

National Assistance for Military Families with Individuals with Autism, as of April 2010

Association of the United States Army (AUSA), Arlington, VA has provided lobbying support for military families with individuals with autism and has some web sources for special needs individuals at <http://www.ausa.org/webpub/DeptFamilyPrograms.nsf/byid/JRAY-733M2A>.

Autism Research Institute (ARI), San Diego, CA at <http://www.autism.com/families/military/military.htm> has a web page specifically for military families with individuals with autism, offering a free book titled "Recovering Autistic Children", access to military autism presentations and a 25% discount on their conferences.

Autism Society of America (ASA), Bethesda, MD at <http://www.autism-society.org> has provided lobbying support for military families with individuals with autism.

Autism Society of America- Northern Virginia (ASA-NV) chapter has autism awareness and safety information at http://www.autism-society.org/site/DocServer/Autism_Awareness_and_Home_Safety3_1_.doc?docID=9261.

Autism Speaks, New York, NY at <http://www.autismspeaks.org> has provided lobbying support for military families with individuals with autism.

Easter Seals at http://www.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=ntl_military_veterans provides assistance and camp opportunities for service members and their families.

Exceptional Parent magazine has frequent articles on military families, including ones specifically for autism at http://www.eparent.com/main_channels_military/index.asp, and on line seminars at <http://epliveonline.com>.

Healthnet Federal Services (TRICARE North Region provider) has TRICARE and Extended Health Care Option (ECHO) program information at <https://www.hnfs.net/common/caremanagement/echo.htm>.

Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) has a Special Education Leaders Institute (SELI) at <http://militarychild.org/SpecialEdu.asp> offers training for special educators.

Military Family Network at <http://www.emilitary.org/forums/index.php?showforum=664> has an email list serv for military families with individuals with special needs, but not specifically for autism.

Military HOMEFRONT at http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/portal/page/itc/MHF/MHF_HOME_1?section_id=20.40.500.570.0.0.0.0 has a web page for military families with individuals with special needs, but not specifically for autism.

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), Alexandria, VA at <http://www.moaa.org> has provided lobbying support for military families with individuals with autism.

Military OneSource at <https://www.militaryonesource.com/skins/MOS/display.aspx?ModuleID=ae74eaa3-d1b6-4dbd-b23e-354880172094&Mode=User&action=category&ObjectID=4cff2760-fa4c-41b9-85a1-3996e688f0c6> has a Special Needs web page for military families with individuals with autism. They also have an e-library resource with books on autism and for children.

National Autism Center and the May Institute, Randolph, MA at <http://www.nationalautismcenter.org> has offered possible assistance for military families with individuals with autism.

National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY) at <http://www.nichcy.org> has a lot of information for individuals with disabilities. A specific file to look over is "A Parent's Guide" at <http://www.nichcy.org/InformationResources/Documents/NICHCY%20PUBS/pa9.pdf>.

National Military Family Association (NMFA), Alexandria, VA at <http://www.nmfa.org> has provided lobbying support for military families with individuals with autism.

National Park Service at http://www.nps.gov/fees_passes.htm offers a FREE "America the Beautiful - National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass, but you must get it in person at any national park.

Organization for Autism Research (OAR), Arlington, VA has developed a guide for military families with individuals with autism at <http://www.researchautism.org/resources/reading/index.asp#military>. The site offers information on autism, autism treatments, the military healthcare system, and raising a child with autism in the military community. Also, applications for the Schwallie Family Scholarship Program are at <http://www.researchautism.org/news/otherevents/scholarship.asp>.

Parents of Autistic Children of Northern Virginia (POAC-NoVA), Vienna, VA has autism awareness and safety information at http://www.poac-nova.org/base.cgim?template=autism_awareness.

Specialized Training of Military Parents (STOMP) at <http://www.stompproject.org/publications.asp> has a number of fact sheets for military families with individuals with special needs and two email list serves for military families with individuals with special needs at <http://www.stompproject.org/listserv.asp>, including one specifically for autism at TRI-FAT@topica.com.

TRICARE's special needs page at <http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/ProfileFilter.do?purI=%2Fhome%2FLifeEvents%2FSpecialNeeds>. Extended Health Care Option (ECHO) program information is at http://www.mytricare.com/internet/tric/tri/tricare.nsf/PGS/TRCRBscs_Prgms_11. The Special Needs Smart Book is at <http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/ProfileFilter.do?purI=%2Fhome%2FLifeEvents%2FSpecialNeeds>, but it is 8MB in size. The Special Care Organization Record (SCOR) is at http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/Download/Forms/SCOR_2.doc.

Wrightslaw, Deltaville, VA at <http://www.wrightslaw.com/info/dod.index.htm> has some excellent resources on legal advice and education best practices for military families.

Funding Resources:

Aid for Autistic Children Foundation at <http://www.aacfinc.org>.

Air Warrior Courage Foundation at <http://www.airwarriorcourage.org>.

Angel Flight at <http://www.angelflightmidatlantic.org> or Mercy Medical at <http://www.mercymedical.org>, and Patient Travel at <http://www.patienttravel.org> offer free air travel for special needs families.

Autism Care and Treatment (ACT) Today at http://www.act-today.org/about_2.html.

Autism Cares at <http://www.autismcares.org>.

Easter Seals Champions for Children at <http://www.championsforchildrenga.org>.

Generation Rescue family grants at <http://www.generationrescue.org/rescue-family-grant.html>.

Heroes With Handicaps at <http://www.heroeswithhandicaps.org/Services.html>.

Houston Enzymes at <http://www.houston-enzymes.com> offers a military discount of 30% off retail price of enzyme products. This offer is for enzyme products only, and not in combination with other offers or discounts.

Kirkman Labs at <http://www.kirkmanlabs.com> provides a 25% discount on all of their own products.

Lee Silsby Compounding Pharmacy is offering a \$20 savings for first time military customers (active and retired) and they accept TRICARE. More info is at <http://www.autismsalutes.com/2008/11/autism-salutes-lee-silsbycompounding.html>.

Lend4Health facilitates community-based, interest-free "micro-loans" as a creative funding option for individuals seeking optimal health at <http://lend4health.blogspot.com>.

Master Supplements provides a \$10 discount per bottle of their Theralac High Potency Probiotic Supplement by calling in an order to (800) 926-2961, extension 3. More info is at <http://theralac.com>.

National Autism Association at <http://www.nationalautismassociation.org/military.php> has a list of helpful websites and grants through the Helping Hand Project at <http://www.nationalautismassociation.org/helpinghand.php> and the Family First Project at <http://www.nationalautismassociation.org/familyfirst.php> for marriage counseling grants.

NeighborHeart, Richboro, PA at <http://www.neighborheart.org/grants.asp> offers Quality of Life grants for families making less than \$30,000 per year.

Project Devin (a partner of Abilities Network Project ACT) at <http://www.abilitiesnetwork.org/services/act/ProjectDevin.html>.

United Healthcare Children's Foundation at http://www.uhccf.org/apply_applicant.html.