



# Child Health Notes -- 2016 2<sup>nd</sup> Q

Washington State Medical Home Partnerships Project

*Promoting partnerships between primary health care providers, families & the community.*

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## WITHINREACH RESOURCE FINDER: HELP FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS AND OTHER SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS AND THEIR FAMILIES

WithinReach is a toll-free, statewide non-profit organization providing professionals and families with health information and referral. The call center provides access to interpretive service for as many as 50 languages. WithinReach serves over 300,000 families yearly.

Resource Finder, a service of WithinReach, connects Washington families statewide to health services and resources located near their place of residence. Resource Finder contains over 3000 resources, including food resources, health insurance, dental care, pregnancy and breastfeeding information/support, childcare and much more. The Resource Finder is searchable by zip code and will be searchable by a 'key word search' in the fall of 2015. Resource Finder is accessible by phone at the Family Health Hotline at 1-800-322-2588 or through the internet at [www.parenthelp123.org/resources/resource-finder](http://www.parenthelp123.org/resources/resource-finder). It is designed for optimal desktop, tablet and smart phone display.

A new section of the Resource Finder highlighting resources for children with autism spectrum disorder and their families has been created and continues to expand! Use the Resource Finder in your practice to link your families to needed supports and services, either accessing it yourself or by connecting a family to the hotline or the website. Resources specific to children with special needs include links in the following categories:

### Developmental Screening & Evaluation Services

- Free developmental screening for all children under 5
- Early intervention services (Birth to 3)
- Developmental evaluation for children 3 years and up (Child Find)
- Therapy and evaluation services in the community

### Child Development & Early Learning Resources

- Play and Learn Groups
- Early learning resources
- School-ready resources
- Early literacy resources
- Internet resources for early learning

### Resources for Children with Special Needs

- Public health services for children with special needs
- Parent support for children with special needs
- School services for children with special needs
- Internet resources for children with special needs

### Resources for Children with Autism

- Diagnostic services
- Parent support for children with autism
- Social skills groups for children with autism
- Internet resources for children with autism and their families

## Washington State Resources

- **WithinReach Family Health Hotline - Call center hours:** Monday to Thursday 8:00 am to 5:30 pm, Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. **1-800 322-2588 or 1-800-833-6388 (tty relay)** [www.parenthelp123.org/](http://www.parenthelp123.org/)
- **Help Me Grow Washington** - a free program that connects families to the resources needed to give ALL kids the best start and to make sure they are growing and developing on track. <http://www.parenthelp123.org/child-development/help-me-grow-washington>
- **Insurance Benefit Finder** - quick way to find out if you are eligible for affordable health insurance or food assistance. <http://www.parenthelp123.org/benefit-finder>
  - **Washington State Medical Home Partnerships Project for Youth and Children with Special Needs and Their Families** website [www.medicalhome.org](http://www.medicalhome.org)
  - **Center for Children with Special Health Care Needs**, a program of Seattle Children's [www.cshcn.org](http://www.cshcn.org)
  - **Washington Autism Alliance and Advocacy** <http://www.washingtonautismadvocacy.org>

### INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

<b>Regional:</b>	ESD 112	360-750-7500
<b>Local:</b> CSHCN PHN	Connie Callahan # 360-397-8000 ex7400	<a href="http://www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/children-special-needs">www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/children-special-needs</a>
<b>National:</b>	Developmental Disabilities Admin	360-750-4250

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