

Northpointe Pediatrics

Autism Guide

Jenny Train, CPNP, Hilary Cronin, CPNP, and Mary Stout, RN are your Care Managers at Northpointe who will help you navigate this process. They will be in contact with you. You may always reach out to them through the Patient Portal or by calling Northpointe Pediatrics (586) 558-2111. They do not have a direct line but they do have a private voicemail. If you call feel free to leave a detailed message including your child's name, reason for your call and a call back number.

If you have **Commercial** insurance

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If you have **Medicaid** insurance

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If you are looking for **Parent Resources**

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Commercial Insurance:

Step 1: Investigate autism benefits through insurance

- 3 options:
 - a. Visit website of **Autism Alliance of Michigan**, click the “Contact MiNavigator” tab and complete the form. A navigator will be assigned to you and can perform an insurance investigation on your behalf. They will then give information about approved autism evaluation centers
 - b. Call a local company who can perform an insurance investigation on your behalf and then give you evaluation center options based on their findings
 - i. **Centria Healthcare** (855) 772-8847
Trumpet Behavioral Health (855) 824-5669
Lumen Pediatric Therapy (888) 485-8636
 - c. Contact insurance company yourself and ask to speak to the autism benefit department
 - i. Ask: “*where do I go for a diagnosis for my child*” and “*what services are covered*” (Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, ABA therapy?)

Step 2: Make an appointment for **autism testing** based on insurance requirements

[Click Here](#) for some recommended options

Step 3: Based on evaluation results, begin recommended **therapies**

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*****For BCBS:** BCBS requires Autism to be diagnosed through an AAEC (Autism Approved Evaluation Center). These centers usually have very long waitlists. An initial ADOS (Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule) evaluation can take place **WHILE** you are on the waitlist for an evaluation at an AECC. If Autism is diagnosed with an ADOS test, the evaluator can apply for a “bridge authorization” to begin therapies right away, while you await your required full evaluation at an AAEC.

Medicaid Insurance:

Step 1A: Request an access manager through your county

- **Macomb County:** Macomb County Access Center (586) 948-0222
- **Wayne County:** Wayne Mental Health Authority (800) 241-4949
- **Oakland County:** Oakland County Health Network (248) 464-6363
 - a. First state that you are “in need of an autism evaluation” which will refer you to an access manager
 - b. A phone screening will occur to determine the need for a further in-depth autism evaluation
 - c. Access manager will assign you to an evaluation center (if you need an in-home evaluation, request at this time)

Step 1B: While you are working with your county’s access center, you can start calling to get on the waitlist for an autism evaluation at the same time. This may help speed up the process of getting an evaluation for your child.

[Click Here](#) for some recommended options

Step 2: If autism is diagnosed, findings will be sent to the state. The state of Michigan will need to approve the diagnosis (this may take several weeks)

Step 3: Once the state approves, you will be referred to an ABA therapy provider who takes Medicaid insurance (some will provide in-home ABA if needed)

[Click Here](#) for some recommended options

Autism Evaluation

➤ Autism Approved Evaluation Center (AAEC)

<p>University Pediatrics (*AAEC) <i>Novi (248) 305-6172</i> <i>Detroit (313) 662-2290 (Medicaid evals)</i> *AAEC</p>	<p>Individualized Outcomes for Autism <i>(248) 289-3008</i> <i>*In home, Commerce Twp</i></p>
<p>Imagine Center (*AAEC) <i>(313) 656-4052</i> <i>St Hts, Northville, Detroit</i></p>	<p>Sollars & Associates <i>(248) 787-0855</i> <i>Multiple locations</i> +Medicaid</p>
<p>Beaumont Center for Human Development (*AAEC) <i>(248) 691-4744</i> <i>Southfield</i> +Medicaid</p>	<p>Henry Ford Center for Autism & Developmental Disabilities (*AAEC) <i>(313) 972-3050 Clinton Twp</i> <i>(313) 972-9009 Detroit</i> +Medicaid</p>
<p>Healing Haven <i>(248) 965-3916</i> <i>Madison Hts</i></p>	<p>Triton Behavioral Health <i>(248) 429-9145</i> <i>GPW, Farmington Hills, Ferndale, Shelby Twp, Dearborn</i> +Medicaid</p>
<p>Bluetree Behavioral Health <i>(586) 299-1123</i> <i>Warren</i></p>	<p>Neuropsychology Partners <i>(248) 629-9470</i> <i>Berkley</i></p>
<p>Murray Center for Behavioral Wellness <i>(248) 765-1795</i> <i>Southfield</i> BCBS only</p>	<p>Keller Clinic Educational & Psychological Services <i>(248) 338-1700</i> <i>Bloomfield Hills</i></p>
<p>Michigan Modern Psychology <i>(313) 561-9064</i> <i>Ferndale, Brownstown, etc</i></p>	<p>Mielke & Weeks Psychological Services <i>(586) 871-8451, (248) 808-7681</i> <i>Rochester Hills</i></p>
<p>HealthCall Community Healthcare Services <i>(248) 395-3777</i> <i>Royal Oak, Berkley</i> +Medicaid</p>	<p>Beaumont Children's Center for Exceptional Families (*AAEC) <i>(313) 996-1960</i> <i>Dearborn</i></p>
<p>Easterseals Michigan (*AAEC) <i>(248) 475-6400</i> <i>Auburn Hills</i></p>	<p>Michigan Medicine Mott Autism (*AAEC) <i>(734) 232-7513</i> <i>(734) 764-0231</i> <i>Ann Arbor</i></p>

