

# FAMILY RESOURCES

**1. AUTISM CARES PROVIDES EMERGENCY FUNDS TO FAMILIES WHO HAVE A CHILD WHO IS DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM, AND WHO HAVE A QUALIFYING LIFE EVENT.**

Eligible families have a child (children) diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, an income of \$65,000 or less, and experienced one or more qualifying events in the previous 90 days. Qualifying events are:

Natural disaster: fire, flood, hurricane, tornado, severe storm or earthquake

Death or critical illness in the nuclear family

Victim of a violent crime

Loss of home through foreclosure, eviction or natural disaster

Termination of employment for the primary income-earner within previous 90 days.

**GO TO THE FOLLOWING URL TO RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION.**

**<http://www.autismcares.org/site/c.mqLOIYOBKIF/b.4745901/k.BD21/Home.htm>**

**2. ACT TODAY is a non-profit organization that provides grants to families who have a child who is diagnosed with ASD. These funds could be used at Giggles Therapy Autism Treatment Center, to receive much needed treatment. Go to the following URL for more information and to fill out an application. <http://www.act-today.org/grants2.html>**

**3. THE NATIONAL AUTISM ASSOCIATION has a program called Family First. The purpose for this program is to provide couples with a child who is diagnosed with ASD, a grant to receive marriage counseling, or relationship counseling. Go the following URL for more information and to fill out an application. <http://www.nationalautismassociation.org/familyfirst.php>**

**4. THE NATIONAL AUTISM ASSOCIATION has a program called Helping Hands. The purpose for this program is to provide families with a child who is diagnosed with ASD, a grant for biomedical treatments, supplements and**

therapy services for their child. Go to the following URL for more information. <http://www.nationalautismassociation.org/helpinghand.php>

5. **TALK ABOUT CURING AUTISM** is a non profit organization who provides scholarships to families affected by ASD, so that they may attend DAN conferences as well as go see their local DAN doctor. Go to the following URL for more information.  
<http://www.talkaboutcuringautism.org/fic/family-scholarship-program.htm>

The following is a list of books that may be helpful in your endeavor to learn about autism.

**A Real Boy: A True Story of Autism, Early Intervention, and Recovery**  
*by Christina Adams*

**Autism & Early Intervention: Real life Questions, Real life Answers**  
*by Dr. James Ball, Ed.D. BCBA.*

**The Child With Special Needs: Encouraging Intellectual and Emotional Growth**  
*by Stanley Greenspan, Serena Wieder, Robin Simons*

**Could it be Autism?**  
*by Nancy Wiseman*  
A Parent's Guide to the First Signs and Next Steps

**Engaging Autism: Helping Children Relate, Communicate and Think with the DIR Floortime Approach**  
*by Stanley Greenspan*

**The First Year: Autism Spectrum Disorders: An Essential Guide for the Newly Diagnosed Child**  
*by Nancy D. Wiseman*

**The Functional Emotional Assessment Scale For Infancy and Early Childhood: Clinical and Research Applications**  
*by Stanley Greenspan, Georgia DeGangi, Serena Wieder*

**Right from the Start: Behavioral Intervention for Young Children With Autism: A Guide for Parents and Professionals**  
*by Sandra L. Harris, Mary Jane Weiss*

**Triumphs in Early Autism Treatment**  
*by Ennio Cipani, PhD*

