My child has autism, what do I do?

If my child is less than three years of age call the Early Childhood Intervention Program at (915) 534-4324

If my child is older than three years of age I need to:
Call the HCS (Home and Community Based Services Programs) Waiting list to put my child on the interest list, the number to call is (915) 772-4446 and the CLASS-Community Living and Support Services 1-877-438-5658, I need to call both programs.

Call the In Home Family Support Program with MHMR and find out if my child qualifies for services. Call Martha Cuburu at (915) 747-3655

Go visit the local Social Security office to see if my child qualifies for benefits, you can find the appropriate office to visit by calling to 1-800-772-1213

Find out what programs my school district offers for children with an autism spectrum disorder. Go to my home school and get my son registered. Ask that the school performs a full individualized evaluation at no cost to me. Decide along with the school personnel what are the services and the best educational environment for my son. Make sure that the school covers the autism supplement that provides additional services through the school only for students with an autism spectrum disorder

Find out if my son would benefit from receiving:
Speech therapy
Occupational therapy
Physical therapy
Music therapy or
Assistive technology, these therapies can be provided by the school district.
Sign up to attend a free special education workshop offered by CDIC Parent Resource Center. To find out about dates and times call (915) 217-2747

There are private clinics that offer these therapies during the weekday and some weekends, ask for a copy of the resource directory from the Children’s Disabilities Information Coalition (CDIC) at (915) 217-2747 to get information on these clinics.
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If I want to find out more about Sensory Integration Therapy call Rhonda Manning at (915) 587-6226

If I want to find out more about Therapeutic Horsemanship call (915) 877-4889
If I want to find out about dietary interventions and biomedical treatments call the El Paso Developmental Delays Recovery Network at (915) 490-8330 or (915) 491-4118.

If I want to find out about Applied Behavior Analysis which is an intensive behavior modification therapy call:
AACT Now at 1 (866) 784-8062 or ACES (915) 222-115 or
Pacific Child at (915) 449-8414
You can also visit www.centerforautism.com to learn more about ABA

If I need to look for support groups to learn from the experience of other parents who might have gone through similar situations call or visit the following:
Southwest Chapter Autism Society of America (SWASA)
1340 Murchison
(915) 772-9100
Mentes Brillantes- For Spanish speaking families
1101 E. Schuster Ave.
(915) 544-8484 x 192

If I am a military family contact the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) at (915) 568-1343

If I want to attend parent workshops to learn more on community resources and another related topics call the Paso del Norte Children’s Development Center at (915) 544-8484:

For the Leadership Academy for Families
Sandra Gutierrez, Ext. 195
Mentoring Program
Lucila Lozano, Ext. 144

Home Program
Patricia Santibañez, Ext 148
Assistive Technology
Fred Gromand, Ext.209

Information and Referral Specialist
Norma Perez, Ext. 192

But most importantly, love him and care for him unconditionally!