



# AUTISM RESOURCE GUIDE



Mississippi Department of Mental Health

*Supporting a Better Tomorrow...One Person at a Time*



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# OVERVIEW

The Mississippi Department of Mental Health is proud to introduce the Division of Autism Services, established under House Bill 807, to provide a statewide, coordinated system of care connecting Mississippians with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families to the services, tools, and guidance they need to live full, self-directed lives in their communities.

## ABOUT AUTISM

**Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)** is a neurodevelopmental condition that affects how a person communicates, learns, and experiences the world, with each individual's strengths, challenges and support needs varying widely. It is one of the most common developmental conditions in the U.S., with the CDC reporting approximately 1 in 31 children identified with ASD, and thousands more across all ages living with autism in Mississippi. With the right supports and opportunities, individuals with autism can thrive in their homes, schools, workplaces and communities.

# EVALUATORS

\*\*\*Some providers may also provides ABA Therapy

*The organizations on this list are neither affiliated with nor endorsed by the Mississippi Department of Mental Health and are for informational purposes only. This may not be a comprehensive list; additional resources may be available. The list was compiled through a joint effort between the Mississippi Department of Mental Health, Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services, and the Arc of Mississippi.*

**1. Behavior, Attention, and  
Developmental Disabilities  
Consultants, LLC (formerly  
Integrated Health)**

5779 Getwell Rd, Building D, Suite 3,  
Southaven, MS 38672  
Phone: (662) 510-6507

Website: <https://www.baddc.net/>

**\*\*\*IQ testing, Autism testing, ABA therapy**

**\*\*Accepts private insurance and Medicaid.**

**2. Center for the Advancement of  
Youth (CAY)**

4400 Old Canton Rd  
Jackson, MS 39211  
Phone: 601-984-5236

Website:

<https://www.umc.edu/Research/Centers-and-Institutes/Centers/Center-for-the-Advancement-of-Youth>

**\*\*\*IQ testing, Autism testing, ABA Therapy**

**\*\*Accepts private insurance and Medicaid.**

**3. Irby Psychological Services, LLC**

Sarah M. Irby, Ph.D. & Tera Bradley, Ph.D.  
7075 Golden Oaks Loop West,  
Southaven, MS 38671  
Phone: (662) 228-5708

Website: <https://irbypsychservices.net/>

**\*\*\*IQ testing, Autism testing, ABA Therapy**

**\*\*Accepts private insurance and Medicaid.**

**4. Will's Way**

283 Debuys Rd  
Gulfport, MS 39507  
32 Millbranch Rd, Suite 20  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402  
Phone: (601) 255-5264

Website:

<https://www.willswaybehavioral.com/>

## 5. Autism and Developmental Disabilities Clinic of Mississippi State University

1219 Blackjack Rd

Starkville, MS 39759

Phone: (662) 325-0152

Website: <https://www.addc.msstate.edu/>

- **Mississippi State University Psychology Clinic**

70 Morgan Ave

Starkville, MS 39759

Phone: (662) 325-0270

Website: <https://www.psychology.msstate.edu/>

- **Mississippi State University Educational Psychology Clinic**

Phone: (662) 325-0152 (direct number to Psychologist)

*\*\*\*Offers Autism assessments and behavioral and academic interventions*

- **T.K. Martin Center for Technology and Disability**

326 Hardy Rd

Mississippi State, MS 39762

Phone: (662) 325-1028

Website: [www.tkmartin.msstate.edu](http://www.tkmartin.msstate.edu)

## 6. Campbell Psychological Services,

**PLLC**

2005 Harris Drive

Oxford, MS 38655

Phone: (662) 513-9936

Website: <https://www.campbellps.com/>

*\*\*\*IQ and autism testing*

*\*\*Accepts most major insurances, does not accept Medicaid*

## 7. Cardinal Clinical Consulting, LLC

Joshua C. Fulwiler, Ph.D.

