



OAR Relaunches Operation Autism Website
Redesigned Website Supports Military Families Impacted by Autism

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ARLINGTON, VA – The Organization for Autism Research (OAR) is pleased to launch its redesigned website dedicated to supporting military families affected by autism, www.operationautism.org. OAR recognizes the importance of industry standard websites that are compatible with multiple devices. The new mobile-friendly website offers updated content, a modern look and feel, streamlined navigation, and a more advanced, searchable resource directory.

The website provides up-to-date information on:

- Facts and characteristics of autism spectrum disorder
- Autism interventions and treatments
- Military healthcare coverage
- Strategies to ease transitions and PCS moves
- How to establish and maintain a record management system
- Additional resources relevant to autism and military families

Operation Autism was originally launched in 2009, and was subsequently followed by its companion guidebook, *Life Journey Through Autism: A Guide for Military Families*, in 2010. The updated guidebook is available [online](#) for pre-order and will be released in March. Compared to their original versions, the Operation Autism website will regularly maintain time-sensitive updates and legislation; the military guide will serve as a hands-on reference tool for parents intended to be most applicable during transitions and moves. The updated resources are the result of a collaborative effort by stakeholders in the military and autism communities. OAR thanks Mandy Farmer, Shelly Huhtanen, and Holly Whittenburg, who volunteered their time and expertise as autism professionals and/or military spouses to write content and provide guidance throughout the development of this resource. OAR also thanks Humana for ensuring content related to the military's fast-changing healthcare system was represented accurately.

The website was redesigned in partnership with Ironistic, a full-service digital company located in Arlington, Va. OAR seeks feedback on the website design and functionality. To share feedback, please contact OAR at info@operationautism.org.

About OAR: The Organization for Autism Research (OAR) is a national nonprofit organization formed and led by relatives of children and adults with autism. OAR is dedicated to promoting research that can be applied to help families, educators, caregivers, and individuals with autism find much-needed answers to their immediate and urgent questions. Learn more at: www.researchautism.org.