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## Early Childhood ~

### **CARD FSU:**

The Center for Autism & Related Disabilities (CARD) provides support and assistance with the goal of optimizing the potential of people with autism and related disabilities. <http://autism.fsu.edu/>

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**FIRST WORDS** Project is a model early identification and intervention program based in the Department of Communication Disorders at Florida State University. Staffed by speech-language pathologists and interdisciplinary consultants, we are funded to evaluate the communication development of children from 6 to 24 months of age in Leon County. For children who are delayed in communication development, we offer families a menu of service options. Services are offered at no cost to families or service providers, based on availability of grant funds. In addition to services provided in Leon County, we are developing educational materials for training of healthcare and childcare providers to build their capacities for earlier detection of communication problems in young children. <http://firstwords.fsu.edu/>

**CHS (Children's Home Society)** provides an array of services to families of children from birth to 36 months who have disabilities or developmental delays. Designed to enhance the development of the child while providing the family with support and hope services include evaluation and planning, physical and speech therapy, home-based teaching, vision and hearing services, nursing and medical services, assistive technology, nutritional planning, family counseling, and transportation. <http://www.chsfl.org/developmentally-challenged.php>

**Children's Medical Services** is a collection of special programs for children with special needs. We have a variety of services for expecting moms, newborn babies, infants and toddlers, school-aged children, adolescents and young adults. All of our services are provided by highly qualified physicians, nurses, social workers and other health care providers around the state. Through our family-centered programs, we make sure your child gets the care he or she needs. <http://www.cms-kids.com/index.html>

<http://www.wikipedia.org/> Great resource for general Disability Information