

Louisiana Developmental Screening Guidelines: 0-5 years

Autism Resources

This guide provides suggested referrals and services for a child with a positive screen for Autism.

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Family Resources

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Families Helping Families Region 7: Peer support and resource linkage for families in the Greater Baton Rouge area at (318) 226-4541 or fhregion7.com

Head Start/Early Head Start: Promotes preschool and school readiness for low-income families. Eligibility and enrollment information for Louisiana can be found at benefits.gov/benefits/benefit-details/1913

Positive Autism Screen Resources

- **EarlySteps:** Intervention services for children 0-3 providing screening, assessments, and therapies. Contact at frances.spoe@gmail.com (318) 226-8038 or (866) 676-1695
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- **Developmental screening and care coordination technical assistance** is available at no charge for clinics serving children 0-5 years. For more information:
 - Visit ldh.la.gov/developmentalscreening or
 - E-mail CSHSprogram@la.gov or
 - Call the Bureau of Family Health's Children's Special Health Services program at (504) 568-5055

Public School System Resources

Department of Education: "Child Search" educational assessments and screenings for ages 3 and older. Contact information by parish below:

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Family Wellness & Environmental Resources

This guide provides suggested referrals and services for the family of a child with a positive screen for environmental risk and caregiver depression.

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General Family Resources

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Project LAUNCH: Parent and provider resources to support healthy physical and emotional development for children 0 - 8 years old louisianalaunch.org

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WIC: Women, Infant, and Children Program Nutrition Support: 1-800-251-BABY (2229)

Care Coordination Resources

Developmental screening and care coordination technical assistance is available at no charge for clinics serving children 0-5 years.

Ways to enroll in the program:

- Visit ldh.la.gov/developmentalscreening to access a fillable PDF of the form
- Email CSHSprogram@la.gov to request an electronic Technical Assistance form
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Families may also benefit from Medicaid enrollment and Healthy Louisiana Behavioral Health services. Find provider locator tools at myplan.healthy.la.gov/choose.

Family Wellness Referrals

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- **Louisiana Warm Line:** Non-crisis phone line with certified peer support specialists Wednesday-Sunday, 5-10 PM, (800) 730-8375
- **National Suicide Prevention Hotline:** Available 24/7, (800) 273-8255
- **Alcoholics Anonymous:** Shreveport Central Office – (318) 865-2172.
- **State Reporting Hotline for Childhood Abuse/Neglect:** Child neglect/abuse investigations, (855)-452-5439
- **Department of Children and Family Services:** Food stamps/support services/emergency funds, (888) 524-3578
- **United Way of Northwest Louisiana:** Supports and service linkage including crisis assistance, 211 or (318) 677-2504 .
- **Poison Control:** Louisiana's Poison Control Center 24/7 Hotline (800) 222-1222
- **Domestic Violence Hotline:** Louisiana's 24/7 Statewide Hotline (888) 411-1333
- **Operation Save a Life:** Free smoke alarms – Office of State Fire Marshal (225) 925-1716
- **Smoking Cessation:** Free help to quit smoking at quitwithusla.org or (800) QUIT-NOW (784-8669)
- **Child Care Assistance Program:** Child care assistance for children under 13 or children under 18 with a disability, financial criteria (877) 453-2721

Northwest Louisiana Human Services District

Please refer to the numbers below to locate behavioral health, mental health, and addictive disorder treatment options in your area.

Shreveport
(318) 676-5111

Natchitoches
(318) 357-3122

Minden
(318) 371-3001

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General Development Resources

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Social & Emotional Resources

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- **Tulane Infant Mental Health Services:** Consultative services for primary care providers and more (504) 988-9184.
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CSHS REGIONAL RESOURCE GUIDE – REGION 7

