

Does your child have an Autism diagnosis from a psychologist or developmental pediatrician? Did it include a test called an ADOS-2? Do you have the written report?

- Just a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) alone may not be enough. To access services including ABA and some school services you may need a full report, usually including a test called the ADOS-2.
- For neuropsychological testing from Baptist/Wolfson: [Neuropsychological Testing | Behavioral Health | Baptist Health | Jacksonville, FL](#)
- Also check your child's insurance listing of providers for psychology or neuropsychology. Contact providers and ask if they do ASD evaluations using an ADOS-2.

Do you need information about enrolling your child in school, Individual Education Plans (IEPs) or school options?

- If your child is 34 months to 5 years and not currently enrolled in school, contact Child Find: [CHILD FIND - FDLRS](#)
- If your child is enrolled in public school, contact your school guidance counselor in writing to request an evaluation for an IEP or update an existing IEP. For a list of district contacts and schools in Florida: https://web03.fl DOE.org/schools/schoolmap_text.asp
- For more information about IEPs and Exceptional Student Education:
 - [Microsoft Word - Intro to ESE \(KR 7-9-12\)](#)
 - [Exceptional Student Education](#)
- For free parent information and support on the educational process: [Programs - Family Network on Disabilities](#)
- For information on school options in Florida: [Step Up For Students: Scholarships For PreK-12 In Florida](#)

Does your child need Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services?

- ABA can help teach new skills to children with ASD using a step-by-step approach that helps them learn. A behavior analyst can also help figure out why your child does certain behaviors like tantrums or banging their head and show you better ways to avoid these behaviors and help your child calm down. ABA may be comprehensive (many hours a week and teaching many skills), or focused (fewer hours a week and targeting just a few areas).
- For more information on ABA: [Applied Behavior Analysis \(ABA\) | Autism Speaks](#)
- Check your child's insurance for a list of providers.
- Most providers have waiting lists. It is best to get on multiple waiting lists.

Has your child applied to Agency for Persons with Disabilities?

- The Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) is a state agency that funds and oversees a variety of services for people with developmental disabilities like ASD and intellectual disability. They have a long waiting list, so it is important to apply even if services are not needed right away. They fund many of the services that are available for adults once school services end.
- For more information and to apply: [APD - Agency for Persons with Disabilities - State of Florida](#)

Are you looking for occupational therapy or speech therapy?

- For Wolfson Rehabilitation: [Pediatric Rehabilitation | Wolfson Children's | Jacksonville, FL](#)
- For information on the Wolfson Early Autism Intervention Program (for ages 18 months to 4 years): [Early Autism Intervention | Wolfson Children's | Jacksonville, Florida](#)

Are you looking for additional resources or information?

- Call 211 or search the United Way 211 database online: [211 – United Way Northeast Florida](#)