

# Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders

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## Autism Research Resources

The Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders (CASD) is deeply involved in leading research to learn more about autism and potential treatment methods. None of this would be possible, however, without the participation of families. If you would like to remain an active participant in our research community by joining our list of potential participants or would like to sign-up for CASD's electronic newsletter, **CASD Chat** please email [autism@childrensnational.org](mailto:autism@childrensnational.org).

CASD understands that our research studies will not reach everyone, and values your interest in autism research. We want to ensure that families are aware of not only CASD research opportunities, but others as well. Below, please find some additional autism research resources we thought may interest you:

### Organization for Autism Research (OAR)

<https://researchautism.org/>

The Organization for Autism Research (OAR) is an organization founded and led by parents and grandparents of children with autism. OAR strives to use science to address the social, educational, and treatment concerns of self-advocates, parents, autism professionals, and caregivers.

OAR created **A Parent's Guide to Research**, which is available to download in English and in Spanish on the OAR website. It is a basic guide that includes information about how to:

- Find information about autism
- Distinguish between research-based and non-research-based information
- Become savvy consumers of information by giving parents the tools to identify reputable research
- Evaluate research studies using a guiding uniform framework
- Interpret and apply findings to individual situations and needs

### Simons Foundation Powering Autism Research for Knowledge (SPARK)

<https://sparkforautism.org>

SPARK, Simons Foundation Powering Autism Research for Knowledge, is fully funded by the Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative. SPARK's aims to help scientists find and better understand the potential causes of autism. Individuals with ASD and their family members are eligible to participate.