



USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS...



for families, particularly for the newly diagnosed and new to the Gold Coast:

Organisation	Telephone	Service
Autism Gold Coast Inc Coordinators President	5559 1747 Debra 5508 2364 Helen 0417 700 190 Tony 0411 744 929	Support Group Meetings – Morning & Evening; Newsletters, Special Interest Groups, family activities, Email News Group, Library, Guest Speakers, Workshops and Seminars
Autism Queensland, Brisbane	1800 657 077, 3273 0000	<u>Service Provider for autism spectrum disorders</u> , Family Support Team, Therapy Education Outreach Services, Training Services, Schools & Early Intervention, Autism Advisor Program
Gold Coast Recreation and Sport	5531 3312	Recreation & social skills programs for ASD Anna CEO, Marian & Rachel
South Coast Carer Respite Centre	1800 059 059 [24hrs]	Respite for carers
Emergency Respite HOTLINE	1800 640 655	EMERGENCY respite assistance
Family Support Group Australia (FSG)	5564 0655 – Southport Office 5537 5003 - Encompass Resource Centre 5562 0232- Lakeview Centre Robina	Respite, various programs, <u>new services in Coomera [5502 9797] & Robina [5559 0254]</u>
Southern Star Community Services	5535 3422 - Elanora fax 5535 4810	Respite and other programs. Matt Stone
Shepherd Community Services	5592 2247 - Broadbeach	In-home respite and day centre
Bethany Respite and Family Support Service	5501 8070 – Varsity Lakes FAX 5501 8075	Crisis & short term centre based respite, vacation care respite, family carer, peer support and counselling, and in home respite and out of home respite Wayne Clinton CEO
Carers Queensland	5534 2899 – Palm Beach 1800 242 636 Carer Advisory Service	Support for carers, counselling, Information Kit
Commonwealth Carelink	1800 052 222	Information relating to aged care and disability services
Education Queensland Gold Coast Disability Support Services Unit	5562 4888 3240 9333 (Brisbane)	District Office Statewide AVT-ASD
Disability Services Qld – Bundall	5531 8055	Therapy team, family support, respite, Funding Package Applications
Community Health, Bundall	5570 8500	Therapy team, family support Developmental Assessment Team
Child & Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS)	<u>Southport</u> 5537 0622 <u>Burleigh Heads</u> 5576 0733	Intervention and counselling
Gold Coast Advocacy Group Inc	5564 0355, 5564 0186	Disability advocacy group, Southport
Centrelink - Disability Officer Located at each Office:	13 2717 between 8.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday	Carer's Allowances, Disability Support Pension, Mobility Allowances, and others
Disability Information Service	1800 177 120	Disability information and resources: services & support in Qld
Queensland Transport – Disability Parking Permit (RED)	13 23 80	Application form: severe mobility problems including safety issues.
Transport Assistance	5539 3733 - Transcord	Transport Assistance - Medical appointments
Transport Assistance Gold Coast City Council Cabs Service	131 008 Regent Taxis (Most of GC) 136 294 Yellow Cabs (Beenleigh area) 5521 0577 Gold Coast Mobility Office <u>For further details on the service in your area, speak to your local GCCC Councillor.</u>	For people with a disability to enable them to travel to their local shopping centre. You can have a carer or dependents travel with you if you like. Services run on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning each week. Each Council Cab trip costs \$2.00, that's only \$4.00 for a return journey.
Family Planning Queensland, Southport	5531 2636 / 3252 7922	Sexuality Education Social skills programs for people with ASD
Toy Library - Nerang Library	5582 8385	Borrowing of special needs resources
Asperger Services Australia (ASSN), Brisbane	Ph: 3865 2911 Fax: 3865 2838 A/Hr: 0439 769 500	Advocacy, support group, Newsletter, internet forums/chat rooms
Autism Behavioural Intervention Queensland (ABIQ) Inc	1300 224 753 or 1300 ABIQLD or 3881 1868	Support and Applied Behaviour Analysis resources, Brisbane
Qld Parents for People with a Disability (QPPD)	1800 805 184, 3875 2101	Advocacy on behalf of people with disabilities
Mater Hospital - ASD Clinic	3840 1636	Diagnosis, intervention
Royal Children's Hospital - Child & Family Therapy Unit	3253 7878	Behavioural difficulties
Lifeline Counselling Kids Help Line Parent Line	13 11 14 [24hrs] 1800 551 800 [24hrs] 1300 301 300 [8am – 10pm]	Phone Counselling, Support, Information line