2625 Traceland Dr, Suite B

Tupelo, MS 38801

Phone: (662) 269-3599

Website:

<https://www.cardinalclinical.com/>

*\*\*\*IQ and autism testing; does not provide ABA therapy*

*\*\*Self Pay or CareCredit*

## 8. Delta Autumn Consulting

Danielle Maack, Ph.D.; John Young,  
Ph.D.; & AK Black, Ph.D.  
2708 West Oxford Loop, Suite 115  
Oxford, MS 38655

Phone: (662) 259-0868

Website: <https://deltaautumn.com/>

**\*\*\*IQ and autism testing**

**\*\*Accepts private insurance (blue cross  
blue shield) and Medicare**

## 9. Germantown Psychological Associates, P.C.

7516 Enterprise Ave, Suite 1,  
Germantown, TN 38138  
Phone: (901) 755-5802  
Website:  
<https://www.germantownpsych.com/>  
**\*\*Services ages 5 and up (no referral  
needed), most insurances accepted  
(Medicaid not accepted)**

## 10. Blue Sky Behavior Therapy

402 Legacy Park  
Ridgeland, MS 39157  
515 Simpson Dr  
Winona, MS 38967  
1094 S First St  
Brookhaven, MS 39601  
Phone: (769) 233-7154  
Website: <https://www.blueskybx.com/>  
**\*\*\*IQ testing, Autism testing, ABA Therapy  
\*\*BlueCross/BlueShield, Tricare, United  
Healthcare, Medicaid or self-pay (does not  
take Medicaid for IQ or Autism testing)**

## 11. Mindworks Psychologists

213 Henderson Ave  
Pass Christian, MS 39571  
Phone: (228) 300-8819  
Website: <https://www.mindworkspychologists.com/>  
**\*\*Accepts BlueCross BlueShield, First Choice Health Plan, United Healthcare, Magnolia Health  
Plan and Molina**

# ABA THERAPY

## 1. Autism Center of North Mississippi

Spanish Village Complex

146 South Thomas St, Suite C

Tupelo, MS 38801

Phone: (662) 840-0974

Website: <https://autismcenternms.com/>

**\*\*Accepts private insurance and Medicaid.**

## 2. Behavior, Attention, and Developmental Disabilities Consultants, LLC (formerly Integrated Health)

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## 3. Behavioral Solutions of Mississippi

2440 N Hills St

Meridian, MS 39305

Phone: (601) 952-4402

Website:

<https://www.bx-solutionsms.com/>

**\*\*\*Provides ABA Consultation and other services**

**\*\*Accepts most major insurances and Medicaid.**

## 4. Canopy Children's Solutions

1465 Lakeland Dr

Jackson, MS 39216

Phone: (601)-393-7990

Website: <https://mycanopy.org/>

**\*\*Accepts most major insurances and Medicaid.**

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## 6. Colorful Minds

9480 Three Rivers Road  
Gulfport, MS 39503  
Phone: (228) 313-3106  
8775 Old Spanish Trail  
Ocean Springs, MS 39564  
Phone: (228) 910-3934  
Email: [info@colorfulmindsaba.com](mailto:info@colorfulmindsaba.com)  
7856 West Side Park Dr  
Mobile, AL 36619  
Email: [mobileal@colorfulmindsaba.com](mailto:mobileal@colorfulmindsaba.com)  
Phone: (251) 525-7791  
Fax for all locations: (888) 462-6035  
Website: <https://colorfulmindsaba.com>

## 7. Golden Triangle Autism Center

510 Calhoun St  
West Point, MS 39773  
Phone: (662) 391-1964  
Website: <https://www.gtac-ms.org>

## 8. Janna Hacker and Associates

3180 Professional Plaza  
Germantown, TN 38138  
Phone: (901) 328-2110  
Website: <http://www.jhatherapy.com>

**9. The Perfect Child (formerly The Growing Tree)**

922 Northpark Dr

Ridgeland, MS 39157

Phone: 1 (888) 320-3222

Website: [www.tpcaba.com](http://www.tpcaba.com)

**\*\*Accepts most major insurances and Medicaid.**

**10. Irby Psychological Services, LLC**

Sarah M. Irby, Ph.D. & Tera Bradley, Ph.D.

