Introducing AS360: A Revolutionary New Platform for Families on the Autism Journey

University of Washington Autism Center (UWAC) is officially launching the <u>AS360</u> platform to support providers and families across Washington state. It is a powerful autism resource database designed to **increase access to autism services** and connect individuals and organizations alike. <u>AS360</u> aims to enhance connect autism community members with the support they need and foster positive change. By leveraging innovative technology, it provides a user-friendly interface and a wide range of features that address the spectrum of needs and interests of autism caregivers and providers.

When my autistic son was diagnosed 23 years ago, I needed a platform like <u>AS360.org</u> where I could get multiple questions answered all at the same time, based on my son's specific needs. It would have been transformative. After being a professional in the field for the past 15 years, I know that families on the autism journey still need this kind of help finding services. I am excited for Washington families to experience this innovative technology that is user-friendly and gives access to those who are searching, especially those in rural areas and those who do not speak English as a first language.

AS360 connects community programs into one cohesive ecosystem allowing families to identify and access clinically and culturally relevant resources. Annette Estes, AS360 faculty

AS360 puts caregivers at the center of their family's wellness journey, reducing stigma and enabling access to relevant resources. Jill Ide, autism mom, AS360 director

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Connecting with other families who are on a similar journey can create a sense of community and reduce isolation. This technology platform has so many supports in one place—from individualized assessments, searchable community resources, a member only portal, book learning library, life stages checklists, provider announcements, parent support groups and much more. Check out <u>AS360.org</u> to explore this new resource.