

## Autism Education Resources for Childcare Providers in Alabama

| Organization                                         | Support for Child Care Providers                                                                                                                                                               | Contact Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Notes                                                                                             |
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| <b>Alabama Infant Toddler Specialist Network</b>     | Training and on-site consultation related to best practices for all infants and toddlers                                                                                                       | <a href="http://www.al-itsn.org">www.al-itsn.org</a><br>205-348-4277                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                   |
| <b>Alabama Parent Education Center</b>               | Training, resourcing, orientation, information, and consultation for parents who need guidance and information on EI for children with any diagnosed/suspected disability.                     | <a href="https://www.alabamaparentcenter.com">https://www.alabamaparentcenter.com</a><br><br>Gian Carlo Carattini - Outreach Coordinator - ESL<br><a href="mailto:esl@alabamaparentcenter.com">esl@alabamaparentcenter.com</a><br><br>Tel.: 334-567-2252 | We are also known as APEC. Multi-lingual services are available.<br><br><i>¡Hablamos español!</i> |
| <b>Autism Training for Early Childhood Providers</b> | Free Virtual training and Learning collaboratives. Expanding on the <i>Advancing Autism Services in Alabama</i> initiative- focusing on the 5 identified NDBI strategies for children under 5. | <a href="mailto:Mary.Beth.Vick@ucpwa.org">Mary.Beth.Vick@ucpwa.org</a><br><br><a href="#">Register HERE</a>                                                                                                                                              |                |
| <b>Childcare Enhancement with a Purpose</b>          | Autism Early Identification training<br><br>Follow-up technical assistance to promote successful inclusion<br><br>Special Needs Childcare Subsidy                                              | <a href="mailto:Manderson@ucphuntsville.org">Manderson@ucphuntsville.org</a><br>256-859-4900                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                   |
| <b>First 5 Alabama</b>                               | Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation                                                                                                                                          | <a href="https://www.first5alabama.org/copy-of-contact-us">https://www.first5alabama.org/copy-of-contact-us</a>                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                   |

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| <b>Healthy Child Care Alabama</b> | Professional development, on-site consultation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <a href="mailto:Amy.Morris@adph.state.al.us">Amy.Morris@adph.state.al.us</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| <b>Help Me Grow</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Connects families to health and developmental resources (birth to age eight)</li> <li>- Assesses needs &amp; available resources and refers families to services</li> <li>- Educates professionals about developmental surveillance &amp; screening</li> <li>- Maintains an accurate list of local resources</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <a href="#">Contact Us   Help Me Grow Alabama</a><br>(833) 939-0336                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
| <b>Mitchell's Place</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>-Free Staff and Teacher Training</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Classroom Behavior Mgmt Strategies</li> <li>-Incorporating social-emotional skills</li> <li>-Evaluating learner outcomes</li> <li>-Inclusive practices for children w/ diverse needs</li> <li>-Supporting staff in effective instruction delivery</li> <li>-Developing written behavior plans</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>-Child -specific support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-FBAs</li> <li>-Behavior support plan development and coaching</li> <li>-Individual skill-building plans</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>-Classroom Consultation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Observation and feedback to improve classroom management</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <a href="#">Glenda Grbac, M.Ed., BCBA</a><br><a href="#">Board Certified Behavior Analyst</a><br><a href="#">Phone: 205-957-0294</a><br><a href="mailto:ggrbac@mitchells-place.com">Email: ggrbac@mitchells-place.com</a><br><br><a href="#">Or</a><br><br><a href="#">Sara Nall</a><br><a href="mailto:snall@mitchells-place.com">snall@mitchells-place.com</a> |  |

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|                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Designing a nurturing and appropriate environment</li> <li>-Teaching and reviewing classroom expectations</li> <li>-Selecting appropriate accommodations</li> </ul> <p><b>-Family Workshops</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Parent Advocacy Training</li> <li>-Positive parenting strategies</li> <li>- Responding to challenging behavior</li> <li>-Partnering with your child's school for success</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| <b>Regional Quality Enhancement Agency</b> | Training and technical assistance related to all aspects of quality childcare                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Child Care Central – Huntsville and Talladega Region</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Child Care Resource Center/Employer's Child Care Alliance – Opelika Region</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Childcare Resources – Birmingham Region</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Childcare Resource Network – Fort Payne Region</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Gulf Regional Early Childhood Services – Mobile Region</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Child Development Resources – Tuscaloosa</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Family Guidance Center of Alabama – Montgomery and Dothan Region</a></li> </ul> |  |

