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# Foreword

It is a pleasure to write the Foreword for this little gem of a handbook!

We yearn to be parents and to raise happy and healthy children. When we have a child with ill-health or disability, we go through a range of grieving reactions. Sometimes those reactions are severe or prolonged and are cyclical. We may feel denial, sadness, anger and loneliness. Because children with an autism spectrum disorder have difficulties with communication, socialisation and behaviour, families often feel especially stigmatised and crave for more understanding from society. Of course, there will be happy and joyous times and there will be unending love for our child. Families who are active in the community and are knowledgeable about resources are likely to experience less frustration and isolation.

Heidi Brandis and Iain Croft are to be congratulated for succinctly setting out resources for parents in Perth, Western Australia, who have a child with an autism spectrum disorder. Compiled resources presented in this handbook help families to feel informed and empowered, and possibly surprised at the number of resources! This Autism Parents Handbook will be a very helpful companion to families in the early days around the diagnostic time, as well as being a valuable resource at other periods in the journey.

#### **Dr John Wray**

Developmental Paediatrician Perth, Western Australia

# Dedication

For our amazing Mia. Without you, this handbook wouldn't exist Because of you, so many parent's and children's lives will be better

# Introduction

To all the wonderful parents and carers of children on the autism spectrum in Perth,

The months before and after your child is diagnosed can be so stressful and very overwhelming, in both a practical and emotional way. It took me many years to get help and support before and after our daughter was diagnosed. Everyone I called seemed to refer me to another agency and I went round and round in circles, not really knowing or understanding exactly what services we needed or how to access them. I spent countless hours searching for help while trying to manage ongoing day to day autism challenges, running my own business and



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developing anxiety and depression along the way. It's only now - years later - that I can look back and clearly see the huge impact this had on our family's relationships, mental and physical health, friendships and social life, and my career.

If I had had a handbook like this one, it could have saved me so much time, energy, enormous stress, confusion and insomnia. I could have been more present and available to my children and husband. That's what inspired me to gather resources along our journey, thinking that one day I would put them all together to create a "survival guide" for other parents - and here it is!

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I hope this handbook saves you from going through the same exhausting process that we did - and that somewhere in these pages you will find all the help and support, people, funding and services that your family needs to endure this time. Your child or children need your time and your energy: I wish that in some way this handbook gives you more of both to continue your journey and be hopeful about your son's or daughter's future.

Warm wishes Heidi Brandis November 2014

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# Getting a Diagnosis

#### What is Autism?

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a complex neurobiological condition with difficulties in communication, social ability and repetitive behaviours or restricted interests. Symptoms range from mild to severe and approximately one per cent of the population has ASD. People with ASD generally have difficulty relating to others and may be more (or less) sensitive to sights, sounds, touch, smells and tastes than others. No one knows for certain what causes ASD. Genetic and environmental factors are being researched, and there is no scientific evidence that vaccines cause autism. There is no "cure" for autism, although there are many treatments and therapies available to assist people with autism to reach their full potential (Winthrop Professor Andrew Whitehouse, Telethon Kids Institute).

### Who is involved in Autism Assessments?

In Western Australia (WA), a multidisciplinary team is required to carry out an assessment for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). For children up to 12 years of age, a paediatrician, speech pathologist and clinical psychologist; for adolescents (12-17 years) a clinical psychologist, paediatrician or psychiatrist and speech pathologist if required.

### Where To Get A Diagnosis?

Autism assessments can be conducted in the WA public health system or privately. Waiting times vary considerably, so it's worth putting your name down on waiting lists as soon as you can.

# 1) Private system

The first step is to make an appointment with your GP who will refer your child to a paediatrician. The paediatrician will assess your child and if indicated will refer you to a psychologist and speech therapist to complete the assessment. The three professionals then communicate their findings with each other to reach a joint decision regarding diagnosis. See www.waadf.org.au ("WAADF Resources" tab then "Diagnosis in WA" tab for further information).

#### 2) Public system

There are two paths to access autism diagnostic services in the WA public health system:

- Child Development Services and
- Disability Services Commission's Statewide Specialist Services

The team currently working with your child (or your GP or Child Health Nurse) will advise which team is best for you to access and your GP will be able to refer you to the most appropriate service.

#### What Is The Cost Of A Diagnosis?

Diagnostic assessment through the public system (WA Health Department) is provided at no cost to families. The cost of private assessment will depend on the fees set by individual practitioners. Families who choose private assessment may be able to recover some costs through Medicare rebates, or private health insurers. A Medicare autism assessment and treatment rebates fact sheet is available from Medicare www.medicare.gov.au or Commonwealth Health Department at www.health.gov.au.

#### What Happens After The Diagnosis?

The assessment team will contact the family to discuss the diagnosis. Recommendations for interventions will be made. Please refer to the following page on First Contacts Following Diagnosis for help on where to go next.

# First Contacts Following Diagnosis

The **first** thing to do after your child has been diagnosed with autism is:

- 1) Put the kettle on. Sit down. Take a deep breath;
- 2) Say to yourself, "It's going to be all right, everything is going to be okay."
- 3) Make yourself a cuppa, grab a snack (preferably chocolate) and read ahead....

# **Autism Advisor at Autism Association of WA**

Tel: (08) 9489 8900

Website: www.autism.org.au

Following diagnosis, or during diagnostic process, families/carers can contact an Autism Advisor at the Autism Association of WA (access is free). Services include information and support to families/carers of children with ASD, assisting eligible families to access Federal Government funding for Early Intervention Therapy Services and Early Days Workshops. A list of all Early Intervention Service providers is available at www.autismwest.org.au

# Local Area Coordinator (LAC) or My Way Coordinator (MWC) (depending on your area) at Disability Services Commission

It is the primary role of the LAC or MWC to assist families to find and develop child and family support in their local area.

Tel: (08) 9426 9352

Email: Admin\_LAC@dsc.wa.gov.au Website: www.disability.wa.gov.au

LACs work with family members to help them strengthen their caring role. During the first meetings the LAC provides an overview of the Disability Services Commission (DSC), its funding and programs, including eligibility criteria. Carers can meet their with LAC before, during or after the diagnostic process.

# Early Days Online Workshops

Tel: (08) 9489 8900

Website: Online workshops www.raisingchildren.net.au

One day workshops www.autism.org.au

Workshops for parents and carers of children aged six years or younger who have recently been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder or going through assessment. You can do online workshops in your own time or attend one-day workshops held at the Autism Association of WA.

