#### **RESOURCES IN PENNSYLVANIA**

#### **Variety Club**

Website: <http://www.varietyphila.org/serve/autism-initiative/>

#### **Autism Services, Education, Research and Training (ASERT) Regional Centers**

These regional collaborations have been established by the Pa Bureau of Autism Services to improve regional access to quality services and interventions, provide information and support to families, train professionals in best practices and facilitate collaboration among providers of services throughout the commonwealth.

**ASERT Contact Information:**

PA ASERT Eastern Region

Director – Peter Doehring, Ph.D.

1-866-506-5841

aserteast@email.chop.edu

PA ASERT Central Region

Director - Shiyoko Cothren, M.H.A.

1-877-231-4244

[www.AutismCentralPA.org](http://autismcentralpa.org/)

PA ASERT Western Region

Director - John McGonigle, Ph.D.

412-235-5407

cramerrd@upmc.edu

## **Autism / PDD Support Groups**

### **BUCKS COUNTY**

#### **Sharing and Caring**

Sharing and Caring of Bucks County meets on the 2nd Thursday at 7:00PM in the Education Bldg., St. Vincent De Paul Church in Richboro, meeting September to May, nine times a year.

For directions, visit [http://www.svdp-richboro.org/directions.htm](http://svdp-richboro.org/directions.htm)

The Sibshop, a sibling support group, ages 7+ is conducted by a social worker who specializes in counseling for families with special needs children. Current membership includes parents with children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. For more information, visit our website at [www.sharingcaringbuckscounty.org](http://sharingcaringbuckscounty.org/), or by email at info@sharingcaringbuckscounty.org.

#### **Autism Spectrum Support Group**

This is support line for parents and families that have a child with Autism / Aspergers/Pervasive Developmental Disorders (you do not have to live in Bucks Co. to be part of this group-anyone is welcome!) For more information contact Theresa Lux: Theresa\_a\_lux@yahoo.com

Bucks County Autism Support Coalition

The Bucks County Autism Support Coalition is a community-based group focused on maximizing the personal development of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder. This group is comprised of educators for local school districts and intermediate units, mental health professionals, physicians, behavior specialists, and parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. For more information call: 267-885-4500 or visit our site: [http://www.bcasc.org](http://www.bcasc.org/)

#### **Autism Spectrum Support Group**

Bio Med & nutritional focus Meets at the Goodnoe Elementary School monthly (2nd Wed. 7-9PM) For more info contact Theresa Lux at: eljoco99@comcast.net

#### **Penn Foundation Autism Family Support Center**

Debra Springer (215)453-5178

### **CHESTER COUNTY**

#### **Chester County ASD Support Group**

Coordinator: Jane Thurston

Website: <http://chestercountyasdsupportgroup.com/>

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#### **Delaware County**

#### **Delco Family P.A.S.S. (PDD/Autism Spectrum Support)**

Meetings take place in the Fall and Spring in Delaware County and we operate a Yahoo Group parents-only listserv. For more information, please contact Penny Starr-Ashton at 484-469-0459 or through our website: [www.delcofamilypass.com](http://www.delcofamilypass.com/)

### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

#### **ASD Support Group**

Meets monthly in Gilbertsville area, but times and places vary each month. Contact: Kristina Rhodes at 610-310-2537 KRhodes4941@yahoo.com for meeting dates and times.

**Norristown Autism Support Group**

Meets monthly September through June at Variety's Camp & Development Center near the intersection of Rts. 363 & 73. Contact Cindi Sharma at (610)584-4366 x1044

#### **Upper Dublin --Special Education Advisory Council (SPEAC)Autism Committe**

For more information visit their website or contact them at SPEACofUD@yahoogroups.com <http://www.speacofud.org/>

**ASCEND Group, Inc**. PO Box 2097, Media PA, 19063

Free adult social group and free parents of adults group meet monthly. Additionally we organize meet-ups for all ages. You do not have to be an ASCEND member to attend our events. For a full list of our events please visit our website. Contact us via email or 610/449-6776

**Exceptional Families of Exceptional Children**

Email- exceptionalfamiliesandchildren@gmail.com

Website- www.exceptionalfamiliesofexceptionalchildren.org

Phone- 267-980-2869 or 215-630-3760

Address- 129 Ashley Way Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

Contact-Amanda Klein

### **PHILADELPHIA COUNTY**

#### **Autism Sharing and Parenting**

[www.autismsharingandparenting.org](http://www.autismsharingandparenting.org/) Renee Henderson 215-413-7106 2 locations: Center for Autism and Community Behavioral Health 8th & Market Sts., 7th fl.

#### **WEST PHILA P.A.C.S. Parents of Autistic Children**

Roberta Bellamy 215-472-2764 Huey Elementary School 52nd & Pine

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#### **PEEA Project Elijah Empowering Autism**

Eric D. Williams Sr. elijah@peea.org 267- 258-8687 William A. Sayre High School 58th & Walnut St. West Philly

#### **Philadelphia Autism Network/Elwyn Seeds**

<http://www.elwyn.org/program/seeds>

## **Autism-Related Support Groups:**

#### **Philadelphia Interagency Coordinating Council**

[www.philadelphiaicc.org](http://www.philadelphiaicc.org/) 215-731-2464

#### **Philadelphia Right to Education Task Force**

[www.philadelphialtf.org](http://www.philadelphialtf.org/)

#### **Special Parents of Exceptional Children**

Jean McCoubrey, jean.mccoubrey@gmail.com , 215-913-9027 Chestnut Hill Library, 8711 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia

#### **Best Nest**

Dina Mitchellor Diane Jackson 215-546-8060

#### **Kensington Spanish-English Hotline**

215-751-1800

#### **ABRIENDO CAMINOS A LOS LATINOS CON FAMILIAS EXCEPCIONALES**

215-923-3349 Comar Inc. 3825 Whitaker Ave. Phila, Pa 19124

#### **HUNE**

(Spanish-English) [www.huneinc.org](http://www.huneinc.org/) helpline 215-425-5112

#### **Hearts for Autism**

Robin Schwoyer 267-231-7585 robin@well-th.com

#### **Holy Terror STARS**

Cindy Hinchey, 215-331-9876, John Perzel Community Center 2990 St. Vincent St. Phila, Pa

#### **Play-N-Share**

Ilona i\_naroditskaya@yahoo.com 267-992-8802

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#### **Community Council Parent Support Group**

This is a support group for all developmental disabilities. There are a number of families involved who have children with autism/PDD. Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 7-9PM at 5120 Chestnut St., Philadelphia. For more information, call Almeata at (215) 473-8744.

#### **Email Group for Dad**

The Delaware Autism Society has formed a Dads' e-group, for fathers who have children with autism. The group is an extension of the Autism Society conference presentation, "For Dads Only". Hopes to be a valuable asset to the autism community, and offer ideas, support and information to all the Dads out there.

* To subscribe, go to: AutDads-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
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