

Regional Websites

Division of Neurodevelopmental and Behavioral Pediatrics at the University of Rochester

www.urmc.rochester.edu/pediatrics/divisions/developmental_disabilities/index.cfm

Margaret L. Williams Developmental Education Center at University Hospital (Syracuse)

www.upstate.edu/gch/services/autism

Early Childhood Direction Centers (ECDC)

Rochester Region (RECD): www.monroe.edu/RECD

Binghamton (Southern Tier Region): www.stic-cil.org

Syracuse (Central New York Region): <http://ecdc.syr.edu>

Developmental Disabilities Service Office (DDSO)

Finger Lakes DDSO:

www.omr.state.ny.us/ws/ws_fingerlakes_resources.jsp

Broome DDSO:

www.omr.state.ny.us/ws/ws_broome_resources.jsp

Central New York DDSO:

www.omr.state.ny.us/ws/ws_central_resources.jsp

State

New York State Department of Health (DOH)

www.health.state.ny.us

New York State Education Department-Autism

www.vesid.nysed.gov/specialed/autism

New York State Regional Centers for Autism Spectrum Disorders (RCASDs)

www.albany.edu/psy/autism/RCASD.htm

National

Autism Speaks www.autismspeaks.org

Autism Society of America www.autism-society.org

National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY)

www.nichcy.org/resources/autism.asp

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) www.aap.org

National Institutes of Health (NIH) www.nih.gov

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

www.nimh.nih.gov

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RRCASD

**Informing Families and the
Community of Autism
Spectrum Resources and
Services**



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Mission Statement

The Rochester Regional Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders (RRCASD) provides information, education, and technical assistance to families, professionals, schools and agencies within the Greater Rochester/Finger Lakes Region, about models of best-practice in the assessment and treatment of autism spectrum disorders (ASD) that are informed by research. The RRCASD seeks to provide information that will:

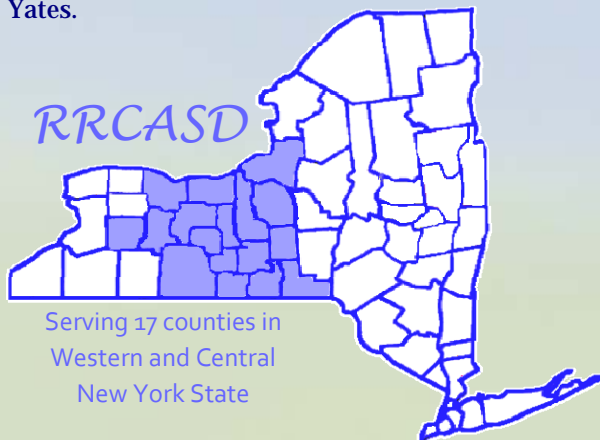
- ☆ Increase knowledge of effective practices
- ☆ Expand information and community education resources
- ☆ Integrate information on resources in our region

Eligibility

We serve families and caregivers of individuals on the autism spectrum, professionals, community providers, schools and agencies who provide services and supports to individuals with ASDs, and anyone diagnosed with an ASD.

Our Region

The RRCASD serves the following counties in Western and Central New York: Broome, Cayuga, Chemung, Cortland, Livingston, Monroe, Onondaga, Ontario, Oswego, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates.



Resources

☆ Free Information & Referral Line

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Our Information & Referral Telephone Line provides callers with information on ASD specific community resources & relevant contact information.

☆ Website

Our website is designed to be a 'point of contact' for information on ASD within our 17 county region. All information is updated regularly by RRCASD personnel. Visit us at:

www.urmc.rochester.edu/childrens-hospital/autism

☆ Newsletter

Our newsletter is published semi-annually and covers a range of information including Updates on Regional Center Activities, Product Reviews, Research Updates, Activities and Resources, and an 'Ask the Expert' column.

☆ Training CDs

The training CDs are designed for individuals or groups to use for self-guided study and/or in-service training purposes. Each CD is 30-minutes in length and includes training slides, narrative voice-over, and video features. An accompanying discussion guide and self-quiz allows participants to direct their own course of study. Check our website for current topics.

Activities

☆ Short Talks

These talks provide participants with information on the characteristics of ASD and research-based assessment and treatment practices. Talks are typically 1-2 hours in duration and are designed for groups seeking to increase their basic knowledge about ASD.

Activities continued...

☆ Conference Series

Each spring the RRCASD hosts a series of regional conferences. A range of topic areas related to ASD and evidence-based practice is presented and varies by region based on the informational needs within the region. Visit us online and fill out the Needs Assessment survey to tell us what topics you would be interested in learning more about.

☆ Targeted Technical Assistance

Each year the RRCASD uses data derived from its community-based needs assessments to identify gaps in regional ASD resources. These data drive the community education and technical assistance activities of the center for subsequent years. To learn more about our current activities and/or to contribute information about needs in your area, visit our website to take our Needs Assessment Survey or give us a call today.

What is Autism?

Autism spectrum disorders (ASD) refer to a group of neurodevelopmental disorders including Autistic Disorder, Asperger's Disorder, and Pervasive Developmental Disorder—Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS). Individuals with an ASD may have difficulty in several areas including social interaction, communication and play, and restricted patterns of behavior and interests; they may also have sensory regulation difficulties, eating and sleeping difficulties, cognitive impairments, and secondary psychiatric disorders.

While there is no cure for an ASD, there is on-going research into the causes and effective treatments.

Increasingly, there are services and supports being made available to families and community providers. The Rochester Regional Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders is designed to aid this effort by providing quality community education and technical assistance to our region.