



## ABOUT THE AUTISM COLLECTIVE

The Autism Collective, a collaboration of Easterseals Central Illinois and OSF HealthCare Children's Hospital of Illinois, is a not-for-profit organization that envisions a world where every person on the autism spectrum is supported and valued.

Our mission is to connect people on the autism spectrum with resources, collaborate with experts and foster inclusion through advocacy.

The Autism Collective provides care coordination services to people of any age in Illinois who have a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder or are pursuing an evaluation.

We also support:

- Children who need diagnosis and early treatment
- Teenagers and adults who lack resources
- Families who are underserved due to finances or geography
- Parents who need help navigating local resources
- Educators seeking resources and training
- Physicians seeking research, innovation and collaboration



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Experts united.  
Families connected.<sup>SM</sup>



CARE COORDINATION





## HELPING YOU NAVIGATE YOUR AUTISM JOURNEY

Our services can be requested by anyone, including medical professionals, schools, service agencies, individuals and family members. Depending on the complexity of your needs, our care coordination staff will connect you to appropriate services and support in your area. If your needs are more complex, we will conduct an assessment to determine how best to meet your needs with an individualized plan of care.

Our care coordination staff includes a nurse coordinator, complex care social workers and family navigators who can help identify goals and connect you to local resources for various types of support and guidance:

- Behavioral health and counseling
- Crisis and respite care
- Daily living skills development
- Diagnostic specialists
- Employment and job coaching
- Family support
- Financial planning
- General information and resources
- Insurance coverage issues
- Medical specialists
- School support and advocacy
- Social and recreational opportunities
- Therapeutic interventions
- Youth to adult transition planning



### NURSE COORDINATOR

Our nurse coordinator can help create a plan of care and connect individuals and families to available therapy options, evidenced-based care and specialized medical providers. In addition, they can assist with medication and insurance coverage concerns.



### COMPLEX CARE SOCIAL WORKERS

Our social workers support individuals and families with complex psychological, behavioral, environmental and economic needs. They also research community resources to bridge the gap between other service providers if recommended resources aren't readily accessible.



### FAMILY NAVIGATORS

Our family navigators provide ongoing support by guiding individuals and families to needed services, support and resources close to home. They also provide tools and resources to help families more effectively manage their day-to-day needs.