### **Disability First Stop**

Tel: (08) 9485 8900

Website: www.pwdwa.org or www.edac.org.au or www.kalparrin.org.au

A program to assist people with disability and their families obtain the help they need within 18 months of diagnosis. The service aims to reduce confusion about the range of disability services that are available and assist people with disabilities and their families to locate the services they need.

#### **Autism Services Pathfinder**

#### www.raisingchildren.net.au

This is a guide to getting a diagnosis, finding service providers, comparison of therapies, medication and other intervention, education, funding and support.







# Autism Services and Agencies

The following agencies provide a range of autism-specific services. Please contact individual agencies to determine if their services meet your family's needs. If you don't have a diagnosis yet, call again when you do. Please note that therapy providers may be able to access both **State** and **Federal** government funding or you may be able to fund services **privately** or all three.

### **Disability Services Commission (DSC)**

Tel: (08) 9426 9200

Address: 146-160 Colin Street, West Perth, WA 6005

Email: dsc@dsc.wa.gov.au

Website: www.disability.wa.gov.au

The WA State Government agency for advancing opportunities, community participation and quality of life for people with disabilities. DSC provides range of services and support, and funds non-government agencies to provide services to people with disabilities, their families and carers. Contact DSC to see if your family is eligible for registration, services and to find out about your Local Area Coordinator (LAC) or My Way Coordinator (MWC). Services include housing, transport, support for families and carers, behaviour support, employment and training.

#### Autism Association of Western Australia

Tel: (08) 9489 8900

Address: 215 Stubbs Terrace, Shenton Park, WA 6008

Email: autismwa@autism.org.au Website: www.autism.org.au

Provides services to individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their families from early childhood through to adult life. Services include Autism Advisor Service, Early Intervention (therapy), training, post school options, community living, respite and Intensive Family Support.

### **Autism West Support Inc.**

Tel: (08) 6389 1833

Address: 41 Broadway, Nedlands, WA 6009

Email: info@autismwest.org.au Website:www.autismwest.org.au

Provides a range of services to people affected by Autism. It provides families with practical and emotional support and tools to help their child reach their full potential and integrate within their community. Services include carers retreat, resources centre, Toby Playpad App, holiday programs, conferences and family services.

### **Therapy Focus**

Tel: (08) 9478 9500

Address: 5/1140 Albany Hwy, Bentley, WA 6102

Website: www.therapyfocus.org.au

Therapy Focus has an **Autism Services Directory** which is WA specific and is updated annually with comprehensive information on services, individuals and organisations that provide autism related services in Perth. Services include early intervention, school age therapy, behaviour support, occupational therapy, psychology and speech therapy, continence management and CAEP aids and equipment.











#### **Activ Foundation**

Tel: (08) 9387 0555

Address: 327 Cambridge Street, Wembley, WA

6014

Email: records@activ.asn.au Website: www.activ.asn.au

A strong practical focus on finding employment, a place to live, travel and recreation options. Services include supported employment, accommodation, recreation, HACC, respite, library.

# ISADD - Intervention Services for Autism and Developmental Delay

Tel: (08) 9427 0872 Website: www.isadd.org

Provide autism assessment/diagnosis, therapy programs, parent support and counselling.

# **Home and Community Care**

Tel: 1300 785 415

Website: www.health.wa.gov.au/hacc

The Home and Community Care (HACC) program provides basic support services to people with a disability and their carers to assist them to continue living independently at home. This includes support to participate in social activities in a group or one-on-one; assistance with everyday household tasks; assistance to enhance nutrition, function, strength, independence and safety; assistance to support your independence in your personal care activities, such as showering and dressing; assistance to keep up with essential activities such as shopping, banking and maintaining social contacts.





# Funding

Following diagnosis, families can contact an Autism Advisor at the Autism Association of WA who will provide information regarding eligibility and available funding for Early Intervention (therapy) and other funding and support services. Some of the available funding packages and rebates are listed below. NB: The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) may be implemented in coming years which may change any or all of the following entitlements. Please check www.autismwest.org.au for updates.

# 1) MEDICARE Helping Children with Autism program



# **Autism Diagnostic Assessment**

Medicare items are available for assessment, diagnosis and the creation of a treatment and management plan by a consultant paediatrician or a psychiatrist for a child aged under 13 years of age. Under the Helping Children with Autism (HCWA) program, a child can also be referred by a consultant paediatrician or psychiatrist for the following allied health services: up to four diagnostic / assessment services from psychologists, speech pathologists, occupational therapists, audiologists, optometrists, orthoptists or physiotherapists to assist the referring practitioner with diagnosis or to contribute to a child's treatment and management plan. The referrals must be written before the child's 13th birthday. See Medicare items fact sheet for Helping Children With Autism at www.health.gov.au

# Early Intervention Therapy services (for children under 7)

The Early Intervention funding under the Helping Children with Autism (HCWA) program is aimed at providing increased access to Early Intervention for children aged up to six years with an ASD. This may include registered occupational therapy, speech therapy and psychology services. Funding of up to \$12,000 (maximum of \$6,000 per financial year) can be accessed until the child's seventh birthday. Your Autism Advisor can assist you in identifying a suitable Early Intervention service provider. See www.dss.gov.au (search Helping Children with Autism) for eligibility and list of therapy service providers, which is updated weekly.

# Autism Therapy/Treatment (for Children over 7)

Under the HCWA program, a child can be referred by a consultant paediatrician or psychiatrist for up to 20 treatment services from psychologists, speech pathologists, occupational therapists, audiologists, optometrists, orthoptists or physiotherapists (for a child under 15 years of age, providing a treatment and management plan is in place before their 13th birthday). These are the total number of services available to each child through the Helping Children with Autism program and are not an annual entitlement. Patients will require a separate referral for each allied health provider and they will also need new referrals for each new course of treatment. See www.mbsonline.gov.au for the Medicare benefits schedule. NB: If your child is over 7 when diagnosed, you can access other Medicare subsidy programs (Better Access to Mental Health and Chronic Disease Management Plan), however once those entitlements have been exceeded, you can use private health cover to subsidise private OT, speech and psychology services for therapy.

For more information, contact Helping Children with Autism Helpline on 1800 778 581.

# Better Access to Mental Health (Counselling and Psychology Services)

Medicare rebates are available for up to 10 individual sessions and up to 10 group allied mental health services (psychologists, some social workers and occupational therapists) per calendar year to patients referred by their GP managing the patient under a GP Mental Health Treatment Plan or under a referred psychiatrist assessment and management plan. (This can include social skills programs.) Can get a Better Access Plan for yourself and/or your child.

