

The Developmental Medicine Center (DMC) would like to announce the launch of a new service to our families. We have been working on a project to better guide and stay in touch with families who have a child with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) diagnosed in the Developmental Medicine Center . We have worked with our clinical and parent experts, and our collaborators at The Parent Review to develop a **FREE** email for families of children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders. Our goal is to increase our contact with families on a regular basis so we can answer frequently asked questions, share tips from other parents, inform families about new findings from research in the field, and help them access the best trusted resources here in Massachusetts and on the web.

Families who sign up to receive our email service will receive 1 email a week for the first 2 months after diagnosis and 1 email every other week for the rest of the first year after diagnosis. Families can read these emails at their own pace, and they can go back and read earlier ones that they might not have received since we tie the email to our DMC date of diagnosis. These emails are completely confidential and families are not obligated to do anything in return. They may also unsubscribe from the email service at any time.

Parents are often driven to “google” ASD on the internet to gather information. It can be difficult though to decipher what is based on evidence and what is not. We have done this for them and have prepared much of the relevant, pertinent information that we anticipate they will want/need for them and their child. We will provide our up to date ASD related information and resources through this email service.