Autism Therapy:

- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)- the top recommended treatment for children with autism
- Speech Therapy (ST)
- Occupational Therapy (OT)

<p>Centria Healthcare (855) 772-8847 Clinton Twp, Farm Hills, Dearborn ABA +Medicaid</p>	<p>Trumpet Behavioral Health (855) 824-5669 Warren, *in home ABA</p>
<p>Gateway Pediatrics Therapy (248) 270-8196 Shelby Twp, St Hts, GP, Livonia, Dearborn ABA, ST, OT</p>	<p>Metro EHS (313) 278-4601 Detroit, Rochester Hills, St Hts ABA, ST, OT, PT, feeding therapy +Medicaid</p>
<p>University Pediatrics Clinton Twp (586) 228-2300 Novi (248) 305-6172 Detroit (313) 662-2290 ABA</p>	<p>Attendant Care Autism Services (586) 228-9991 Chesterfield, Detroit ABA, ST, OT</p>
<p>Behavior Frontiers (+Medicaid) (248) 599-1582 Detroit ABA, behavioral services</p>	<p>EasterSeals (800) 757-3257 Auburn Hills ABA, PLAY project, ST, OT +Medicaid</p>
<p>Star Behavioral Consultants (586) 251-2556 Shelby Twp ABA, ST, OT</p>	<p>Individualized Outcomes for Autism (248) 289-3008 *In home, *In school, Commerce Twp ABA center-based and in-home</p>
<p>Kaufman Children’s Center (248) 737-3430 West Bloomfield ABA, ST, OT sensory integration</p>	<p>Lumen Pediatric Therapy (888) 485-8636 St Clair Shores ABA, ST, OT</p>
<p>Carlyle Center (313) 580-9716 Grosse Pointe ABA in-home or center-based, school consulting, parent training</p>	<p>The Children’s Center (313) 324- 8570 Detroit ABA, behavioral services</p>
<p>Caliber Autism & Pediatric Therapy (248)245-8728 Troy ABA</p>	<p>Michigan School of Psychology (248) 919-0063 Farmington Hills ABA</p>

<p>LifeLab Kids (248) 629-4600 <i>Clinton Twp, Ferndale</i> ABA, ST, OT, recreational/music/feeding/art therapy etc.</p>	<p>HealthCall Community Healthcare Services (248) 395-3777 <i>Royal Oak, Berkley</i> ABA, ST, OT, feeding therapy, social skills, parent education +Medicaid</p>
<p>Early Autism Services (734) 545-6335 <i>Troy, Sterling Hts, *in-home</i> ABA, ST, OT</p>	<p>Open Door Living Association BELIEF Eclectic Learning (586) 218-8570 <i>Eastpointe, *in-home</i> ABA, ST</p>
<p>Orchid Autism (586) 741-6200 <i>Clinton Twp</i> ABA, ST, music therapy</p>	<p>Healing Haven (248) 965-3916 <i>St Hts</i> ABA, ST,</p>
<p>Judson Center (586) 573-1810 <i>Warren, *in-home</i> ABA</p>	

Autism Resources

[Autism Alliance of Michigan](#)

- Personal MiNavigators assigned to your family who are available to assist with insurance investigation, finding evaluation and therapy centers in your area
- Extensive information available about autism and local resources

[Autism Support of Michigan](#)

- Provides a local search engine for finding evaluation and therapy centers

[ADEPT \(Autism Distance Education Parent Training\) through UC Davis Health Mind Institute](#)

- Modules and video lessons teaching parents of children with autism ABA techniques
- Google search for “ADEPT UC Davis” to find

[PLAY Project](#)

- Offer online courses to teach parents play-based therapy interventions to use with their children

[Flourishing Lives](#)

- Additional therapy support including occupational therapy, sensory integration, feeding therapy
- Located in St Clair Shores, (586) 293-1234
- May need a referral from Northpointe

[Kids on the Go](#)

- Provides physical, occupational, speech, and recreational therapies both over the summer and during the school year for children ages 3 to 17
- Lots of great classes and activities available, along with therapies, for children with special needs
- Main location in St Clair Shores, with class/therapy options in surrounding areas, (313) 332-1026

[My Relationships Project](#)

- Offers relationship courses and support groups, workshops, therapy for individuals and families, and executive functioning support and tutoring. Located in Royal Oak, MI

[On My Own of Michigan](#)

- Provides family consulting, “independence college,” independence prep, skill building workshops, and independent living resources. Located in Troy, MI

[Autism Ask](#)

- Provides social groups for many different ages and interests

[Autism Parenting Magazine](#)

[Autism Speaks](#)

- Autism advocacy and support, provides information and research about autism

[Autism Society of Michigan](#)

- Provides support and local resources

[State of Michigan Autism Program](#)

[National Institute of Health Autism Fact Sheet](#)