Website: Search 'Better access to mental health care' at www.health.wa.gov.au.

### Chronic Disease Management Plan (formerly called Enhanced Primary Care Plan)

This Plan allows a GP to coordinate health care of patients with chronic medical conditions, including patients with these conditions who require multidisciplinary, team-based care from a GP and at least two other healthcare providers. Up to five sessions a year are partially covered by Medicare rebate. Website: www.health.wa.gov.au and search 'Chronic Disease Management'.

#### 2) CENTRELINK

Website: www.humanservices.gov.au

The **Payment Finder** located on the website can help you locate a range of benefits that you may be eligible for, including Family Tax Benefit, Child Care Benefit, Child Care Rebate, Parent Payment, SchoolKids Bonus as well as some or all of the following:

### Carer Allowance

A fortnightly supplementary payment for carers who provide additional daily care and attention for someone with a disability. Not means-tested.

#### **Health Care Card**

A Health Care Card is automatically issued for your child when you receive the Carer Allowance. It entitles your child to concession rates for prescription medicines and other concessions, such as discounted public transport for some cardholders, bulk billing by selected doctors and higher refunds through the Medicare Safety Net.

#### **Carer Payment**

A fortnightly, assets and means-tested income support payment for people who provide constant care for their child with severe disability and are unable to work as a result.

# **Annual Carers Supplement**

If you receive the Carer Allowance or Payment, you may be eligible for annual Carers Supplement of \$600 paid around July each year.

### **Child Disability Assistance Payment**

If you receive the Carer Allowance or Payment you may be eligible for annual payment of \$1000 paid around July each year.

# **Carer Adjustment Payment**

A one-off payment of up to \$10,000 following a catastrophic event when a child under seven years of age is diagnosed with a severe illness, medical condition or major disability. You have two years following diagnosis in which to apply.

# **Assistance for Isolated Children Scheme**

Payment made each term for students who cannot go to an appropriate state school because of geographical isolation, disability or special health needs.

# **Disability Support Pension**

Financial support for people who have disability that stops them from working, are aged 16 years and over, and unable to work more than 15 hours a week. Check eligibility criteria.

#### **Pensioner Education Supplement**

A small subsidy payment for secondary and tertiary part-time and full-time students who are already receiving a benefit or payment.

# **Mobility Allowance**

Help for people with a disability aged over 16 years who cannot use public transport and need to access work or study/training.

# **Inclusion Support Subsidy**

Paid to approved child care services, including out of school hours care and holiday programs, so that they can provide extra care for children with special needs. Your child care service will need to apply through their Inclusion Support Facilitator.

### 3) WA DISABILITY SERVICES COMMISSION

Families who are eligible may apply for the Combined Application Process/Intensive Family Support funding (CAP/IFS) available for intensive family support, such as support workers, respite and range of other supports. Contact your LAC to discuss eligibility and for assistance completing paperwork. In addition to CAP, your Local Area Coordinator can provide information on other funding avenues from DSC or other agencies. May also be eligible to apply for Combined Application Process / Accommodation **Support funding (CAP/AS)** when you child is older.

Website: www.disability.wa.gov.au and search 'Combined Application Process'

### 4) OTHER FUNDING SOURCES



### Secondary Assistance Scheme

Tel: (08) 9264 4516

Email:student.allowances@education.wa.edu.au

Web: www.det.wa.edu.au

Available to parents or independent secondary students who hold eligible concession cards. It comprises an Education Program Allowance which is paid to the school, and a Clothing Allowance that can be paid to the school or the parent. Forms are

available at secondary schools.



#### Variety WA

Website: www.variety.org.au/WA search: 'Apply for

assistance'

Provides grants for practical equipment, resources and experiences for children who are disadvantaged or have special needs.



### Community Living and Participation Grant

Tel: (08) 9208 9830

Email: grants@nds.org.au Website: www.clpq.orq.au

Grants of between \$500 and \$10,000 from National Disability Service for equipment, resources and activities to enable people with disabilities to participate in recreational and social activities.



### **Short Break Funding - Carers WA**

Tel: Social and Peer Coordinator 1300 227 377

Email: info@carerswa.asn.au

Website: www.carerswa.asn.au and search: 'Short

Break Grants'.

Funding for carer groups is available for small groups of four to 10 people to take a short break together. Two funding rounds per year. Check website for eligibility criteria.



### **WA Grants Directory**

Website: grantsdirectory.dlg.wa.gov.au WA government directory of grants to help communities source financial support.

# Concessions

Accessing services and supports can become very expensive. A number of concessions and discounts are available to help ease the financial pressure.



# WA Government Social Concessions Portal

Website: www.concessions.wa.gov.au
Reliable up to date information about all social
concessions and rebates available through the
State Government via a single portal. Discounts
may include utilities rebates, e.g. power and water,
council rates.



### **Companion Card**

Tel: 1800 617 337

Email: wa@companioncard.asn.au Website: www.wa.companioncard.asn.au

For people with a significant disability, who always need a companion to provide attendant care support in order to participate at most community venues and activities. Companion Card applicants must meet eligibility criteria (see website) and Companion Card holders can gain entry to many venues and events at no or reduced cost. Participating venues are available on website.



# Qantas Air Travel Discount Program (Domestic Only)

Tel: 1800 806 769

Email info@nican.com.au

Website: www.nican.com.au Search: 'Qantas'. Qantas Carer Concession Card program for people with a disability and high level support needs, who require full-time assistance of a carer while on a plane. See website for discounts for carer and person requiring care.



#### Low Income Health Care Card

Website: www.humanservices.gov.au Search: 'Low Income Health Care Card'.

Access to cheaper prescription medicines, and various concessions from state and local government and private organisations including

health care services

# Education

There are three main options in Perth for primary and high school - government school, private school or home schooling.



### 1) WA GOVERNMENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DET)

### **Early Intervention Units**

Contact Principal of Autism Education: Tel: (08) 9426 7110 DET runs 11 Education Support Centres in WA offering intensive behavioral intervention programs for Kindergarten and Pre-Primary children with Autism.

### **Accelerated Learning Centres**

DET centres operate in Heathridge and Beckenham Primary Schools (Kindy/Pre-Primary) providing a two-year intensive intervention based on ABA principles, (12 hours per week).

There are currently **no specific autism education programs** for years one to seven or years 11 and 12 in Western Australia.



### **Education Support Centres/Units**

DET runs a number of Education Support Centres and Units, both attached to mainstream schools and independent units. Contact your local DET District Office to find out if your local schools have an education support service.