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| On-line / virtual trainings                        | Topics                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Website                                                                                                                                 | Notes                                                      |
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| <b>Autism Navigator / online</b>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-About Autism in Toddlers</li> <li>-How-to Guide for Families</li> <li>-Classroom Success in PreK through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade</li> <li>-Baby Navigator Conversations – Engaging Families to Get Started Right Away</li> </ul> | <a href="http://Autismnavigator.com/webinars">Autismnavigator.com/webinars</a>                                                          | FREE webinars for caregivers and early childhood providers |
| <b>Autism Resources for Practitioners</b>          | -A list of resource links for professionals to use for professional development, research, evidence-based practices, and interventions related to autism                                                                                                              | <a href="#">Autism Resources for Practitioners</a>                                                                                      |                                                            |
| <b>Thompson Center for Autism / online</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Understanding Autism in Young Children</li> <li>- Screening &amp; Referral</li> <li>-Evidence-Based Practice &amp; Intervention</li> <li>-Family-Professional Partnerships</li> </ul>                                         | <a href="https://thompsoncenter.missouri.edu/autism-training-modules/">https://thompsoncenter.missouri.edu/autism-training-modules/</a> |                                                            |
| <b>VCU Autism Center for Education / online</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Foundations of Autism Spectrum Disorder Self-Paced Online Course</li> <li>- The Parent Playbook</li> </ul>                                                                                                                   | <a href="https://vcuautismcenter.org/te/courses/">https://vcuautismcenter.org/te/courses/</a>                                           |                                                            |
| <b>OCALI's Center for the Young Child / online</b> | Inclusive Early Care and Education Modules                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <a href="https://cycsuite.org/suite-of-resources-landing">https://cycsuite.org/suite-of-resources-landing</a>                           |                                                            |
| <b>Regional Autism Network (recorded</b>           | - <a href="#">Practical Tips and Tools for Young Students with Autism and Other</a>                                                                                                                                                                                   | <a href="https://mh.alabama.gov/aiacc/regional-autism-network/">https://mh.alabama.gov/aiacc/regional-autism-network/</a>               |                                                            |

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| <b>Summer Series sessions)</b>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Developmental Disabilities in the Classroom</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Visual Support Strategies in the Classroom</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Leading Well-Managed Classrooms</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Family Engagement Strategies for Better Success in the Classroom</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Toilet training</a></li> </ul> | <a href="https://cchs.ua.edu/ran/family-resources/toilet-training/">https://cchs.ua.edu/ran/family-resources/toilet-training/</a>                                                                         |                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>UCDavis C-ESDM Project</b>                              | Parent/caregiver training on an intervention developed for very young children with autism                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <a href="https://www.helpisinyourhands.org/">https://www.helpisinyourhands.org/</a>                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>IRIS Center Modules - Peabody College at Vanderbilt</b> | <p>Part 1: early signs of autism; difference between medical and educational determination; instructional considerations for students and families</p> <p>Part 2: effective strategies for increasing appropriate behaviors/skills; strategies that are particularly effective with young children, elementary and middle school students, and high school students</p>                 | <a href="#">IRIS</a><br><br><a href="#">IRIS   Autism Spectrum Disorder (Part 1): An Overview for Educators</a><br><br><a href="#">IRIS   Autism Spectrum Disorder (Part 2): Evidence-Based Practices</a> |                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>FREEDOM Therapies, Inc.</b>                             | Parent/caregiver weekly virtual training on integrating evidence-based strategies into the home and community for increasing desired behaviors and reducing impacting behaviors                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <a href="#">FREEDOM Groups</a>                                                                                                                                                                            | Runs September through April (payors: BCBS, Medicaid, Viva, Cigna, private pay) and 6 weeks pilot programs through the ADMH Autism Waiver |

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| <b>Tiny Talks on Early Learning</b> | A podcast for Early Childhood Professionals hosted by Gulf Regional Early Childhood Services | <a href="https://www.tinytalksearlylearning.com/">https://www.tinytalksearlylearning.com/</a> |  |
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