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Organization	Contact	Services/Information	Eligibility	Physician Referral	
Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Programs (CYSHCN) www.ldh.la.gov/cshs www.ldh.la.gov www.ldh.la.gov/ehdi www.ldh.la.gov/genetics www.ldh.la.gov/lead	Children's Special Health Services (CSHS)	504-568-5055	CSHS Central Office NOLA	Eligibility criteria Birth–21 years	Specialty Clinics- dx from MD No
	Family Resource Center	504-896-1340	Children's Hospital Rm 2020	All LA families	
	Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI)	504-568-5028	NB Hearing Screens info	All newborns	
	Genetic Diseases	504-568-8254	NB Heel Stick Screening Genetic Diseases Resources	All newborns	
	Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention	504-568-8254	Information and resources	All LA families	
Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) www.louisianabelieves.com	Toll free	877-453-2721	Child care assistance for children under 13 or under 18 with a disability	Financial criteria	No
Dental Services (MCNA) MCNA www.mcna.net/en/home/	Main	800-494-6262	Medicaid dental provider locator *MCNA web site - benefit info	Medicaid eligible	No
Department of Children and Family Services (Food Stamps-SNAP) www.dcf.la.gov	State reporting* hotline-abuse/neglect (DCFS)	855-452-5439	Abuse/neglect investigations	Birth – 17 years	No
	Family Support Services	888-524-3578	24 hour– emergency funds	Financial	
	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	888-524-3578	Food/nutrition assistance	Financial	
Developmental Disabilities Services Northwest Louisiana Human Services District http://nlhsd.org/ OCDD NW Resource Center on Developmental Disabilities	Office for Citizens with Developmental (OCDD)	318-741-7455	Waiver registry; cash subsidy; individual and family support; support coordination; supported living; voc, rehab and transition Svc. OT, PT, ST; mental health	Persons with a developmental disability diagnosed before age 22	Yes MD signs enrollment
	Shreveport Resource Center	318-676-7650			
Early Intervention Services EarlySteps www.earlysteps.la.gov	Main Toll free	318-226-8038 866-676-1695	Developmental Screening and Early intervention; OT, PT, ST	Ages birth – 3 years	No
Educational Assessments Dept. of Education – Exceptional Children-Child Search Pupil Appraisal www.doe.state.la.us	Bienville	318-263-7968	Developmental Screening; Special Education preschools; ST, OT, PT	Age 3 - 21 years Special education services	No
	Bossier	318-549-6119			
	Claiborne	318-927-2496			
	Caddo Parish	318-603-6700			
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Emergency/Disaster Am Red Cross www.louisianaredcross.org United Way www.unitedwaynwla.org Dept of Family Services www.dcf.la.gov	Am Red Cross Toll free (ARC)	318-865-9545 800-229-8191	Emergency relief Vietnamese/Spanish Evacuation guides	Financial criteria	No
	United Way	318-677-2504 211	Resource links		No
	Family Services	318-676-7100	24 hr line – emergency funds		No
Family Peer Support Families Helping Families www.fhfregion7.com Bayou land FHF Information Center www.blfhf.org Hands and Voices/Guide by your side www.lahandsandvoices.org	Main Toll free	318-226-4541 877-226-4541	Information, referrals, trainings; Peer to peer support	No out of pocket	No
	Family2Family Information Center	800-331-5570	Resources		
	Hands and Voices	337-515-5774	Family peer support for children who are deaf/hard of hearing		

Care Coordination/Medical Home Resources Region 7

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Organization	Contact	Services/Information	Eligibility	Physician Referral
Legal Assistance Advocacy Center www.advocacyla.org	Toll free Spanish/Vietnamese 800-960-7705	No cost legal services Advocacy/outreach/training Education/Access/Voting	Persons with disabilities and elderly	No
Medicaid Insurance Helplines Medicaid/Healthy LA Plans www.myplan.healthy.la.gov Aetna Better Health Healthy Blue AmeriHealth Caritas LA HealthCare Connections United HealthCare	Medicaid Info Line 855-229-6848 Aetna Healthy Blue AmeriHealth LA HealthCare United HealthCare 855-242-0802 844-521-6941 888-756-0004 866-595-8133 800-587-5187	Information on Medicaid – online provider locator tool Assistance with service approvals, prior auths, denials and complaints	Medicaid Eligible	No
Mental/Behavioral Health– Northwest Louisiana Human Services District http://nlhsd.org/ Child and Adolescent Response Team (CART) LSU Psychiatry Center	Main After hours 318-676-5111 866-416-5370 C.A.R.T. 24 hours 866-416-5370 LSU Main 318-813-2445	Mental Health Services Addictive Disorders After Hours: crisis Counseling/advocacy/referral Outpatient MH/Addiction Tx	Call for screening Under 18 yrs Child-Adult	No No Yes
Mental Health Support – Louisiana Federation of Families for Children's MH www.laffcmh.org	Main Parent Line 225-293-3508 800-224-4010	Information & Referral; Education/training/family mentoring; Peer to peer mentoring thru 24 years	Caregiver & children/youth with emotional, BH/MH issues	No
Parenting/Pregnancy Nurse-Family Partnership www.nursefamilypartnership.org	Caddo, Bossier Desoto, Webster 318-862-9930	Supports -pregnancy thru infancy (1 year) in-home nurse visits, mentoring/education	*First time mom, enroll before 28 wks gestation	Yes
Personal Care Services Medicaid EPSDT www.ldh.la.gov	Main Toll free 225-342-9485 877-455-9955	In-home, non-waiver, personal care services (EPSDT)	Medical criteria, ages birth - 21 Medicaid eligible	MD submits form 90L
Prescription Assistance – Partnership for Prescription Assist www.pparx.org	PPA 888-477-2669	Rx assistance	Financial criteria Low/no cost	No
Social Security SSI www.ssa.gov	Toll free 800-772-1213	Benefits for children with qualifying disability *Reapply if denied - benefit re- determined at age 18	Medical Criteria	Diagnosis from MD
Transportation (Medical) Healthy Louisianan Plans-Medicaid www.ldh.la.gov/medicaid	Medicaid Amerigroup/Healthy Blue Aetna AmeriHealth Louisiana Healthcare United Healthcare 855-325-7565 866-430-1101 877-917-4150 888-913-0364 855-369-3723 866-726-1472	Non-emergency medical transport to/from medical visit-parent/child *Must schedule 2 days before appointment	Medicaid Eligible	No
Vocational Rehab - Louisiana Rehab Services (LRS) www.laworks.net	Regional Office 318- 676-7155 800-737-2966	Vocational rehab/work support & counseling for persons with disabilities	Eligibility assessment	No
WIC-Nutrition Supports Women Infants and Children Program (WIC) Partners for Healthy Babies-website http://1800251baby.org/	Toll free National helpline *appointments Bureau of Family Health online resource 800-251-2229	Food/formula, nutrition, health & pregnancy resources, breastfeeding support Resources and information for moms and babies	WIC program - financial criteria *Must keep MD appointments	MD signs WIC app & referral