver/DD Waiver**
 - Families of children with Autism should apply for a DD waiver. Those with an ID diagnosis should apply for an ID waiver. For Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board [intake information](#), call 703-324-4400.
- **Family Support**
 - **McLean Bible Church:**
 - Parent support groups: www.mcleanbible.org/connect/parent-support-group
 - **Parents of Autistic Children of Northern Virginia:** <http://www.poac-nova.org>, 703-391-2251, Concerns@POAC-NoVA.org
 - Parent support group: <https://poac-nova.org/events/event/parents-support-group-meeting/>

Autism Organizations

- **The Arc of Northern Virginia:** www.thearcofnova.org, 703-532-3214
- **Autism Society of America, National Office:** www.autism-society.org, 301-657-0881
- **Autism Society of Northern Virginia:** www.asnv.org, 703-495-8444, info@asn timer.org
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Websites with current Autism research

- **Autism Society of Northern Virginia:** www.asnv.org, 703-495-8444, director@asn timer.org
 - Focus: Advocating for people with autism; providing support for their families and caregivers; ensuring access to education, vocational training, housing, transportation, recreation and other lifespan needs.
- **National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Autism:**
<http://www.nichd.nih.gov/health/topics/autism>
 - Focus: Providing easy access to the most current information about NICHD research projects, publications, news releases and other activities related to autism and similar disorders.
- **Organization for Autism Research:** www.researchautism.org
 - Focus: Funding applied research and providing feedback on research to the Autism community.

State resources

- **University of Virginia's Supporting Transformative Autism Research Initiative**
<https://autismdrive.virginia.edu>
 - Focus: Statewide resource database for individuals with autism and their families. Virtual services/supports, connecting people with resources, and conducting groundbreaking autism research. Additionally, many in-service and professional development trainings for organizations within the state of Virginia.

Federal resources

- Disability resources from the U.S. Department of Labor: www.dol.gov/odep/topics/disability.htm (includes information related to education as well as to employment)
- Autism resources from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services: www.hhs.gov/programs/topic-sites/autism/
- Autism resources from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism

This document is available online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/publications, along with many other CSB publications.

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To request this information in an alternate format, call 703-324-7000, TTY 711.