### **Secondary Autism Extension Program**

DET has four high-school Autism Extension Programs for years 8-10, located at Ashdale Secondary Collage, Ocean Reef High School, Canning Vale College and South Fremantle Senior High School, catering for students with high functioning Autism, incorporating life skills and community access programs in curriculum.

#### Schools Plus

#### Website:

det.wa.edu.au/schoolsplus/detcms/portal
Deals with funding applications for an education
assistant (EA) to work in the classroom with
your child. This application is done through your
child's school. The Principal/Deputy at your
school will need to submit an application if the
teacher requires support to facilitate your child's
education. This can be a lengthy process but well
worth it to get necessary support for your child
at school. Amount of funding and subsequent EA
time depends on the quality of application. This
decision can be appealed.

# School of Special Educational Needs: Disability (SSEND)

Address: Statewide Services Centre 33 Giles Avenue, Padbury, WA 6025

Tel: (08) 9402 6100

Email: SSEND.Enquiries@education.wa.edu.au

Website: det.wa.edu.au/ssen

The Autism Education Service (AES) provides specialist services to networks and school communities for students with an ASD, whose educational needs and self-regulation skills require specialist support. An Autism Education Service Officer can visit the school, provide resources and support to teacher and school. A visiting teacher will come first and then may request the Autism Team visit.

### 2) PRIVATE and INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

# Association of Independent Schools (AISWA)



Address: PO Box 1817, Osborne Park, WA 6916

Tel: (08) 9441 1600

Email: reception@ais.wa.edu.au Website: www.ais.wa.edu.au

AISWA oversees all non-Catholic private and independent schools in WA. AISWA employs two Inclusive Education Consultants to support independent school students with a disability. Limited funding may be available to support your child at school. Parents need to discuss supports for their child at school directly with the school principal.

### Catholic Education Office (CEOWA)



Address: 50 Ruislip Street, Leederville. WA 6007

Tel: (08) 6380 5200

Email: swd@ceo.wa.edu.au

Website: internet.ceo.wa.edu.au Search word

'Disabilities'.

Students may receive assistance through a range of options including: Access to learning support teachers; small group or individual instruction, teacher assistant support. A number of Catholic schools have an Education Support Centre where students may receive additional support with specialist staff. Catholic Education Support Centres are an integral part of the school where students are enrolled in the school in the same way as students without disability. Depending on needs and abilities, some students may work primarily in the centre, while others will spend the majority or the whole of their time in regular classes with varying levels of support.

# Non-Government Schools Psychology Service (NGSPS)

Address: Care of: Catholic Education Office, 50

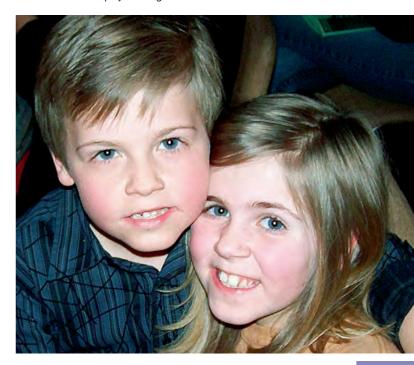
Ruislip Street, Leederville WA 6007

Tel: (08) 6380 5256

Website: www.ais.wa.edu.au/non-government-

school-psychology-service/

Funded by the State Government through the Department of Education Services (DES). All registered non government schools throughout WA are eligible for access to services provided by the NGSPS. The NGSPS has a reference group consisting of representatives from CEOWA and AISWA. Services include: Assistance to staff within schools with either broad-based or individually directed programs or interventions; individual needs-based interventions in relation to educational or psychological needs; centralised and school-based training in evidence and bestpractice-based intervention programs; broad based, system level school interventions to address educational, behavioural or social and emotional needs; crisis management planning and response; individual needs-based interventions in relation to educational or psychological needs.



#### 3) HOME EDUCATION

# Department of Education (DET)



Website: www.det.wa.edu.au/homeeducation/detcms/portal

Approval to educate children at home is required from the WA Department of Education. For requirements and resources contact your nearest district education office and ask for Home Education Moderator. Contact details on website.

# School of Isolated and Distance Education (SIDE)

Tel: (08) 9242 6300

Address: 164-194 Oxford Street, Leederville, WA

6007

Email: info@side.wa.edu.au Website: www.side.wa.edu.au

The Schools of Isolated and Distance Education is the centre of distance and on-line learning within DET. The Leederville campus of SIDE provides education for students in years K-12 who, for various reasons, cannot attend classes in a regular

school.

# Home Based Learning Network

Website: www.hbln.org.au

For those considering home education, start with HBLN. They can get you started and offer a range of activities, discounts, newsletters, and other services. HBLN is a volunteer, not-for-profit organisation, dedicated to supporting all homebased learners based in WA.

#### **Southlands Christian College**

Tel: (08) 6818 6000

Email: southlands@acc.edu.au Website: southlands.accde.edu.au

Distance education program which can be purchased for home education, either online or as

a hardcopy.

# Swan Christian College - online high vschool learning



Tel: (08) 9374 8300

Address: 381-401 Great Northern Highway Middle

Swan, WA 6056

Email: swanjuniorschool@scea.wa.edu.au or

swanseniorschool@scea.wa.edu.au

Website: www.swan.wa.edu.au/swan-online Aims to provide a caring learning environment in which students are educated, encouraged and equipped to be people of passion and integrity.

### Khan Academy

Website: www.khanacademy.org Free educational videos on huge range of topics



# Home Education Australia

Website: www.hea.edu.au

Aims to encourage and promote the practice of home educating in Australia and to provide members with benefits which would be difficult to obtain by individuals or smaller groups.

# Perth Homeschoolers Program



Website: www.perthhomeschoolers.com
Online Perth home schoolers community.

# Perth Too Cool for School Home School



Group on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/groups/329600967141215/

### 4) TERTIARY EDUCATION



# **Curtin Specialist Mentoring Program (CSMP):**

Specialist peer-to-peer mentoring is available through CSMP helps tertiary students on the autism spectrum navigate tertiary life at Curtin University more successfully. The program offers the mentees a rare opportunity to meet like-minded people their age and fosters the development of interpersonal relationships. There is a scarcity of such opportunities for adults on the spectrum.

Contact Dr Jasmine McDonald jazmike@iinet.net.au or,

Theresa Kidd theresa.kidd@postgrad.curtin.edu.au for more information.

