

County Mental Health Programs

Cumberland/Perry County Early Intervention

Human Services Building Suite 301

16 West High Street

Carlisle, PA 17013

Phone: 717-240-6320 Fax: 717-240-6415

Dauphin County MH/MR Case Management Unit Early Intervention

1100 South Cameron Street

Harrisburg, PA 17101

Phone: 717-441-7034 Fax: 717-232-0935

Lancaster County Early Intervention Program

150 North Queen Street, Suite 400

Lancaster, PA 17603

Phone: 717-399-7323 Fax: 717-399-7396

Lebanon County Early Intervention Program

220 East Lehman Street

Lebanon, PA 17046

Phone: 717-274-3415 Fax: 717-274-0317

Intermediate Units

Capital Area IU 15

(Cumberland, Dauphin, Perry and York Counties)

55 Miller Street, P.O.Box 489,

Summerdale, PA 17093

www.caiu.k12.pa.us

Phone: 717-732-8400 Fax: 717-732-8414

Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13

(Lancaster and Lebanon Counties)

1110 Enterprise Road

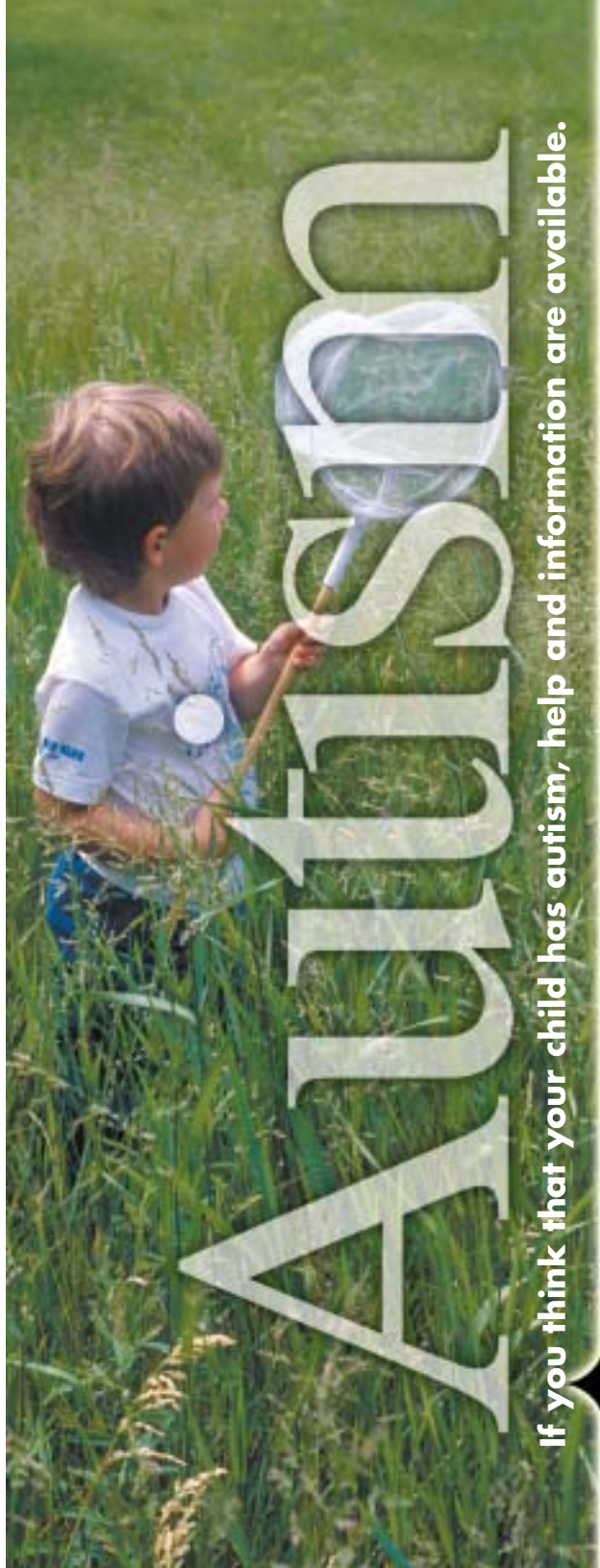
East Petersburg, PA 17520

www.iu13.k12.pa.us

Phone: 717-569-7331 Fax: 717-519-1090

For individuals/Members who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and use a TTY/TTD for communication, call the PA Telecommunications Relay Service at 711 or 1-800-654-5984 (TTY) and call the number you want.

This information is available in Spanish. Contact us at 1-888-722-8646 to request a copy.




If you think that your child has autism, help and information are available.

Possible signs of autism are delayed speech patterns or no speech, avoiding contact with others, and playing with things in an odd way (spinning toys, staring at lights or fans, etc.). If your child has these or other unusual behaviors, he or she may have a developmental disorder called autism. To learn more or get assistance:

- Talk to your pediatrician or family doctor. Ask for tests to rule out other problems, such as hearing disorder, seizure disorder, developmental delay, etc.
- Make an appointment with a developmental pediatrician (your doctor or local hospital can help you find one).
- *If your child is under 3 years old*, call your County MH/MR agency (For contact information, see the other side of this brochure or look in the telephone book's Blue Pages). Ask for an evaluation by the local Early Intervention Program. This can be done without a formal diagnosis of autism and it can be done in your home at no cost to you.
- *If your child is over 3 years old*, call your Intermediate Unit (see other side of this brochure or visit the Pennsylvania Department of Education web site at: edna.ed.state.pa.us) to ask for an evaluation. *Remember: no diagnosis is required for your child to get help.*
- Children with autism may qualify for benefits which pay for needed services. While you do not need a diagnosis to seek services, at the point a diagnosis is made you should apply for Medical Assistance (MA), which may provide coverage for needed services Contact the County Assistance Office (CAO) for the county you live in to find out how to apply.

Staff at CAO can help you complete the form. You can also apply online at <https://www.humanservices.state.pa.us/COMPASS/PGM/ASP/SC001.asp>.

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- Phone numbers and addresses of local County Assistance Offices can also be found at the DPW Web site <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/general/dpwcao.asp> and in the blue pages of the phone book.
 - When your child receives Medical Assistance and is enrolled in CBHNP, you can call CBHNP toll free at 1-888-722-8646 to receive help with next steps needed for your child.
 - *It is important for you to take care of yourself, too, during this time.* If you have any problems or questions or if you need someone to talk to who has "been there," contact:
 - **Greater Harrisburg Autism Society of America (ASA)**
717-732-8408
 - **Lancaster Co. Autism Support Group**
717-664-4117
 - **Lebanon Autism Support Group**
717-867-5559
 - **Special Kids Network/Parent to Parent**
1-800-986-4550
 - **United Cerebral Palsy's Family Support Services**
717-975-0611



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