

## **Local Resources**

### **Screening, Diagnosis, Treatment**

**PLEASE NOTE– these are not endorsements only resources.**

*Please note that **only** a medical examination by a licensed doctor or psychologists, using standardized criteria, can be used to **diagnose** any Autism Spectrum Disorder.*

*The purpose of most public systems' evaluations are to establish **eligibility** using only legal, and not medical criteria. While they may be very similar in form, the function of diagnostic and evaluation appointments and tools are very different. This is important.*

#### **Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU),**

Portland, Oregon

Contact: Children's Developmental Rehabilitation Center (CDRC)

Phone: 503-494-8095

Email: [cdrcinfo@ohsu.edu](mailto:cdrcinfo@ohsu.edu)

Web: [www.ohsu.edu/cdrc](http://www.ohsu.edu/cdrc)

This is where families can get a comprehensive early childhood development and behavior evaluations by a transdisciplinary team of clinical professionals. This kind of general team approach is well-suited in helping families get reliable overall measures of a child's early developmental baselines across a number of fields such as psychological, speech, occupational, physical therapies, but without necessarily reaching the goal of having the team reach a clear consensus about whether their child meets the criteria of a specific Autism Spectrum condition. Parents have reported that they have found that the OHSU team approach may not be the most clear, timely, or accurate way to seek an early as possible diagnosis for children with Autism, not since they no longer have a psychiatric Autism specialist seat on the team. Since Dr. Stubbs has retired (we all sure miss him) these are the specific Autism early screening and timely diagnostic resources we have been able to put together:

#### **Direct Service Private Practice: Screening and Diagnosis for Children**

Cynthia Arnold, Ph.D.

Licensed Clinical Psychologist

New Leaves Clinic, LLC

200 S.W. Market, Suite 390

Portland, Oregon 97201

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We have a new source of clinical evaluation, consultation, and intervention in Oregon's Autism Community. Dr. Arnold is a licensed clinical psychologist. Her specialties include developmental and chronic disorders, as well as behavioral problems. Her practice does not focus on the use of medications. She can assist families by providing treatment (e.g., ABA & PECS), consultation (e.g.,

understand your child's development and past assessments) as well as family/marital and sibling support. Dr. Arnold is here to stay in Oregon, and has opened a new clinic downtown Portland. She is originally from Kentucky, then went to Tennessee (Vanderbilt), California (PGSP & UCSF) to study. While at UCSF she studied with Dr. Bryna Siegel, (a well-known Autism researcher and clinician). She completed her studies at OHSU/CDRC/Doernbecher with Dr. Darryn Sikora, a long time Autism provider and leader in the community. You can find more information on Dr. Arnold and The New Leaves Clinic on the web site above.

**Direct Service Private Practice: Screening and Diagnosis for Children**

Marie McMahon, Psy.D.  
Psychologist  
400 E. Evergreen Blvd. Suite #311  
Vancouver, WA 98660  
Office: 360-696-9594

We have another new source of clinical evaluation, consultation, and intervention in Oregon's Autism Community. Dr. Marie McMahon. is a psychologist in private practice in the Portland/Vancouver area providing behavioral therapy and consultation services. She specializes in work with children and families with Autism spectrum disorders and facilitates social skills groups for children with Asperger's and High Functioning Autism.

**Direct Service Private Practice: Psychological Evaluations for Adults (children?)**

Robert E. Scheider, Ph.D.  
Vancouver Guidance Clinic, P.S.  
3112 Main Vancouver Wa.  
360-694-2016

A comprehensive evaluator who can provide a thorough neuropsychological evaluation for very informative and detailed measures of a child or adults full spectrum of strengths and deficits and P.D.D. and Autism Spectrum diagnostic findings as well.

**Direct Private Autism Practice: Specializing in Aspergers and Medication Protocols**

Laurie Olson, Psych. RN  
1130 SW Morrison Suite 618  
Portland, Oregon 97205-2217  
503-224-6446

**University of Washington  
Center on Human Development and Disability**

Contact: Dr. Geraldine Dawson  
Phone: 206-543-1051/206-543-4011

Email: dawson@u.washington.edu

Web: www.washington.edu

This is the next nearest center for professional Autism expertise in a university research center that specializes in Autism studies, diagnosis, and treatment.

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**NeuroTherapeutics**

*A center listing physical, occupational, sensorimotor therapies used with people with Autism*

Oregon City, OR

503-657-8903

questions@nt4kids.com

<http://nt4kids.com/>

**Project PACE**

*An array of applied behavioral therapies for Autism & RDI Therapy*

(A for-profit business)

in Beaverton/Portland Oregon

503-356-8334

<http://www.projectpace.info/>

**Mary Lynn O'Brien, M.D.**

Kaiser Division Clinic

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*Developmental Pediatrician*

**Sexuality**

**Geri Newton**

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*Special needs family/personal counseling; sexuality instruction and intervention; victim support and sex offender intervention*