# Carers' Agencies

As your child's full-time carer, your ongoing mental and physical health are crucial to you and your family. The following can support you in your invaluable caring role.

#### Carers WA

Tel: 1800 242 636 Address: 182 Lord Street,

Perth, WA 6000

Email: info@carerswa.asn.au Website: www.carerswa.asn.au

Assist people who provide unpaid care and support to a family member with a disability. Services include face-to-face counselling, carer groups and events, beauty, meditation, pamper and yoga activities, carers' retreat, short break funding, educational workshops and young carers' support.

# **Kalparrin**

Tel: (08) 9340 8094

Address: Princess Margaret Hospital Level 4, Hay St Building,

Subiaco, WA 6008

Email: kalparrinwa@health.wa.gov.au Website: www.kalparrin.org.au

Run by Parents of Children with Special Needs Inc. and available to support family members or the carer of a child with a disability or special need. Services include a visitor lounge at PMH where families of children with disabilities or special needs can talk to a Family Support Officer or meet with other parents, weekend respite events and family and sibling events, and the WA Special Families Facebook group.

# **MyTime**

Tel: 1800 889 997

E-mail:

mytime@parentingrc.org.au Website: www.mytime.net.au

Support for parents, grandparents and anyone

caring for a child with a disability.

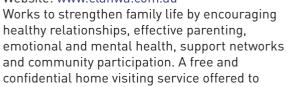


# Community Link and Network (CLAN)

Tel: (08) 9472 9144

Address: Harold Hawthorne Centre, 2 Memorial Ave, Carlisle, WA 6101

Website: www.clanwa.com.au





Kalparrin





# Advocacy

# Developmental Disability WA (Inc.)

Tel: (08) 9420 7203

Address: City West Lotteries House, 2 Delhi St, West Perth, WA 6005 Email: ddcwa@ddc.org.au Website: www.ddc.org.au

Advocate for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities, their families and the organisations that work for them. Services include workshops and seminars, Adopt a Politician scheme, linking members to support groups and

services.

# People with Disabilities

Tel: (08) 9485 8900

Address:

Oasis Lotteries House, Suite 1/37 Hampden Rd, Nedlands, WA 6009 Email: info@pwdwa.org

Website: www.pwdwa.org

Empowering the voices of people with disabilities

in WA.



# Legal Aid WA

Tel: 1300 650 579

Address:

55 St Georges Terrace, Perth WA 6000 Website: www.legalaid.wa.gov.au

Provide information, advice and legal help. The type and amount of help you receive depends on your financial situation and Legal Aid's resources.



Tel: (08) 9388 7455 Address: 320 Rokeby Rd, Subiaco, WA 6008

Email: admin@edac.org.au Website: www.edac.org.au

Peak advocacy organisation for people with disabilities from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds in WA. EDAC can advocate in areas such as the justice system, healthcare, education, childcare, employment, housing, transport and

others.



australia



Tel: (08) 9387 0575

Address: 327 Cambridge St, Wembley, WA 6014

Email: info@futureliving.org.au Website: www.futureliving.org.au

Advice on Wills, estate planning, managed trust

funds, special disability trusts.



# Respite

Caring for your child or children takes its toll. When you need extra support, a break or some time for yourself (or you and your partner) the following agencies can help.

# **Commonwealth Carelink and Respite Centres**

Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centres Tel: 1800 052 222

Website: www9.health.gov.au/ccsd/ A single point of contact for the general public, service providers, GP and other health professionals for information on community and disability services and carer support. The centres can assist with information about costs for services, assessment processes, eligibility criteria and help arrange respite when carers need to take a break from caring.

# **Autism Association of** Western Australia

Tel: (08) 9489 8900 Address: 215 Stubbs Terrace. Shenton Park, WA 6008

Email: autismwa@autism.org.au Website: www.autism.org.au

Weekend and school holiday breaks for children with autism from 6-18 years of age; respite services provided in a number of homes throughout the metropolitan area; in-home respite may be provided depending on funding.

### **Activ Foundation**

**\*\*activ** Tel: (08) 9387 0555 Address: 327 Cambridge Street, Wembley, WA 6014

Email: records@activ.asn.au Website: www.activ.asn.au

Respite program for children 12 years or younger with low to moderate care needs and who have a developmental disability. The Children's Community Respite service usually occurs in the family home or community for children with a disability and their siblings.

# **Community Vision Child and Youth Respite**



Address: 90 Boas Avenue, Joondalup, WA 6027

Tel: (08) 9309 9578

Email: info@communityvision.asn.au Website: www.communityvision.asn.au Supports children and youth with disabilities, who are under 18 years of age, and their families. Activities include weekend and school vacation support, recreational activities for small groups of teenagers with disabilities and one-to-one support in the home or the community.

# **INKA** Respite



Tel: 0424 646 983

Address: 44 Haub Road, Lake Clifton, WA 6215

Email: contact@inkarespite.com Website: www.inkarespite.com

A home-stay style farm in Lake Clifton, approximately 1.25 hours drive south of Perth, for teens and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Downs Syndrome. Funding may be available from DSC.

# WorkPower Community Support and Respite

Tel: (08) 9260 9999

Workpower Email: info@workpower.asn.au Website: www.workpower.asn.au

In-home respite service, School holiday programs (Perth and Mandurah); mini-breaks of one or two nights away and emergency overnight respite care

on a needs basis.

### Family Support WA

Tel: (08) 9303 4660

Website:



www.familysupportwa.org.au

Provides in-home respite services or various accommodations around Perth. Intensive Family Support provider.

#### Wanslea

Website:

www.wanslea.asn.au/ childrens-services/in-home-care

In-home care is a flexible option which offers childcare in your own home. Care is provided by approved educators who will endeavour to fit in with your family's special circumstances. May be eligible for Child Care Benefit/Rebate.

### Identity WA



Address: 46 David St. Kensington, WA 6151 Tel: (08) 9474 3303

Email: reception@identitywa.com.au Website: www.identitywa.com.au

Provides a range of support services, including school holiday camps, in-home respite and recreation programs. Two children's respite houses

provide care for up to six children.

### **Perth Home Care Services**

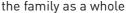
Website: www.phcs.org.au

Respite, home help and personal care.

