



Treating Autism in Early Childhood

With early identification and treatment services, individuals living with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) achieve better outcomes and live more self-directed lives. While only a fraction of individuals are identified with ASD in early childhood, early intervention can improve communication and social skills for children on the autism spectrum.

That's why you should know about the new [Early Intervention Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Program \(EIBHRS\)](#). The EIBHRS Program has many benefits including:

- Intensive 18-month intervention designed for children ages 2 to 5 who are newly diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. Must meet medical necessity criteria and be eligible to receive Medical Assistance in Lehigh or Northampton County*
- Two convenient locations in Lehigh County: Elwyn ARCH and KidsPeace
- Hours are individualized and scheduled to best meet family needs.
- Services are led by a licensed Behavior Specialist Consultant employing research-based intervention. The entire treatment team, including the prescribing psychologist, meets monthly to review progress.
- Home and site-based services are designed to transfer skills to families and support family and sibling interactions. Parents/guardians participate in support groups, learn about community resources and share best practices.
- Five hours of weekly Behavior Specialist Consultant services are provided to design and lead the individualized treatment for your child. Ten hours of weekly therapeutic services (TSS) are delivered in home, pre-school and community settings for 1:1 work. Five hours per week of site-based therapeutic services (TSS) are provided. Site-based services may include therapeutic play skills; sensory engagement; and fun activities delivered through individual, dyad or small group work.
- Connections to outpatient treatment, including behavioral health, physical health, speech therapy and occupational therapy are available.

Elwyn - ARCH

Autism Resource Community Hub of Lehigh Valley

1347 Hausman Road, Allentown, PA 18104

Telephone: 610-573-2500

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; with extended evening and weekend hours

- Diagnosis and Evaluation
- Medication Management
- Counseling
- Sensory Rooms, Play Rooms
- Family Support Activities; Resource Library; Other ASD Services
- Parent Partner Support
- Training

KidsPeace

Child Development and Therapeutic Education Center

1620 Broadway St., Bethlehem, PA 18015

Telephone: 610-799-8222

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- Diagnosis and Evaluation
- Medication Management
- Counseling
- Play Skills Rooms, Gymnasium, Playground
- Family Support Activities, Other ASD Services
- Partnership with Sacred Heart Network
- Easy Access to Public Transportation
- Training

*The Early Intervention Behavioral Health Rehabilitation program is available only to Lehigh or Northampton County HealthChoices Members who meet medical necessity criteria and a qualifying diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder. The program is managed through Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, Inc.