



WHAT IS AUTISM?

Autism is a neurological disorder that affects a person's ability to communicate, interact with others, and develop a range of interests and activities. It is a spectrum disorder that affects individuals differently and to varying degrees of severity. Autism is a lifelong disability that affects one out of every 110 people. It is currently the most common developmental disability and is four times more likely to occur in boys. Autism is found equally in all walks of life and in all populations around the world.

WHO WE ARE?

The Autism Society of Maine is a non-profit organization whose membership consists of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), their families, members of the community, and the professionals who work with them. As a chapter of the Autism Society of America, our mission is to promote lifelong access and opportunity for all individuals on the autism spectrum to become participating members of their communities. Education, advocacy, support and public awareness form the cornerstones of the Autism Society of Maine's efforts to carry forth our mission.

SERVICES THAT THE AUTISM SOCIETY OF MAINE PROVIDES:

- Information Packets
- Lending Library
- Family Retreat Weekend*
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Scholarship Program for Families and Professionals*
- Summer Camp Program*
- Fundraising Events
- Walk for Autism
- ASD Presentations and Workshops
- Referral Services
- Autism Information Specialist Program
- Legislation Policy Input
- First Responders Presentation
- Assistance with Education and Service Planning Meetings
- Special Events and Conferences
- Informative Website www.asmonline.org
- Social Groups
- Support Group Listing

***For Members of the Autism Society of Maine**

We subscribe to the national Autism Society's Options Policy that promotes the active and informed involvement of individuals and family members of the person with autism in the planning of individualized, appropriate services and supports. The society provides current information in support of informed choices of treatments and services. We further believe that these services and supports should be outcome based to ensure that they meet the individualized needs of a person with autism.

The Autism Society of Maine is funded through its membership, donations, the Maine Department of Health and Human Services and a variety of private foundations. Our services are free or low-cost.

We encourage you to join the Autism Society of Maine. Please participate with us as we work to provide the supports and services that will allow individuals with ASD to maximize their potential and live fulfilling, productive lives.



QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU! CONTACT US AT:
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