7075 Golden Oaks Loop West,

Southaven, MS 38671

Phone: (662) 228-5708

134 Sunflower Avenue, Clarksdale, MS

38614

Phone: (662)-228-0130

Email: [frontdesk@irbypsychservices.net](mailto:frontdesk@irbypsychservices.net)

Website: <https://irbypsychservices.net/>

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Phone: 601-984-5236

Website:

<https://www.umc.edu/Research/Centers-and-Institutes/Centers/Center-for-the-Advancement-of-Youth>

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**\*\*Accepts private insurance and Medicaid.**

**14. Mississippi Behavior Services, LLC.**

5847 Getwell Road, Building C, Suite 4

Southaven, MS 38672

Phone: (662) 470-6160

Website: <https://msbehaviorsvcs.com/>

**\*\*Accepts private insurance and Medicaid.**

**16. Proud Moments ABA**

2541 Pass Rd, Suite A

Biloxi, MS

Phone: 850-860-4227

1151 Ocean Springs Rd

Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Phone: (850) 982-2930

Website:

<https://www.proudmomentsaba.com>

**13. Jackson Autism Center**

6712 Old Canton Rd, Suite 5

Ridgeland, MS 39157

Phone: (769) 218-9596

Website:

<https://jacksonautismcenter.com>

**15. Mississippi Center for Autism and Related Developmental Disabilities**

4061 Suzanne Dr

D'Iberville, MS 39540

Phone: (228) 396-4434

Website:

<https://mscentersforautism.org/>

**\*\*Accepts most major insurances and Medicaid.**

**17. The Seed Program (outside Mississippi)**

6413 Quince Rd

Memphis, TN 38119

Phone: (901) 690-5213

Website: <https://www.seedmidsouth.org/>

### **18. Shining Starz ABA LLC**

300 7th Ave Southwest

Magee, MS 39111

Phone: (601) 721-0080

Website: <https://shiningstarzaba.com/>

Email: [info@shiningstarzaba.com](mailto:info@shiningstarzaba.com)

### **20. Gulf Coast Education Solutions**

15489 Dedeaux Rd

Gulfport, MS 39503

Phone: (228) 357-5671

Website:

<https://www.gulfcoastedsolutions.com/>

E-mail:

[spierce@gulfcoastedsolutions.com](mailto:spierce@gulfcoastedsolutions.com)

### **19. Spectrum Behavioral Services**

215 Woodline Dr, Suite A

Flowood, MS 39232

Phone: (601) 407-9286 Email:

[info@spectrumbehavioralservices.org](mailto:info@spectrumbehavioralservices.org)

Website:

<http://www.spectrumbehavioralservices.org>

***\*\*Accepts most major insurances and Medicaid.***

### **21. Will's Way**

283 Debuys Rd

Gulfport, MS 39507

32 Millbranch Rd, Suite 20

Hattiesburg, MS 39402

Phone: (601) 255-5264

Website:

<https://www.willswaybehavioral.com/>

# SPECIALIZED EDUCATION PROVIDERS

\*\*\*These education providers serve all in need of a specialized educational environment

## *Early Childhood Education*

### **1. Region 8 Community Mental Health**

#### **Center (Rankin County)**

613 Marquette Rd

Brandon, MS 39042

Phone: (601) 825-8800,

(601) 824-0342 (Administration)

### **2. Willowood Developmental Center**

1635 Boling St

Jackson, MS 39213

Phone: (601) 366-0123

Website:

[www.willowooddevelopmentalcenter.org](http://www.willowooddevelopmentalcenter.org)

