

Accessing **Resources**
Building Connections
Strengthening **Families**



1 in 68
children are
diagnosed with
autism;
**1 in every
42 boys**

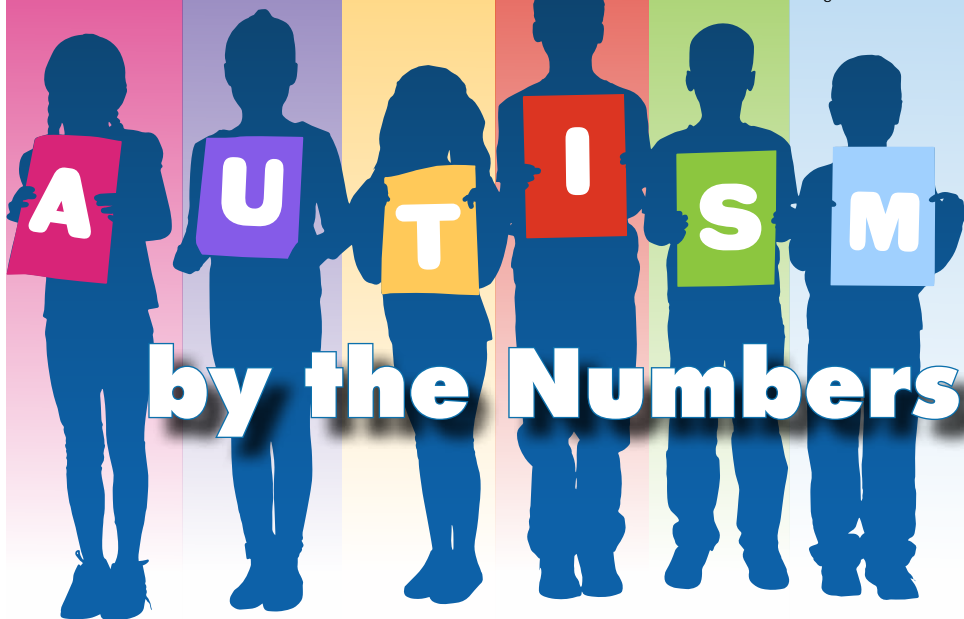
**1,148%
growth**
Autism is the
fastest growing
developmental
disability.

\$40,000+
Annual cost
of autism
therapies and
treatments
can exceed
\$40,000.

**\$1.4 to
\$2.4
million**
Estimated lifetime
cost to support
each person with
autism.
60%
of these costs are
in adult services.

2/3
The cost of
lifelong care
**can be
reduced** by
2/3 with early
diagnosis and
intervention.

85%
With the best
treatment, **over
85%** of children
with autism can
**make significant
gains.** ABA is
currently the only
autism therapy
recommended for
long-term benefit
by the United States
Surgeon General.



Sources: Center for Disease Control and Prevention <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/data.html>
JAMA Pediatrics <http://archpedi.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1879723>
AutismAction.org

Connecting Families & Resources

The Foundation for Autism Resources (FAR) supports children, connects families, provides resources.

The most recent research states that 1 in 68 children have autism. Autism impacts every aspect of every day life. Awareness, information, access to evidence based therapies and a supportive community make a huge difference for children and their families.

Families with limited economic means face many challenges, including access to health care and services. Many working Hoosier families do not receive essential supports like therapy that positively impacts a child with autism and their whole family. FAR raises funds through donations, sponsorships, benefit events and grants to connect families and resources.

*We are grateful for
any help we can
receive through FAR
to get our child the
help he needs to be
the best possible
version of himself.”*
- FAR parent

Shop for FAR! Visit http://fundsponge.com/clubs/FAR_Foundation_for_Autism_Resources



"You love your child with all your heart, but it takes a lot of work. We didn't know how we were going to do it. FAR and ABA have given us ways to get through each day."
- FAR family

Who is FAR?

The Foundation for Autism Resources (FAR) began in 2013, to fill a gap in the autism community: consistent, quality therapy for children whose families do not have the funds or means to do so without support.

FAR is made up of dedicated staff and a board of community leaders throughout the state.

FAR connects autism families with children (ages 2-12) to providers of ABA therapy (Applied Behavior Analysis) that offer individualized home based or hybrid programs with strong family involvement. Children receive an average of 30 hours a week of therapy.

Families submit an application to receive funds from FAR to pay the premiums for health insurance that covers ABA therapy. This unique model of direct support provides funds to those who are committed to helping their children reach their full potential. No more working families "slipping through the cracks".

What is Autism and ABA Therapy?

Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life and affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others. Children do not "outgrow" autism, but studies show that early diagnosis and intervention lead to significantly improved outcomes.

"I can't even begin to explain what FAR offers my family. The worst feeling in the world is knowing your child needs services that you just can't afford."
- FAR parent

Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy (ABA) is a very well researched approach that has been used to successfully help individuals acquire many different skills, such as language skills, self-help skills, and play skills. ABA can help to decrease maladaptive behaviors such as aggression, self-stimulatory behaviors, and self-injury.

Quality ABA programs are led by a Board Certified therapist, are individualized based on the child's needs, strengths and interests and incorporate family involvement in meaningful ways.

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“My son delivers a smile that can melt a soul. Through therapy his eye contact and name responding has increased dramatically.”
- FAR parent



Providing access, Instilling Hope and Changing Lives

The impact of FAR reaches throughout the state. From humble beginnings, FAR has garnered community support and funding from a growing list of individuals, foundations and businesses who want to provide opportunities for children.

- Since 2013, FAR has connected 16 children and their families, with long-term services. Four more children and their families will join FAR in 2016.
- We assure each child receives an average of 30 hours a week of individualized therapy and that family involvement is a strong part of each program.
- We have grown the FAR Service Provider Network to six highly qualified providers.
- We received grants from the Moorehouse Foundation, Indiana Youth Institute and Indiana Support for Autism Youth.
- We continue to increase the number of fundraising/awareness building events each year. FAR's signature event Tapas, Wine & Jazz will be at the Broadmoor Country Club, Indianapolis on August 26, 2016
- We have been featured in newspaper and magazine articles, radio interviews and expanded our social media presence.



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