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The Center for Autism & Related Disabilities at the University of South Florida (CARD-USF) is one of six regional, university-based CARD centers in Florida.

CARD-USF, led by executive director Glen Dunlap, Ph.D. and co-directors Janine Peck, Ph.D., Lise Fox, Ph.D., and Steve Newton, Ph.D., provides program development, training and support for individuals, families, professionals, and peers of people with autism and related disabilities throughout eighteen counties in west, central, and southwest Florida.

Direct Assistance involves the provision of consultation from a CARD professional to an individual with autism or related disability and his or her family in the home, school, or community.

CARD-USF staff provide this assistance in a variety of ways including problem solving with families, developing behavior support plans, providing training and support to parents, and supplying families with referrals to additional service and support

The foundation of effective technical assistance is based on developing collaborative relationships between families, service providers, and CARD-USF staff.

Professional Training

focused on various aspects of autism and related disabilities is provided through workshops, conferences, in-service training, and college courses.

CARD-USF staff presentations have emphasized many topics including adult services, young children, deaf-blindness, behavioral support, communication, and curricula. Trainings have been conducted for school districts, adult service agencies, college and university courses, family groups, and others.

Public Education & Awareness

focuses on developing and disseminating accurate information about people with autism and related disabilities and about best practices.



providers.

Technical Assistance & Consultation are activities undertaken on behalf of a program (e.g., a classroom, supported living, supported employment) that serves people with autism and related disabilities.



Diversity and Sensitivity
Awareness