

## *Who are we?*

We are concerned families and professionals who, since 1993, have provided services to individuals with autism and related disabilities, to their families, and to the professionals who work with them. The Florida State Legislature allocates funds that are administered to the seven regional CARD sites through the state's Department of Education. The program has grown to include several branch offices. To determine which CARD site serves your area, see the state map inside this brochure.

## *What is our purpose?*

CARD's purpose is to serve individuals across the lifespan by helping them become valued members of their communities. CARD offers supports within the natural contexts of homes, residences, child care programs, schools, and communities at no charge.



The Center for Autism & Related Disabilities (CARD) provides support and assistance with the goal of optimizing the potential of people with autism and related disabilities

# CARD

## Center for Autism & Related Disabilities

*Florida's First Choice for Autism Support*

1 - 800 - 9 - AUTISM



## Who do we serve?

### CARD serves individuals of any age with...

- Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) — Autistic Disorder, Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS), Rett's Disorder, Asperger's Disorder, and Childhood Disintegrative Disorder
- Related Disabilities — deaf-blind (hearing and vision impaired), hearing impaired or vision impaired with other disabling conditions
- Family members, friends and professionals

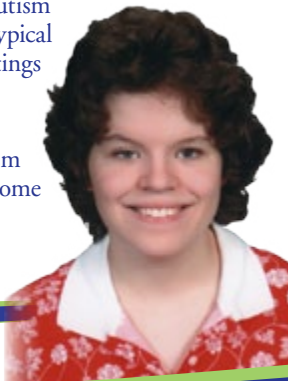


Referrals are accepted from parents, legal guardians, medical professionals, schools and community agencies. Consent to obtain and review records will be necessary.

## How can we help?

### CARD can ...

- Provide information about an individual's disability
- Refer families to federal, state and local service agencies
- Help families find support groups
- Support families in planning for the future
- Provide training sessions on how to work effectively with individuals with autism and related disabilities
- Provide consultation to caregivers and professionals on how best to work with an individual with a disability, in order to:
  - teach new skills
  - understand and resolve challenging behavior
  - include individuals with autism and related disabilities in typical school and community settings
  - develop meaningful communication skills
  - help individuals with autism and related disabilities become more socially competent members of society



## Where are we?



### CARD CENTERS

**University of South Florida**  
<http://card-usf.fmhi.usf.edu>

**Florida Gulf Coast University**

**University of Miami**  
<http://www.umcard.org>

**Nova Southeastern University**  
<http://www.nsucard.org>

**Florida Atlantic University**  
<http://www.autism.fau.edu>

**FAU Treasure Coast Campus**

**University of Florida at Gainesville**  
<http://www.card.ufl.edu>

**University of Florida at Jacksonville**  
<http://www.hscj.ufl.edu>

**University of Central Florida**  
<http://www.card-ucf.edu>

**Florida State University**  
<http://autism.fsu.edu>

**FSU CARD Panama City**

**FSU CARD Pensacola**

*Each CARD site has a constituency board comprised of individuals and/or family members who help guide program policies, priorities and activities.*

*Contact a CARD Center Today!*

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