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Q. How do I find child care for my child with special needs?

A. Washington State's **Child Care Resource and Referral Network** works through 11 local child care resource and referral programs serving every county in the state. They help parents by supplying valuable information on licensed child care in their area and tips for selecting a child care provider. Learn more at www.ChildCareNet.org.

Q. I need help paying for my child care, who do I call?

A. **Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)** assists Washington State individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities and their families to obtain services and supports. Learn more at www.dshs.wa.gov/DDD/.

Q. Who can I call if I have issues with my child care?

A. **Department of Early Learning** has resources available to help families address child care issues. Learn more at <http://del.wa.gov/CARE/HELP/default.aspx>.

Q. Who do I call if I suspect my child has suffered some abuse?

A. **Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)—Children's Administration** offers several ways to report abuse: Hotline **1-866-ENDHARM** (1-866-363-4276), Washington State's toll-free, 24 hour, 7 day-a-week hotline that will connect you directly to the appropriate local office to report suspected child abuse or neglect. TTY Callers - call 1-800-624-6186 to place a direct TTY call. Learn more at www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/safety/AbuseReport.asp?2.

Q. English is my second language, how do I find help with information and resources in my language?

A. **WithinReach** has a parent help hotline at **1-800-322-2588** and provides assistance in other languages. Learn more at www.WithinReachWA.org.

Q. Where do I go for current research on autism and other developmental disabilities?

A. University of Washington's **Center on Human Development and Disability** makes important contributions to the lives of people with developmental disabilities and their families through a comprehensive array of research, clinical services, training, community outreach, and dissemination activities. Learn more at <http://depts.washington.edu/chdd/>.

International Autism Network (IAN) is an innovative online project bringing together people nationwide affected by autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and hundreds of researchers in a search for answers. Individuals with an ASD and their families can share information in a secure setting to become part of the largest online autism research effort in the United States. Learn more at www.ianproject.org.

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Q. Is there a low cost way of getting more information on autism?

A. Autism Outreach Project has a free lending library which offers a wide range of resources spanning the autism spectrum. The lending library is open to all parents, professionals, educators, and other interested individuals in Washington State. See a complete list of materials at the www.nwesd.org/1510106111443553/site/default.asp.

Autism Society of Washington provides autism-related information and resources for families, providers, and the general public. The web site has links to statewide activities, trainings, legislative issues, and the latest news. Visit www.AutismsocietyofWA.org.

Autism Speaks is dedicated to funding global biomedical research into the causes, prevention, treatments, and cure for autism; to raising public awareness about autism and its effects on individuals, families, and society; and to bringing hope to all who deal with the hardships of this disorder. Learn more at www.autismspeaks.org.

Center for Children with Special Needs provides information to families and professionals focusing on children who have chronic physical, developmental, behavioral or emotional conditions (in both English and Spanish) at www.CSHCN.org.

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