

TouchPoint Autism Services

strives to be a single touch point for help and hope to families impacted by autism.

Our Mission

To make a real difference in the quality of life for children and adults with autism and their families wherever they may live.

Our Vision

To be the premier provider of comprehensive, evidence-based treatment, training and services for individuals across the entire autism spectrum throughout all stages of their lives.

Services in Central Missouri

Through a system of family directed service and supports, families are empowered with the tools they need to encourage appropriate behavior and communication in their children, no matter their age.

Our Central Missouri office, through a contract with the Missouri Department of Mental Health, Division of Developmental Disabilities, develops consumer-driven programs which has as its primary focus the needs that exist in the family with autism, as determined by that family.

If we can assist you in any way, please don't hesitate to get in touch with our team.

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ADAPT Training

ADAPT — a two-week intensive behavior therapy course — can help your child and your family immediately. Through concentrated therapeutic techniques based on ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis), the staff at TouchPoint will help you learn:

- How to manage your child's most challenging behaviors
- How to tailor daily therapeutic activities so your child can reach goals that you set together
- How to communicate in a real way with your child everyday
- How to manage the stress that autism puts on your family

Training Dates in 2012:

February 6, 2012 — February 17, 2012

March 5, 2012 — March 16, 2012

April 16, 2012 — April 27, 2012

June 4, 2012 — June 15, 2012

July 9, 2012 — July 20, 2012

August 6, 2012 — August 17, 2012

October 1, 2012 — October 12, 2012

November 5, 2012 — November 16, 2012

A family who attended the training said, "They literally gave our son a voice for the first time..." Another family said, "Today, I met my daughter... for the first time, we looked at each other and I knew she was there. My daughter is proof that miracles happen at TouchPoint."

If you have any questions or would like to sign up for any of the above training sessions, please call and speak with a member of our training department at (573) 874-3777.

RSVP by calling (573) 874-3777 or (800) 675-4241.

Parent Training Workshops

We are pleased to announce that TouchPoint Autism Services will now be offering our Parent Training Workshops (APET) for referred families in a three-phase program:

Phase One consists of the presentation of a series of workshops pertaining to the Autism Spectrum and the Principles of Behavior Analysis. This phase is conducted in a group setting which allows families to connect with each other and share experiences related to their child with autism, while also learning about theories and strategies to help build your child's skill-set, as well as how to handle challenging behavior. Dates for this portion of training are advertised in the Activities and Events portion of our Newsletter. After participating in Phase One of APET, parents can now choose to further their knowledge and know-how by signing up for Phase Two. Phase One training may also be used as a refresher training.

Phase Two consists of an Autism Specialist modeling 5 therapy sessions, while working directly with your child. This phase is designed to show you how to apply the strategies you learned during Phase One while also addressing your family's specific objectives and behavioral programming. Phase Two can be implemented in the home, community, or at our TouchPoint office.

The focus of **Phase Three** is parent application of technique and strategy. An Autism Specialist will provide in-the-moment feedback to you while supporting you to address your child's specific objectives and behavioral programming during a series of 5 therapy sessions. The purpose of this phase is to empower you to handle difficult or frustrating situations that may arise throughout the years.

SIGN UP FOR TRAINING NOW!

Date	Location
10/15/2011	Fort Leonardwood, MO at Army Community Services
10/22/2011	Jefferson City, MO at Cole County Residential
10/29/2011	Columbia, MO at TouchPoint Office
11/5/2011	Chillicothe, MO at Grand River Technical School
11/12/2011	Bowling Green, MO at Pike County Agency for Developmental Disabilities

RSVP by calling (573) 874-3777 or (800) 675-4241.

Kansas City Event to Feature Grandin, Atwood and Baker

Save the Date! Dr. Temple Grandin, Dr. Tony Atwood and Dr. Jed Baker will be presenting in Kansas City on **October 20-21, 2011.**

Details for the event are still being developed.

For additional information, contact Future Horizons:

- tel: (800) 489-0727;
- web: www.fhautism.com; or
- mailing address: Future Horizons, Inc.
721 W Abram Street
Arlington, TX 76013.

The TouchPoints of Autism

This workshop answers the basic question of 'what is autism?' and offer tips and techniques to support a person on the Autism Spectrum.

Perfect for those new to the world of autism and for professionals who would like to refresh or learn more.

Date	Location
10/18/2011	Troy, MO at Lincoln County Health Dept
12/6/2011	Chillicothe, MO at Grand River Technical School

The training is free, but reservations are required. **RSVP to (573) 874-3777.**

Annual Central Missouri Autism Conference

Piece By Piece: Building Our Understanding of Autism

Please plan to join us for a day of learning, sharing and building our understanding of autism!

October 26, 2011
8:30 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Stoney Creek Inn



2601 South Providence Road
Columbia, MO 65203

This one-day conference is open to families impacted by autism, as well as to professionals looking to learn more about the developmental disorder that affects as many as 1 in 100 individuals in the United States.

This year's schedule includes exciting new speakers and topics!

For a conference schedule, a complete list of speakers/presentation topics, and registration instructions, please visit the Special Events tab at **www.touchpointautism.org**.

All registrations and payments must be received by Friday, October 14.

Conference Sponsors & Vendors

Sponsorships as well as vendor exhibition booths are still available and welcome!

Please contact TouchPoint Autism Services today at (573) 874-3777 for more information about these opportunities!

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The Parent Advisory Committee Welcomes Parents, Visitors

The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is comprised of parents and family members of individuals on the Autism Spectrum who live in the 49-county area in Central Missouri served by TouchPoint Autism Services.

Families in Central Missouri are represented by the PAC who, in turn, help identify the needs of these families. The PAC determines which support services are to be offered.

The committee meets monthly to discuss autism, the needs of families with individuals on the Autism Spectrum, legislative issues, research and reports from service providers, including TouchPoint.

Any person interested in getting involved, or observing monthly meetings are invited to contact any PAC member or the TouchPoint office for meeting times and location.

To be more accessible to families, meetings are held in Columbia. For more information, please contact TouchPoint's Central Missouri Office at (573) 874-3777.

Central PAC Member Roster

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Alicia Curran

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Lauree Head

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