

Dear Parent,

The mission of the Autism Society of Acadiana (ASAC) is to support families of individuals with autism and to raise awareness about all aspects of living with, educating and caring for a person on the autism spectrum. Like our national organization, the Autism Society of America, ASAC is about "improving the lives of all affected by autism."

Your receipt of this resource guide likely indicates your child's/family member's diagnosis of an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) provided by your physician. This can often be a difficult time for families- knowing what to do, where to go, and who to talk with can be a mystery at times. This 1st Edition resource guide is aimed at demystifying this process.

First included is information on ASAC, and a local resource guide. Then, the Autism Speaks 100 Day Kit and links to other online tool kits is provided. Lastly, important topic areas of information, as well as a list of other books and resources is provided. Please note that ASAC does not endorse any listed agency or treatment modality represented throughout this resource guide, but rather, views its role as providing the public with awareness of available resources.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
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