Our mission is to advance research and provide a lifetime of support for individuals with autism and their families.

www.autismcenter.org
One of the only autism organizations in the world that provides a lifetime of services while conducting cutting edge research.

Established in 1997, the Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center (SARRC) is an internationally recognized, community-based nonprofit organization headquartered in Phoenix. SARRC is dedicated to autism research, high-quality intervention and education, training, and outreach.

Using evidence-based practices, SARRC’s team of highly trained and educated clinicians provides services that not only impact the lives of individuals with autism, but also their parents, grandparents, siblings, physicians, psychologists, educators, and therapists.

To advance research, SARRC initiates and collaborates in large-scale studies to find answers to the most pressing questions faced by individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and their families. SARRC’s innovative research is focused on improving screening and diagnosis for autism, improving treatments for autism including behavioral and pharmaceutical treatments, and educating professionals in order to increase their capacity to serve the autism community.

**SARRC’s Programs & Services**

- Diagnostic Services
- High-Quality Clinical Services
  - Individualized Services (Comprehensive and Consultation)
  - Community School
  - JumpStart®
  - Autism CommunityWorks®
  - Employment Services
  - Beneficial Beans® Garden and Café Internships
  - First Place AZ® Transition Academy
- Education, Training and Outreach
  - Autism Training for Parents and Professionals
  - Intensive Parent Training
  - Milestones
  - ThinkAsperger’s®
  - School Consultation
- Research
  - Screening & Evaluation
  - Treatment Studies
  - Education and Outreach to Medical, Education and Legal Professionals

Find more information about ways to support SARRC, visit autismcenter.org/Ways-Give
Receiving a diagnosis of autism for your child can be an overwhelming experience no matter what age your child is diagnosed. While you may be wondering what to do first, it is important that you begin the process of accessing services for your child.

Here are some steps to get you and your family started on the road to success. Please contact SARRC at 602.340.8717 for more information.

**Obtain a Formal Diagnosis**
An assessment and report written by a psychologist, psychiatrist or developmental pediatrician is necessary for many funding agencies and service providers. Call SARRC and ask about our Diagnostic Services.

**Educate Yourself**
Attend one of SARRC’s Family Orientation meetings to learn about available resources, SARRC services, and get answers to questions you may have about autism treatment.

**Enroll in JumpStart®**
JumpStart® is a parent empowerment program for families of children under the age of 6 diagnosed with autism or at risk for autism. SARRC clinicians provide information and individual coaching to each family with a focus on Pivotal Response Treatment®, an evidence-based intervention.

**Identify Funding Sources**
Contact your health insurance provider to determine if you have coverage for applied behavior analysis (ABA) services. You may also be eligible for government funded services, which vary based on your child’s age.

**Participate in Your Child’s Education**
Federal law sets educational standards for children with special needs. Talk to your child’s school about the diagnosis and the need for an individualized education plan (IEP).

**Organize Your Child’s Records**
Take the time to organize your child’s developmental history and medical and educational records. You will need these records for most funding agencies and service providers and a good record-keeping system will save you time and effort.

**Begin Evidence-Based Intervention**
Autism interventions supported by the most scientific evidence are based on applied behavior analysis (ABA). Ensure ABA is a central component to your child’s treatment program.

**Take Time for Yourself**
Taking care of your health is crucial as you are your child’s best advocate. Take time for yourself to relax, accept any help that may be offered and identify some areas that would be of benefit to suggest if people ask.
180 family members served through JumpStart®

600 educational and medical professionals received training

30 employment partners dedicated to employing individuals with autism

Enrolled 97 children with and without autism in six Community School classrooms

Trained 131 camp staff and community members to build more inclusive camp experiences

34 teens with ASD and 56 teen peer mentors received pre-employment training in CommunityWorks®

5,200 parents, family members, typical peers and community members served

Nearly 75% of SARRC’s adult clients secured and maintained meaningful, competitive employment

Nearly 35,000 individuals have been screened for autism to date, in partnership with the National Institutes of Health and a network of more than 100 pediatricians in metro Phoenix

24,250 customers served at the Beneficial Beans® Café at Scottsdale Civic Center Library

Nearly 1,000 children, teens and adults with ASD served through SARRC’s clinical and research programs

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