

FAU CARD INITIATIVES



- 📍 Adult Hangout Groups
- 📍 African-American Outreach
- 📍 Autism Friendly Business
- 📍 iRISE² Mentoring Program
- 📍 Little Owls Early Intervention
- 📍 Parent Groups
- 📍 PEPSA Trainings
- 📍 RUBI Training



DONATIONS & SUPPORT

While FAU CARD is funded through the Florida legislature and allocated by a grant through the Florida Department of Education, we also rely on generous donations to continue to provide the quality of services that are necessary to sustain FAU CARD's role in the autism community. You can also support us by getting involved in our special events!

Please visit www.autism.fau.edu and click on the "Donate" tab to support FAU CARD.

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The Center for Autism and Related Disabilities at Florida Atlantic University is one of seven statewide autism centers. Please visit www.florida-card.org to access statewide information.



WHAT IS ASD?

Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) include:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder (Levels 1-3)
- Autistic Disorder
- Asperger Syndrome
- Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS)
- Rett Syndrome
- Childhood Disintegrative Disorder

The core deficits for individuals with ASD include impairments in social communication and restricted & repetitive behaviors and interests. Early identification and intervention are essential to help individuals with ASD reach their full potential.



WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE?

FAU CARD's purpose is to serve individuals with autism spectrum disorders across their lifespan by helping them to become valued members of their communities. FAU CARD offers support within the natural contexts of homes, residences, childcare programs, schools, and communities at no cost. Our staff will meet with an individual or a family member with ASD to develop a plan for services and supports. We schedule office visits, online meetings, school visits, and telephone/e-mail consultations.



WHO DO WE SERVE?

FAU CARD serves individuals of any age who have a diagnosis of ASD or a related disability including, deaf-blind (hearing and vision impaired) and hearing impaired or vision impaired with other disabling conditions.

We also serve family members, friends and professionals in the community.

WHAT COUNTIES DO WE SERVE?



HOW CAN WE HELP?

FAU CARD can provide:

- Consultation to parents and professionals in schools and agencies to:
 - Teach new skills
 - Resolve challenging behaviors
 - Enhance communication
 - Develop social skills
- Trainings for families and professionals in schools, businesses, and agencies on a variety of topics:
 - Behavior Interventions and Supports
 - Functional Skills
 - Instructional Strategies
 - Employment Skills
 - Social Skills
 - Transitioning to Adulthood
 - Visual Strategies
 - Wandering, Elopement, Safety
- Resources and referrals to service providers such as therapists, doctors, advocates and more.
- Awareness and information about autism and related disabilities.
- Social opportunities and connections to the community.
- Supportive strategies to help you, your family and the professionals working with you.