# **Lady Lawley Cottage - Red Cross**

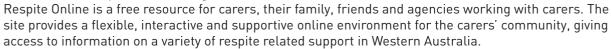
Website: www.redcross.org.au/ladylawleycottage

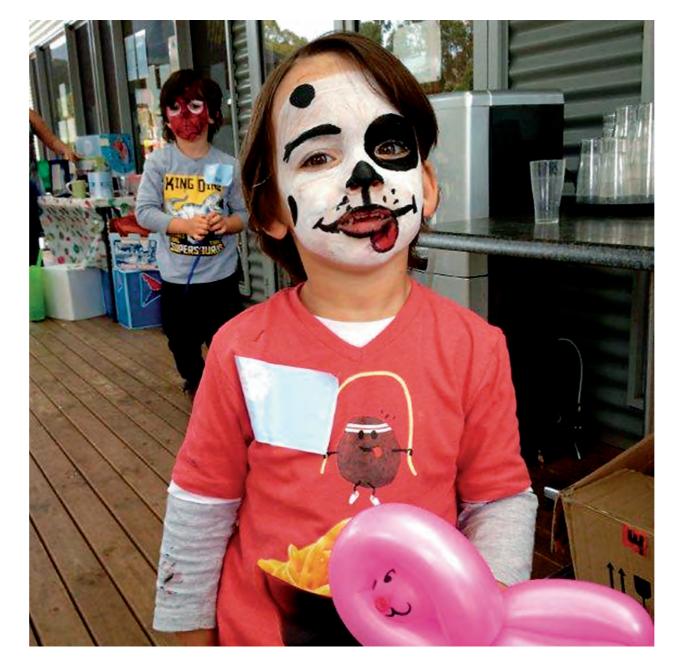
Lady Lawley Cottage provides support to families with children from babies up to 16 years of age, who have multiple disabilities and or chronic medical disorders which impact on the physical and emotional health and wellbeing of the family as a whole.



### **Red Cross**

Website: www.respite.redcross.org.au









# Parent Support Groups

### Fremantle Autism Network (FAN Club)

Morgan Morris 0457 483 317 morganmorris2@bigpond.com

# Wattle Grove and South East Suburbs Autism Mums Group

Cath Crichton 0468 616 550 crich@iinet.net.au

# Bassendean and North East Suburbs Autism Mums Group

Lucy Chapman 0433 258 315 elhrowchapman@hotmail.com

# Northern Suburbs Autism Mums Group (currently full)

Heidi Brandis 0403 901 331 hbrandis@optusnet.com.au

# Perth Metropolitan Autism Network (PMAN) - Floreat

Anita Pugliese 0413 007 045 anitapgls@gmail.com PMAN Facebook page: facebook.com/groups/560607700674392/

### Peel Autism Network

Mark Spray 0439 979 444 mark@peelautismnetwork.org



# 24-Hour Autism Hotline - 1300 222 777

#### Agency-run parent support groups:

#### Autism West Support Inc.

Tel: (08) 6389 1833

Address: 41 Broadway, Nedlands, WA 6009

Email: info@autismwest.org.au Website: www.autismwest.org.au

Parent support groups and coffee mornings.

# Autism Association of Western Australia

Tel: (08) 9489 8900

Address: 215 Stubbs Terrace, Shenton Park, WA

8008

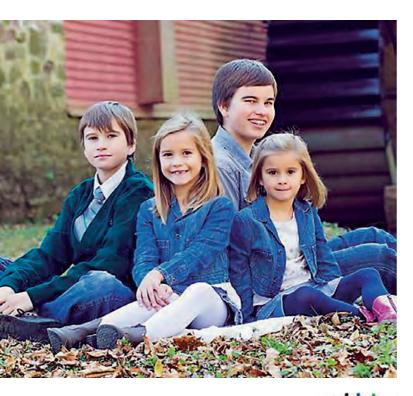
Email: autismwa@autism.org.au Website: www.autism.org.au Parent support groups.

### **Online Support Groups:**

### WA Special Families - Facebook page

facebook.com/groups/WASpecialFamilies/ Membership is open to parents, carers and adult siblings of children with special needs.

# Children's Social Skills Groups



# **Autism West Support Inc.**

Address: 41 Broadway Nedlands,

WA 6009

Tel: (08) 6389 1833

Email: info@autismwest.org.au Website: www.autismwest.org.au

Groups for 7-30 year-olds including recreation,

life and social skills.

# Connect for Kids - Amanda Styles, Speech Pathologist

Address: 99 Loftus Street, Leederville, WA 6007

Tel: 0402 101 060

Email: info@connectforkids.com.au Website: www.connectforkids.com.au

Social skills groups run after school, weekends,

school holidays for 6-17 year olds.

# Kathy Ziatis Speech Pathology



Address: 22 Letchworth Centre Avenue,

Salter Point, WA, 6152 Tel: (08) 9450 6939

Email: info@kzspeech.com.au Website: www.kzspeech.com.au

Run a range of social skills and independent living

skills groups.

# Melville Occupational Therapy and Extra Lesson for Children



Address: 9 Hulme Ct, Melville, WA 6154

Tel: (08) 9329 9500

Email: melvilleotel@westnet.com.au
Website: www.facebook.com/MelvilleOTEL
Jean Loth and her team run groups through the
summer holidays including Kids Boot Camp,

School Readiness, Hand Writing.

# KidzMix Helen Davidson, Occupational Therapist and Counsellor



Tel: 0410 387 787

Email: admin@kidzmix.com Website: www.kidzmix.com

Run a range of social skills group programs

helping kids become social heroes.

# Sensory Connections Occupational Therapists and Speech Therapists



Address: 104 Keightley Road West, Shenton Park,

WA 6008

Tel: (08) 9382 8538

Email: administration@sensoryconnections.com.

au

Website: www.sensoryconnections.com.au Run small group, peer, social skills programs.

# PlayConnect Playgroups

Tel: (08) 9228 8088

Address: 1-3 Woodville Lane,

North Perth, WA 6006

Email: admin@playgroupwa.com.au Website: www.playconnect.com.au

National program providing play-based learning opportunities for children with ASD and opportunity for families and carers to connect and share their experiences. No diagnosis required. Locations in Mullaloo, Forrestfield, South Lake, Kwinana and

Karratha.



# Siblings Groups and Resources

"While siblings face lots of challenges, if they are supported adequately, then there are lots of positives they will also gain from having a sibling with special needs. They can become more compassionate, more tolerant, more responsible and tend to have stronger family relationships. Siblings need information about the disability, to feel listened to and understood, able to express a range of feelings, to feel special themselves, to feel competent and valued, not have too much responsibility, strategies to deal with difficult situations, contact with siblings in similar situations, social support, help with independence. Most children will cope better with stress if they feel listened to, understood and supported by caring adults. The grief you have experienced will also be felt by them, to a different degree. Isolation is one of the biggest issues faced by siblings of children with special needs. It can be very helpful to have contact with others who have similar issues."