### **3. Gulf Coast Education Solutions**

15489 Dedeaux Rd, Gulfport, MS 39503

Phone: (228) 357-5671

Website: <https://www.gulfcoastedsolutions.com/>

E-mail: [spierce@gulfcoastedsolutions.com](mailto:spierce@gulfcoastedsolutions.com)

## *Primary/Secondary Schools*

### **4. Knox Academy**

404 West Psulding Rd

Ellisville, MS, 39437

Email: [info@knoxacademy.org](mailto:info@knoxacademy.org)

Phone: (601) 800-4000

### **5. The Canopy School**

*The Canopy School includes grades K-8th + Career/Vocational Program for High School Students.*

888 Avery Blvd N

Ridgeland, MS 39157

Phone: 769-777-1500

Website: <https://thecanopyschool.org/>

## 6. Magnolia Speech School

*Students enrolled at Magnolia Speech School typically have been diagnosed with hearing loss or some type of language-based disorder, such as receptive and/or expressive language disorder, speech (articulation) disorders, apraxia, dyslexia, etc.*

Phone: (601) 922-5530

Website:

<https://www.magnoliaspeechschool.org/>

## 7. Mississippi Department of Education: Office of Special Education (OSE)

In keeping with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and State law, OSE helps local schools and districts provide effective educational programs to students with disabilities, ages 3-20, who need special education and related services. They seek to improve the education experience for children with disabilities.

Phone: (601) 359-3498

Website: <https://www.mdek12.org/OSE>

# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

\*\*\*Not all are autism specific

## 1. The Arc of Mississippi

*Seven additional chapters are in Natchez, Tupelo, Southaven, Picayune, Laurel, Hattiesburg, and McComb.*

704 North President St

Jackson, MS 39202

Phone: (601) 355-0220

3109 Gulf Ave Gulfport, MS 39501

Phone: (228-497-1035)

## 3. Greenwood Leflore Autism Spectrum Society (GLASS)

Provides resources and support to individuals, educational institutions, and families in Leflore County who have loved ones with autism.

PO Box 10177

Greenwood, MS 38930

Phone: (662) 453-3848

Email: [glassorganization@gmail.com](mailto:glassorganization@gmail.com)

## 2. Disability Rights Mississippi

A private, non-profit corporation with a federal mandate to protect and advocate for the rights of individuals with disabilities across the state of Mississippi.

Phone: (601) 968-0600

Website: <http://www.drms.ms/>

## 4. Institute for Disability Studies

*Hattiesburg Campus:*

(Bond Hall, 4th Floor)

118 College Drive #5163

Hattiesburg, MS 39406

Phone: (601) 266-5163

*Gulf Park Campus:*

730 East Beach Blvd

Long Beach, MS 39560

Phone: (228) 214-3400

*IHL Building:*

3825 Ridgewood Road Jackson, MS 39211

Phone: (601) 432-6876

Email: [ids@usm.edu](mailto:ids@usm.edu)

## 5. Millcreek of Magee

*Treatment Center that offers residential treatment and home-based programs for children & adolescents struggling with autism and other psychiatric and behavioral disorders.*

900 1st Ave NE

Magee, MS 39111

Phone: (866) 384-0569

Website:

<https://www.millcreekofmagee.com/disorders/autism/>

## 7. Joni and Friends Mississippi

795 Woodlands Pkwy, Suite 108

Ridgeland, MS 39157

Phone: (769) 243-8976

Website: [joniandfriends.org/mississippi/](http://joniandfriends.org/mississippi/)

## 9. Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services

Phone: (800) 443-1000

Website: <https://www.mdrs.ms.gov/>

## 6. Mississippi Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities

The Mississippi Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities (MSCCD) is a private not-for-profit state-wide cross-disability organization formed in Mississippi in 1989 made up of Mississippians with disabilities (children, youth, and adults) and their families regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, nationality, economic status or religion, organizations that represent or advocate for people with disabilities, professionals who work in disability-related fields, and other interested citizens.

