



The Autism Journey consists primarily of three stages.

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Diagnosis – Funding – Treatment

Here you will find numerous articles, checklists, videos, databases, and computer apps that will help families manage life with a special needs child. From diagnosis to long-lasting coordination plans, these resources will provide the most accurate and fact-based resources translated in a way that is easy to understand and relates to what parents of diagnosed children are realistically going through every day.

1. Diagnosis Stage

Diagnosis is the first stage of the Autism Journey. This resource guide you and your entire family from the first day of diagnosis, to the everyday life of taking care of a loved one diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder or other developmental, emotional, behavioral, or learning delay. Our resources are grouped in a step-by-step order to make it easier for you to follow no matter where your loved one falls within the stages presented:

Step 1 Signs of Autism

Whether you just want to make sure that your loved one is reaching his or her developmental milestones normally or already have seen some of the early signs of autism, the Autism Journey's Diagnosis stage is full of resources that will provide vital information for earliest possible detection.

Step 2 Finding a Diagnostic Administrator

The second step after seeing signs of autism in your loved one is to prepare for a proper diagnosis. There are a number of articles and checklists to provide you with information on who, what, where, and why. These are key people that will administer the proper diagnosis of your loved one.

Step 3 The Testing Process

Know why and how tests are administered during the diagnosis phase of your loved one's disorder.

Step 4 Obtaining a Diagnosis

There are numerous resources that will help you prepare for what to expect during the diagnosis phase.

Step 5 Beginning a Life with Autism

A number of articles will guide you and your family on how to cope with your loved one's autism or developmental, emotional, behavioral, or learning delay. It may feel overwhelming, but you can and will learn to see the amazing gifts autistic people, and those with other delays, have to share with the world.

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2. Funding Stage

Funding is the second stage in the Autism Journey. This stage offers a comprehensive step-by-step guide for parents like you in obtaining adequate funding for your diagnosed child's treatments and care. We understand the financial strain of having a loved one with an Autism Spectrum Disorder or other developmental, emotional, behavioral, or learning delay, which is why the Funding stage of the Autism journey is presented in an easy to follow format, providing you with significant information minus the complicated jargon.

Step 1 Organizing Funding Plans

We believe that being well informed about the financial aspects of your loved one's disorder will enable you to make wise choices regarding your funding plans. This first step of the Funding stage is full of information on how you may prepare and organize the funding needs of your loved one's treatments and care.

Step 2 Knowing Your Funding Sources

One of the most crucial parts of preparing your funding is knowing where to get it. This step will guide you by providing you with options of getting the financial assistance you may need for your child.

Step 3 Funding For Special Cases (Military)

Information about getting funding for diagnosed children with parents serving in the military.

Step 4 Preparing Your Application

We provide you with a comprehensive step-by-step guide to preparing your applications for the intensive funding process.

Step 5 Funding and Providers

Know all about the kinds of funding you are entitled to including which services can be extended to your child with special needs.

Step 6 Budgeting

Know the costs you need to prepare for regarding ensuring your loved one's proper care and treatments. You may also find options and alternatives to help keep costs down, making them more manageable for your family's finances.

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3. Treatment Stage

Treatment is the third stage of the Autism Journey. Our aim is to guide you through the different treatment approaches for your loved one.

Step 1 Learning about Autism Treatments

This step will simplify the complex treatment options that are currently available for your loved one. You will be informed about the real facts and misconceptions regarding different autism or delay treatments.

Step 2 Types of Treatments

Each treatment available for the Autism Spectrum Disorder will be explained to help you make an informed decision on which treatment is best for your loved one's needs.

Step 3 Forming a Team

Guidelines and additional information on how to form the right team of providers for your loved one's interventions.

Step 4 Bringing Treatment into Your Home

Autism interventions shouldn't be just at the therapy clinics or schools - knowing how to continue treatment at home is vital to your child's progress. The Autism Journey will guide you in using Special Learning Products at home for continuous treatment.

Step 5 Monitoring Progress.

Know the correct and easiest ways to manage the progress of your loved one's development.

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