(Kate Strohm, Siblings Australia)

#### Carers WA

Tel: 1300 CARERS (1300 227 377) Email: youngcarers@carerswa.asn.au Website: www.youngcarerswa.asn.au Contact Program Manager - Young Carers Support to young carers for aged 8-25, with activities, movies, parent/child activities, and camps.

# **Kalparrin**

Tel: (08) 9340 8094 Website: www.kalparrin.org.au/ respite-and-recreation/ siblings-school-holiday-program/

A series of one-day programs held during school holidays in and around Perth. The events offer siblings of children with special needs a chance to conquer challenges, meet new friends and have a day filled with fun and adventure.



Kalparrin

# Family Support WA -Interact Camps for Siblings

Support WA Tel: (08) 9303 4660

Website: www.familysupportwa.org.au Free, monthly support and recreation for school age siblings of children with disability.

#### Siblings Australia



Website: www.siblingsaustralia.org.au A sibling advocacy network for brothers and sisters of children with special needs. Information about sibling support services, resources, research and policy. Based in South Australia.

### Sibs Link

Website: www.siblink.org.au A website for primary school children who have a sibling with a disability. Has games, chatroom, and support.



# Recreation

#### Inclusion WA

Tel: (08) 9201 8900 Address: Unit 4, 61 Walters Drive,



Osborne Park, WA 6017

Email: info@inclusionwa.org.au

Website: www.inclusionwa.org.au/inclusion Inclusion WA works to connect individuals who are disadvantaged, living with a disability or who are disconnected to sport, recreation, arts and cultural activities in mainstream settings. They achieve this by offering a personalised service to people with disabilities, their families and support networks.

# WA Disabled Sports Association Inc.



Tel: (08) 9470 1442

Address: The Leisure Life Centre,

Corner Kent and Gloucester St, East Victoria Park,

WA 6101

Email: reception@wadsa.org.au Website: www.wadsa.org.au

Focused on ensuring all levels of ability are able to

engage in sports and recreation.

# **Autism West Support Inc.**

Tel: (08) 6389 1833

Address: 41 Broadway Nedlands,

WA 6009

Email: info@autismwest.org.au Website: www.autismwest.org.au

School holiday, supported recreation programs

such as cycling.



# Unigym (Remedial movement program)



Tel: (08) 6488 2361

Address: 35 Stirling Highway, Crawley, WA 6009

Email: admin-sseh@uwa.edu.au

Website:

www.sseh.uwa.edu.au/community/unigym

# High Flyers Indoor Trampolining Centre



Tel: (08) 9309 3500

Address: 29 Dellamarta Road, Wangara, WA 6065

Email:admin@highflyerswa.com Website: www.highflyerswa.com

# **Beatty Park Swim School**



Angelfish Program for special needs

Tel: (08) 9273 6082

Address:

Beatty Park Leisure Centre

220 Vincent Street, North Perth, WA 6006 Website: www.vincent.wa.gov.au and search for

'Angelfish'.

#### **Belmont Oasis**



Special Needs Swimming Lessons.

Tel: (08) 9277 1622

Address: Progress Way, Belmont, WA 6104
Website: www.belmontoasis.com.au/facilities/

special needs

#### Fremantle Leisure Centre



Dolphins: swimming lessons

for Special Needs. Tel: (08) 9432 9541

Address: 8 William Street, Fremantle, WA 6160

Email: info@fremantle.wa.gov.au

Website: www.fremantle.wa.gov.au and search

'Dolphins'.



# Riding for the Disabled Association of Western Australia (horse-riding)



Tel:(08) 9296 4655

Address: State Equestrian Centre,

303 Cathedral Avenue, Brigadoon, WA 6069

Email: info@rdawa.org.au

Website: www.rda.org.au/rdawa.aspx

# Claremont Therapeutic Riding Centre (horse-riding)

# **Claremont Therapeutic Riding Centre**

Tel: (08) 9384 3492

Address: Brockway Rd corner John XXIII Ave,

Mt Claremont

Email: ctrc@perthwa.com Website: www.ctrc.perthwa.net

### **Cricket Champs**

Tel: 0403 574 938

Email: justin@cricketchamps.org.au Website: www.cricketchamps.org.au

# **Rise Performing Arts**

Tel: 0415 366 342

Address: Centres in Warwick

and Ellenbrook.

Email: kristina@riseperformingarts.com Website: www.riseperformingarts.com

# DADAA (Disability in the Arts, Disadvantage in the Arts, Australia)

DADAA offer targeted arts and cultural programs

Tel: (08) 9430 6616

Address: 21 Beach Street, Fremantle,

WA 6160

Email: info@dadaa.org.au Website: www.dadaa.org.au

### QuadDreamers

Quad Biking for children and adolescents with disability.

Email: qrcd@y7mail.com

Website: www.quaddreamers.com.au





# Camps

# **Camp Autism**



Email: enquiries@campautismwa.org Website: www.campautismwa.org

Run camps and day events for children with ASD to attend **with** their families. Run in the four school holiday breaks.

# **Kids Camps**

Tel: (08) 6241 6690

Address: 11 Kirke Street, Balcatta, WA 6021

Email: exec@kidscamps.org.au Website: www.kidscamps.org.au

Provides exciting and fun-filled camps for children aged 5 to 25 with a disability and their siblings. The child should be able to walk unassisted to be able

to enjoy the activities and outings.

# INKA see Respite section



Identity WA see Respite section







# Continence, Sexuality and Sleep

### **Continence**

# **Princess Margaret Hospital Bedwetting** (Enuresis) Service

Tel: (08) 9340 8356 Address: Godfrey House,

Princess Margaret Hospital for Children, Roberts

Road, Subiaco, WA 6008

Website: www.pmh.health.wa.gov.au/services/

enuresis

Alarm blanket treatment program takes approximately six to eight weeks. Child should be 51/2 years upwards. Children must be referred by their GP using the forms provided on the website.

# **Pebbles Continence** Management

Tel: 1300 865 401

Email: pebbles@therapyfocus.org.au Locations: Maddington and Mirrabooka Continence advice, aids and support, specifically for children with disabilities. Run by Therapy Focus.

# **Continence Advisory** Service of WA



PEBBLES

Tel: (08) 9386 9777

Website: www.continencewa.org.au

Provide information, training and education on

bowel and bladder issues.