Phone: (601) 969-0601

Website: <http://www.msccd.org/>

## 8. Mississippi Adolescent Center (MAC)

A program of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health that serves male youth.

760 Brookman Dr

Brookhaven, MS 39601

Phone: 601-823-5700

## 10. Mississippi Parent Training and Information Center

2 Old River Place, Suite M

Jackson, MS 39202

Phone: (601) 969-0601

Website: [www.mspti.org/resources.asp](http://www.mspti.org/resources.asp)

## 11. The SPOT (Special Place for Others to Thrive)

A SPOT for all ages to gather for entertainment, education, and respite.

4820A Poplar Springs Dr, PMB #306

Meridian, MS 39305

Website: [www.thespotfamily.com](http://www.thespotfamily.com)

Phone: (601) 207-0680

## 12. TEAAM Autism Mize, MS

*Center Ridge Outpost Summer Camp Host*

Dr. Mark H. Yeager, CAS, FAAIDD

Email: [DrYeager@TEAAM.org](mailto:DrYeager@TEAAM.org)

Website: <https://saxophone-lettuce-mfne.squarespace.com/>

## 13. Willowood Developmental Center

1635 Boling St

Jackson, MS 39213

Phone: (601) 366-0123

Website:

[www.willowooddevelopmentalcenter.org](http://www.willowooddevelopmentalcenter.org)

## 14. The Mississippi Autism Board

Phone: (601) 359-6792

Email: [info@msautismboard.ms.gov](mailto:info@msautismboard.ms.gov)

Website: [sos.ms.gov/autismboard/](http://sos.ms.gov/autismboard/)

## *Specialized Summer Camps*

### 1. Abbie Rogers Civitan Camp

\*\*\*Not autism specific. Designed for Children and Adults with Disabilities

50 Fieldstone

Hattiesburg, MS 39402

Website: [www.abbierogerscivitanecamp.org](http://www.abbierogerscivitanecamp.org)

### 2. Camp Awesome

2019 Camp Wilkes Rd Biloxi, MS

Phone: 228-343-1550

Email: [campofsms@gmail.com](mailto:campofsms@gmail.com)

Website: <https://campawesome.com/>

### **3. Camp BOLD - ARC of Northwest**

#### **Mississippi**

\*\*\*Not autism specific. Designed for Children and Adults with Disabilities

6545 Elmore Road  
Southaven, MS 38671

Office: (662) 510-8989

Mobile: (901) 907-9041

Website:

<https://www.thearcnwms.org/general-8-4>

### **4. Camp Looking Glass**

\*\*\*Not autism specific. Designed for Children and Adults with Disabilities

Email: [info@camplookingglass.org](mailto:info@camplookingglass.org)

Phone: (785) 766-3311

Website: [www.camplookingglass.org/about](http://www.camplookingglass.org/about)

### **5. Hope Hollow Ministries**

\*\*\*Not autism specific. Designed for Children and Young Adults with Disabilities

Day Only Camp in Canton, MS

Phone: (601) 859-5290

Email: [info@hopehollowms.org](mailto:info@hopehollowms.org)

Website:

[www.hopehollowms.org/programs.html](http://www.hopehollowms.org/programs.html)

### **6. TEAAM – Center Ridge Outpost**

*Center Ridge Outpost holds 4 weeks of camp.*

*Two of those weeks are for ages 7 to 17 and two are for ages 18 and older (no maximum age).*

Email: [takeaction@teaam.org](mailto:takeaction@teaam.org)

Website: <https://www.teaam.org/>

## *Behavioral Health and Other Services*

### **1. John Baker, LPC**

\*\*\*Social Skills programs, accepts Medicaid only

Booneville, MS

Phone: 662-728-2488

### **2. Darryl Bruno Counseling**

110 W. Erlanger St.

Poplarville, MS 39470

Phone: (601) 746-5125

Website: [www.brunocounseling.com](http://www.brunocounseling.com)

