

## **ASD RESOURCES: Agencies in Southeastern Massachusetts**

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**Massachusetts Department of Children and Families (DCF):** [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov)

### **Children's Behavioral Health Initiative (CBHI):**

*A list of Community Service Agencies by town - Carver, Duxbury, Halifax, Hanson, Kingston, Marshfield, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Whitman*

### **Bay State Community Services, Inc.**

385 Court Street Plymouth, MA 02360  
508-830-3444 x321

### **BAMSI (Brockton Area Multi-Services, Inc.)**

Wraparound Family Services  
440 Belmont Street Brockton, MA 02301  
508-587-2579 x30  
Attention: Michelle Corrao

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### **Mobile Crisis Intervention / Emergency Service Providers (ESP) by towns:**

*Braintree, Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Milton, Norwell, Quincy, Randolph, Scituate, Weymouth*

### **South Shore Mental Health (SSMH)**

24 hour access number: (800) 528-4890  
ESP Director: Leslie Chiotasso (617) 847-1950 x6496 lchiotas@ssmh.org  
Mobile Crisis Intervention Manager: Sue Burton (617) 774-6036 sburton@ssmh.org

*Acushnet, Carver, Dartmouth, Duxbury, Fairhaven, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Marion, Marshfield, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Rochester, Wareham*

### **Child and Family Services of New Bedford**

24 hour access number: (877) 996-3154  
ESP Director: Jessica Medeiros (508) 996-3154 jmedeiros@cfservices.org  
Mobile Crisis Intervention Manager: Rebecca Pye (508) 996-3153 rpye@cfservices.org

*Abington, Avon, Bridgewater, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Holbrook, Rockland, Stoughton, West Bridgewater, Whitman*

### **Brockton Multi-Service Center**

24 hour access number: (508) 897-2100  
ESP Director: Steve Spakowski (508) 897-2107 steve.spakowski@dmh.state.ma.us  
Mobile Crisis Intervention Manager: Jennifer Paine (508) 894-3958 jennifer.paine@state.ma.us

### ***Cape Cod and the Islands***

### **Cape & Islands Emergency Services**

24 hour access number: (800) 322-1356  
ESP Director: Catherine Thomas (508) 778-4627 catherine.thomas@dmh.state.ma.us  
Mobile Crisis Intervention Manager: Jennifer Paine (508) 894-3958 jennifer.paine@state.ma.us

*Attleboro, Berkley, Dighton, Lakeville, Mansfield, Middleborough, North Attleboro, Norton, Raynham, Rehoboth, Seekonk, Taunton*

### **Norton Emergency Services**

24 hour access number: (800) 660-4300

ESP Director: Merleen Mills (508) 285-8048 [merleen.a.mills@state.ma.us](mailto:merleen.a.mills@state.ma.us)

Mobile Crisis Intervention Manager: Jennifer Paine (508) 894-3958 [jennifer.paine@state.ma.us](mailto:jennifer.paine@state.ma.us)

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**Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services:** [www.mass.gov/dds](http://www.mass.gov/dds)

### **Autism Waiver Program**

*This Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Program is a Medicaid program designed to provide services to help children with autism to remain in their homes and actively participate in their families and in their communities. This Waiver Program is designed to provide one-to-one behavioral, social and communication based interventions through a service called Expanded Habilitation, Education. The waiver also provides related support services such as community integration activities and respite. The waiver will serve about 100 children under the age of 9, with an autism spectrum disorder, who meet the eligibility criteria for the Waiver Program.*

**Massachusetts Department of Public Health** [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov)

### **Personal Care Attendant (PCA)**

To determine eligibility, call MassHealth Customer Service at 1-800-841-2900 for the most up-to-date Personal Care Management (PCM) agency contact list

**Aspergers Association of New England (AANE)** [www.aane.org](http://www.aane.org)

(yearly membership fee \$35.00)

AANE is committed to providing a supportive, understanding community for individuals, families and professionals throughout New England. Although Aspergers Syndrome is AANE's primary focus, they also offer support and services to individuals with similar neurological conditions, such as High Functioning Autism (HFA), PDD-NOS, and Non-Verbal Learning Disability (NVLD/NLD).

**Massachusetts General's Youth Care Program** [www.massgeneral.org/youthcare](http://www.massgeneral.org/youthcare)

YouthCare is a highly successful therapeutically-based program that focuses on helping children with Asperger's syndrome, non-verbal learning disabilities, high functioning autism and related challenges to develop social skills. YouthCare believes that children are best able learn social skills and other behavioral strategies within a group setting. They therefore, offer therapeutic support through group participation in recreational, social and educational activities.

**Community Autism Resources** [www.community-autism-resources.com](http://www.community-autism-resources.com)

Tel: 508-379-0371

Families and professionals strengthened by the experience of Autism in their lives, dedicated to supporting individuals with ASD and their families. Their commitment to sharing knowledge, information, and enhancing skills will enable persons with autism to live satisfying and fulfilling lives within the community.