# **Continence Aids** Payment Scheme - CAPS (Commonwealth)



Website: www.humanservices.gov.au and search

Eligibility criteria listed on website for product subsidy about \$530 per year is available to assist families with meeting the cost of continence products for their children.

# IPS - Children (WA)



A product subsidy of up to \$490 per year is available to assist families with meeting the cost of continence products for their children. Eligibility criteria listed on website. May be claimed at same time as CAPS scheme above.

## Sexuality

#### **SECCA**



Tel: (08) 9420 7226

Address: 2 Delhi Street, West Perth, WA 6005

Email: admin@secca.org.au Website: www.secca.org.au

Provides education and training, counselling

and consultancy services.

# The People 1st Programme

Tel: (08) 9227 6414

Email: admin@secca.org.au

Website: www.people1stprogramme.com.au Supports people with an intellectual disability in human relationships, protective education and sexuality, along with parents, carers and service

providers.

### Sleep

There are a variety of sleep centers located in WA. Please ask your Child Health Nurse, GP or paediatrician for a referral and further information. Melatonin and Circadin are also widely used to assist with sleep onset in children with ASD. Please discuss with your General Practitioner to see if appropriate for your child.

#### Ngala

Tel: (08) 9368 9368

Website: www.ngala.com.au Family support services including

workshops, day stays and overnight stays, specialise in supporting families of babies and young children on a range of issues particularly sleeping and feeding. Helpline is available 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week.



# Training, Workshops and Seminars

"The key is to prepare for the process as well as you can. When you come across a challenge, try to stay positive, keep asking questions and **focus on what you can do next or learn next to help things along**". www.raisingchildren.net.au



**Developmental Disability WA** (formerly

Website: www.ddc.org.au Regular seminars on range of topics including disability, education, autism, carers and health.



#### Autism West Support Inc.

Website: www.autismwest.org.au/index. php/conferences-workshops/ Annual conference, guest speakers, workshops.



#### Autism Association of WA

Website: www.autism.org.au Provides a range of autism-related courses for parents, teachers and education assistants.



#### Sue Larkey

Website: www.suelarkey.com
An Australian teacher and author with
extensive experience and research into
education for kids with ASD. Delivers
seminars in Perth annually.



#### **Dr Tony Attwood**

Website: www.tonyattwood.com.au International authority on Aspergers Syndrome. Delivers seminars in Perth every one to two years.



#### Dr Wendy Lawson

Website: www.mugsy.org/wendy A published psychologist, mum to four children and has autism spectrum condition, Wendy travels internationally to deliver workshops on autism.



#### **Compass Seminars**

Website: www.compassaustralia.com.au/seminars.html

Offers professional training seminars on autism, behaviour, disability.



#### **Positive Partnerships**

Website: www.positivepartnerships.com.au Evidence-based materials and practical resources published online and delivered nationally through training for teachers and other school staff, and workshops for parents and carers of primary school aged children with ASD. Part of Commonwealth Helping Children with Autism package.

# ASD Websites - National and International

Australian Autism Aspergers Network Inc. (Aust) aaanetwork.com.au

Autism Awareness (Aust) www.autismawareness.com.au

Raising Kids Network (Aust) www.raisingchildren.net.au/children\_ with\_autism

SWAN - South West Autism Network (WA) www.swanautism.org.au

Mental Health Commission (WA)

www.mentalhealth.wa.gov.au Mental health support, wellbeing and recovery

Apps for Autism Website (WA) www.autismapps.org.au

Autism Spectrum Australia - Aspect (NSW) www.autismspectrum.org.au

Amaze (Victoria)

www.amaze.org.au

Learning App Guide (Qld)

www.learningappguide.com www.suttonspeech.com.au

Autism Games (Aust)

www.autismgames.com.au

National Autistic Society (UK)

www.autism.org.uk

Autism Speaks (USA)

www.autismspeaks.org

The Autism Support Network (USA)

www.autismsupportnetwork.com

OASIS (USA)

www.aspergersyndrome.org

Carol Gray Social Stories

www.thegraycenter.org

# Magazines, Books and Journals



#### **Autism World Magazine**

The essential free monthly digital magazine supporting all those in the Autism and Aspergers communities. Produced in Perth for iPad, iPhone, Androids and all computers.

Editor: lain Croft iain@magswest.com Website: www.autismworldmagazine.com



#### Jessica Kingsley Publishers (JKP)

Independent UK based publisher specialising in ASD.

Website: www.jkp.com



#### **Footprint Books**

Australian publisher and supplier of JKP and other ASD books. Website: www.footprint.com.au/browse-autism-books.asp

#### **AUTISM** ASPERGER'S DIGEST

### The Autism Aspergers Digest

American bi-monthly magazine created to meet the needs of teachers, therapists and family members who face the challenge of autism.

Website: www.autismdigest.com



# Libraries in Perth



#### **Child Health Library**

Website: pmh.health.libguides.com/KidsandTeensHealth

Based at Princess Margaret Hospital. Can search database online and

they will post resources out to you to borrow.



### Autism West Support Inc. - Argonaut Resources Centre

Website: www.autismwest.org.au



# **Activ Foundation**

Tel: (08) 9387 0458

Address: 327 Cambridge Street, Wembley, WA 6014

Website: www.activ.asn.au/library

The most comprehensive information about Autism in the state is held at the Activ Library, which has an extensive range of books and DVD's.

Their parent's website is also a mine of information: www.activ.asn.au/parentportal/



### Noah's Ark Toy Library

Toys, books and special resources

Tel: (08) 9328 1598

Address: 5a Bookham Street, Morley, WA 6062

Website: www.natl.org.au









# Helplines

Autism Advisory and Support Service (Australia wide)
1300 222 777

24 hour Autism Hotline.

Carers WA - Counselling Line 1800 007 332

8.00am – 5.00pm

Parenting WA Line (08) 6279 1200

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

MensLine Australia 1300 789 978

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800

Ages 5 to 25 years, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Crisis Care – Department for Child Protection 1800 199 008

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Mental Health Emergency Response Line 1300 555 788 or 08 9224 8888

Lifeline Crisis Support 13 11 14

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

**Beyond Blue** (depression and anxiety) 1300 224 636

Family Relationship Advice Line (family separation issues) 1800 050 321











Research

Researchers at the Telethon Kids Institute are collecting detailed information on children with autism in WA in order to find out more about the causes of the condition.

We are looking for children with a diagnosis of autism to be a part of the **Australian Autism Biobank**.

If you would like more information please contact us:

# **Alexis Rene**

Phone 9489 7927

Email alexis.rene@telethonkids.org.au

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