**3. Donna Burrowes, PLLC**

9480 Three Rivers Rd  
Gulfport, MS, 39503  
Phone: (228) 337-0084

**5. Child and Family Counseling of  
Tupelo**

*\*\*\*Individual and play therapy, Telehealth*  
302 S. Spring St, Suite C  
Tupelo, MS  
Phone: (662) 620-0776

**7. Diamond Grove Center**

Some residential, some day treatment,  
not specific to autism  
12356 MS Hwy 15  
Louisville, MS  
Phone: (662) 779-0119

**9. Kids Therapy Spot Speech therapy**

1411 Hwy 389  
Starkville, MS 39759  
Phone: (662) 769-4888  
*\*\*Accepts Medicaid and most insurance.*

**11. NMMC Behavioral Health Center  
Outpatient Malcolm Bell**

4579 South Eason Blvd.  
Tupelo, MS 38801  
Phone: (662) 377-3161

**4. Children’s Dental Clinic**

1555 Medical Park Circle  
Tupelo, MS  
Phone: (662) 844-3315  
Website: [childrensdentalclinic.com](http://childrensdentalclinic.com)

**6. Counseling for a Cause**

*\*\*\*Play Therapist, Psychiatrist*  
1893 Cliff Gookin Blvd, Suite B  
Tupelo MS 38801  
Phone: (662) 346-4584  
*\*\*Accepts Medicaid and most insurance.*

**8. In Focus Psychiatry**

**Welcomes people with autism**  
6880 Cobblestone Blvd Suite 2  
Southaven, MS 38672  
Phone: (662) 510-8606  
Website: [www.infocuspsych.com](http://www.infocuspsych.com)

**10. Miller Psychiatry Clinic**

110 Union Bell Blvd.  
Saltillo MS 38866  
Phone: (662) 869-3042

**12. LeBonheur Early Intervention and  
Development**

Memphis, TN  
Phone: (901) 287-4900 Website:  
<https://www.lebonheur.org/> *\*\*Accepts  
Mississippi Medicaid, no assessments for  
autism but speech and OT*

**13. Parkwood Behavioral Health Center**

8135 Goodman Rd  
Olive Branch, MS 38654

Phone: (901) 521-1400

Website: <https://parkwoodbhs.com/>

**14. Pediatric Haven (PPEC)**

110 Pearson Rd  
Pearl, MS

Phone: (601) 521- 4934

Email: [info@pediatrichaven.com](mailto:info@pediatrichaven.com)

Website: <https://pediatrichaven.com>

**15. Pine Grove Behavioral Health & Addiction Services**

2255 Broadway Dr  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402

Phone: (601) 288-2273

Website:

<https://www.pinegrovetreatment.com/>

*\*\*Accepts Medicaid and most insurance*

**16. Dr. Shane Scott, MD**

\*\*\*Autism friendly doctor  
118 Fairfield Dr,  
New Albany, MS 38652  
Phone: (662) 534-0898  
Website:  
<https://impcna.com/provider/shane-scott-do/>

**17. Psychiatry Associates of Tupelo (formerly Sheehan Counseling Center)**

1040B S. Madison Street  
Tupelo, MS 38801  
Phone: (662) 844-4364

Website:

<https://psychiatryassociatesoftupelo.com/>

*\*\*Accepts all Medicaid except for UHC*

**18. Vogelfanger & Struble Clinic  
Psychiatric Associates Therapy and medication management**

6005 Park Avenue, Suite 630B  
Memphis TN 38119  
Phone: (901) 767-1136

Website: <https://vnsclinic.com/>

## 19. Patricia Wright, PhD

6928 Cobblestone Blvd #202  
Southaven, MS 38672

Phone: (662) 892-2885

Website:

