



# Averispeaks

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## CRISIS & LEGAL SUPPORT

For Children and Families with Autism

### Immediate Crisis Support

**988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline:** Call or text **988** for immediate help with suicidal thoughts, mental health crises, or emotional distress. Available 24/7, nationwide.

**Mobile Crisis Response – Louisiana:** 24/7 response for behavioral health crises in children & adults.  
Phone: **1-800-256-2522**

### Essential Resources

**Louisiana 211:** Call **211** to connect with local resources: housing, food, utilities, childcare, and crisis referrals.

Website: <https://www.louisiana211.org>

**Domestic Violence Hotline:** Phone: **1-888-411-1333** (Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence).  
National Hotline: **1-800-799-7233** | <https://www.thehotline.org>

**Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline:** Phone: **1-855-452-5437** (1-855-4LA-KIDS). Report suspected abuse or neglect, available 24/7.

### Legal Assistance

**Disability Rights Louisiana (formerly Advocacy Center):** Free legal assistance for people with disabilities.

Phone: **1-800-960-7705**.

Website: <https://disabilityrightsla.org>

**Legal Aid & Advocacy:** Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS) – Free civil legal help for low-income families.

Phone: **(504) 529-1000** | <https://slls.org>.

Louisiana Legal Services Hotline – **1-800-310-7029**.

## Additional Resources for Families and Caregivers

1. **Averi Speaks, Inc.:** A non-profit organization dedicated to supporting families, caregivers, and communities affected by autism through awareness, voice, education, resources, and inclusion.
  - Website: [www.averispeaks.org](http://www.averispeaks.org)
  - Phone: **985-777-0211**
  - Email: [info@averispeaks.org](mailto:info@averispeaks.org)
2. **Autism Society of America:** Provides advocacy, education, information and referral, support, and community for individuals and families affected by autism.
  - Phone: **1-800-328-8476**
  - Website: <https://www.autism-society.org>
3. **National Autism Association:** Aims to respond to the most urgent needs of the autism community, providing real help and hope so that all affected can reach their full potential.
  - Phone: **1-877-622-2884**
  - Website: <https://nationalautismassociation.org>
4. **Autism Speaks:** Offers resources, advocacy, and support to individuals with autism and their families. Their mission is to enhance lives today and accelerate a spectrum of solutions for tomorrow.
  - Phone: **1-888-288-4762**
  - Website: <https://www.autismspeaks.org>

## Important Tip for Families

Keep a copy of your child's **diagnosis, IEP, and medical history** handy. In any crisis or legal dispute, clear documentation is your *strongest defense*.

*These resources are especially for children and families with autism.*

## Notes

- Keep personal information organized and easily accessible, such as important contacts, appointments, and therapy schedules.
- Stay informed about local events and workshops for families affected by autism to foster community support and engagement.

Together, through shared knowledge and resources, we can create a more inclusive world for all individuals affected by autism.

Use this space to jot down important notes and contact information specific to your family's needs.

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