Community Autism Resources (CAR) is a Southeastern Massachusetts, Cape and the Islands, based Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) project.

Services Include:

- Clinics
- Visual System Clinics
- Computer Clinics

- Fun Groups
- Field trips
- visiting lecturers
- ASD courses
- a lending library
- referral services
- Conferences
- an ASD bulletin board of statewide ASD events
- the ASD Symposium
- and more!

**Best Buddies** [www.bestbuddiesma.org](http://www.bestbuddiesma.org)

Boston Office: (617) 778-0522

Best Buddies introduces socialization opportunities and job coaching, providing the necessary tools for people with intellectual disabilities to become more independent and, consequently, more included in the community.

**Cape Cod Challenger Club, Inc.** [www.capecodchallenger.org](http://www.capecodchallenger.org)

The mission of the Cape Cod Challenger Club is to enrich the quality of life for children and young adults with physical and/or developmental disabilities by providing them with the opportunity to participate in a variety of athletic, recreational and social activities that most often are not available to them under typical circumstances.

The emphasis of the program is placed on active participation and not on competition. The goal is to provide all participants with the opportunity for personal growth and development. The Cape Cod Challenger Group efforts are aimed at fostering self-confidence and self-esteem in a supportive and encouraging environment, an environment our Kids otherwise would not have the chance to participate under normal circumstances.

In order to accomplish these goals, the Cape Cod Challenger Club partners up with existing national, local and community-based sports and recreation providers. Working with our partner organizations, we utilize their most valuable resource, their participants. Able-bodied athletes volunteer to become mentors, or "buddies", to our special needs members, helping to provide strong role models for our players. In return, those volunteers who assist with the program learn valuable lessons about character development, respect and compassion, and as a consequence build positive perceptions of individuals with disabilities.

Over time, the bond developed between the Cape Cod Challenger Club players and their buddies evolves into a positive life-long experience impacting on both groups, enriching the lives of all those involved and strengthening our community.

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**Challenger League Programs:**

Challenger League programs provide the opportunity for children with special needs to play and participate in group sports, such as basketball, soccer and baseball, within varying towns. The goal is to provide a comfortable environment for the individuals, without the pressures and competition often associated with traditional sports teams. The emphasis is on fun, exercise and sportsmanship.

Most programs also provide typical siblings, peers and parents, opportunities to share the joys of a positive sporting experience with the children with disabilities, who might never have considered playing otherwise.

Programs are available to boys and girls of any age, with all types of physical and developmental disabilities. Check with your town's recreational department for potential Challenger League opportunities.

**Special Olympics-Massachusetts:** [www.specialolympicsma.org](http://www.specialolympicsma.org)

Special Olympics Massachusetts offers a variety of Olympic type programs to enrich the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities. Whether you prefer participating with peers from the community-at-large or only with Special Olympics athletes, SOMA has programs for eligible individuals starting at the age of 2 with continued opportunities for healthy participation that lasts a lifetime. Special Olympics Massachusetts currently offers 26 sports through 5 sports seasons.

**Kids Konnection** [www.pilgrimac.org](http://www.pilgrimac.org)

The Pilgrim Area Collaborative Extended Services Program (PACES) offers a unique after-school program for preschool through high school aged students designed specifically for children with special needs. Kids Konnection provides children with a structured after-school program which fosters self-esteem and independence while building peer relationships and social skills in a fun and motivating environment. The goal is to develop the strengths of each student encouraging the development of lasting peer relationships.

**Autism Speaks:** [www.autismspeaks.org/community/family\\_services](http://www.autismspeaks.org/community/family_services)

Provides information for a number of resources available to those affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders

**The ARC of Massachusetts**

The Arc is the world's largest community based organization of and for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It provides an array of services and support for families and individuals and includes over 140,000 members affiliated through more than 730 state and local chapters across the nation. The Arc is devoted to promoting and improving supports and services for all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Local chapters of The Arc come in every shape, form and size – from small voluntary groups to large and sophisticated multi-million dollar organizations. To maintain a strong and cohesive movement, The Arc's network of chapters share a common thread – our core values.

The Arc's vision is that every individual and family affected by intellectual disability in the United States has access to the information, advocacy, and skills they need to participate as active citizens of our democracy and active members of their community. We work to ensure that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families have the supports they need to live an ordinary, decent American life.

The ARC of Cape Cod: [www.arcofcapecod.org](http://www.arcofcapecod.org)

The ARC of Greater Plymouth: [www.thearcofgp.com](http://www.thearcofgp.com)

The ARC of the South Shore: [www.arcsouthshore.org](http://www.arcsouthshore.org)

Brockton Area ARC: [www.brocktonareaarc.org](http://www.brocktonareaarc.org)