<https://www.msfamilycounseling.com/>

\*\*Does not accept Medicaid

## 20. Youth Villages: Intercept In-Home Services

Website: <https://youthvillages.org/about-us/locations/mississippi/>

*Locations in Mississippi and Tennessee:*

- 1641 Popp's Ferry Road, Suite A1  
Biloxi, MS 39532  
Phone: (228) 354-9700
- Brookhaven, MS  
Phone: (601) 572-3700
- Columbus, MS  
Phone: (662) 840-3008
- 200 E. Washington Street, Suite 130,  
Greenwood, MS 38930 Phone: (662)  
459-2240
- 15 Professional Parkway, Suite 200  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402  
Phone: (601) 271-7600
- 1558 Monteith, Suites A+B  
Hernando, MS 38632  
Phone: (662) 449-7440
- The Atrium Building, 805 South  
Wheatley Street Suite 240  
Ridgeland, MS 39157  
Phone: (601) 572-3700
- 2401 Highway 39 N Suite C  
Meridian, MS 39301  
Phone: (601) 696-7161
- Natchez, MS  
Phone: (601) 572-3700
- 252 S. Veterans Boulevard  
Tupelo, MS 38804  
Phone: (662) 840-3008
- Vicksburg, MS  
Phone: (601) 572-3700
- 6236 Air Park Drive, Suite A  
Chattanooga, TN 37421  
Phone: (423) 954-8890
- 9111 Cross Park Drive, Suite E-475  
Knoxville, TN 37923  
Phone: (865) 560-2550
- 3915 Bristol Highway, #101  
Johnson City, TN 37601  
Phone: (423) 283-6500
- 225 West First North Street, Suite 302  
Millennium Square Building  
Morristown, TN 37814  
Phone: (423) 522-2200

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

## *What is the Division of Autism Services?*

The Division of Autism Services is a dedicated division within the Mississippi Department of Mental Health's Bureau of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Established by the Mississippi Legislature in 2025, the division provides statewide leadership in program development for children and adults with ASD, including the establishment of program standards and coordination of program capacity across Mississippi.

## *What does the Division of Autism Services do?*

The division is responsible for developing and coordinating a long-term, comprehensive statewide system of care for individuals with ASD — one grounded in scientific research and nationally recognized best practices. This includes working across agencies, engaging the public and sharing information openly to support better decisions and more effective care. Services are designed to meet individuals where they are...across every stage of life and in the most inclusive settings possible.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

*What services are available and how are they accessed?*

The Mississippi Department of Mental Health believes in a system of services that is person-centered and is built on the strengths of individuals and families while meeting their needs for special services. A variety of services is available from numerous providers in Mississippi, both those that are DMH Certified Providers and other appropriately-licensed and credentialed people and providers. Our goal is for services to be selected in collaboration with parents or guardians of children with ASD, as well as adults with ASD themselves, ensuring that individuals and families have a voice in their own care. We are happy to help you find the right support – just contact our division by emailing Shavvone Williams at [shavvone.williams@dmh.ms.gov](mailto:shavvone.williams@dmh.ms.gov) or call the DMH Helpline at 1-877-210-8513.

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## *How is autism diagnosed?*

Autism is diagnosed through a comprehensive evaluation conducted by a qualified healthcare professional, such as a psychologist, developmental pediatrician or psychiatrist. ASD is defined according to the current version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM), published by the American Psychiatric Association. There is no single medical test for autism; instead, clinicians assess behavior, development and communication. If you are concerned about yourself or a loved one, speak with your primary care provider about a referral for evaluation.

## *How do I get connected to autism services in Mississippi?*

You can reach out to the Division of Autism directly by calling Shavvone Williams at 601-359-1317. For information about other services, you can call the DMH Helpline at 1-877-210-8513. Our team can help connect you with the appropriate services and resources available in your area.

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