



Miami-Dade County Public Schools | Department of Exceptional Student Education

Resources from Our Community Partners

Organization	Description
	<p align="center"><u>The Arc's Autism Now</u></p> <p>Autism Now is a source for resources and information on community-based solutions for individuals with autism, other developmental disabilities, and their families.</p>
	<p align="center"><u>Asperger/Autism Network (AANE)</u></p> <p>The Asperger/Autism Network (AANE) helps people with Asperger's or similar autism spectrum disorders and neurodiverse profiles build meaningful, connected lives. They provide individuals, families, and professionals with information, education, community, support, and advocacy.</p>
	<p align="center"><u>Asperger/Autism Spectrum Education Network (ASPEN)</u></p> <p>Asperger/Autism Spectrum Education Network (ASPEN) provides families and individuals whose lives are affected by autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and nonverbal learning disabilities (NLD) with education, support, and advocacy. ASPEN offers information and research on ASD, resources, and monthly chapter meetings for support and information sharing as well as guest speaker presentations.</p>
	<p align="center"><u>Autism Society</u></p> <p>The Autism Society helps create connections, empowering everyone in the autism community with the resources needed to live fully. Their board of directors are all volunteer parents of people with autism and adults with autism. We are an affiliate of the Autism Society of America. For 34 years, they have been working to ensure full participation and self-determination in every aspect of life for people across the autism spectrum.</p>
	<p align="center"><u>Autism Speaks</u></p> <p>Autism Speaks is dedicated to promoting solutions, across the spectrum and throughout the life span, for the needs of individuals with autism and their families. This is carried out through advocacy and support, increasing understanding and acceptance of people with autism, and advancing research into causes and better interventions for autism spectrum disorder and related conditions. Autism Speaks offers information specifically for those experiencing a new autism diagnosis.</p>
	<p align="center"><u>Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD)</u></p> <p>The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) provides support and assistance with the goal of optimizing the potential of people with autism and related conditions. The CARD website provides information that connects families to local, state, and federal agencies, support groups, and training on how to work effectively with individuals with autism and related conditions.</p>
	<p align="center"><u>Dan Marino Foundation</u></p> <p>The Dan Marino Foundation is a non-profit organization that partners with Miami Children's Hospital to create the Nicklaus Children's Hospital Dan Marino Outpatient Center. The center is a comprehensive evaluation and treatment center for children with autism and other special needs.</p>
	<p align="center"><u>Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System-South (FDLRS)</u></p> <p>The FDLRS provides diagnostic, instructional, and technology support services to district exceptional education programs and families of students with disabilities. Service centers include Associate Centers that directly serve school districts in the areas of Child Find, Parent Services, Human Resource Development (HRD), and Technology. The FDLRS Network also includes Multi-disciplinary Centers who focus on in-depth evaluations and several statewide projects offering specialized services.</p>
	<p align="center"><u>Parent to Parent</u></p> <p>Parent to Parent of Miami is a community resource specializing in providing families of children and adults with special needs with information, education and emotional support. They help parents become better prepared to meet the needs of their children at no cost to them.</p>