

AUTISM INFORMATION SPECIALIST PROGRAM

Autism Information Specialists (AIS) contract with the Autism Society of Maine and have varying degrees of expertise.

Information Specialists provide resource information to parents, guardians, school, the work place, and the community to support individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders. We work one on one to assist families, guardians and individuals on the Autism Spectrum as they navigate child or adult services. We attend and participate in educational, transitional, and vocational planning meetings. We provide presentations and workshops regarding various topics to agencies and community organizations around the state. We are here for you - A Friend for Life.

Autism and Strategies

This presentation will provide participants a basic understanding of autism along with various strategies one can employ to support behavioral, social, communication, sensory and educational deficits. This presentation also includes a segment on safety.

Presentation time: 2.5 hours

Navigating the Transition from School to Adult Life

Participants will learn about the transition from school to adult life as it relates to individuals on the Autism Spectrum. Topics to be addressed include: eligibility requirements, assessments, and timeframes for accessing services in the areas of post-secondary education, employment, independent living, and guardianship.

Presentation time: 2.5 hours

"We had another wonderful learning session... She is a terrific presenter!" (School Administrator)

"A wonderful way of generating ideas that are relevant to the specific person she is speaking of/for. Very personable, creative and an excellent resource." (Agency Director)

"Provided advice and information while I was trying to figure out how to help my son with some challenging behaviors. Very supportive and helpful" (Parent)

"Thanks to everyone who make these services possible. You provided guidance and reassurance that made it possible to me to do what was necessary to advocate for my child throughout the IEP process." (Parent)



If you feel you would benefit from meeting with an Autism Information Specialist, or would like to learn more about becoming an Autism Information Specialist call the Autism Society of Maine at 1-800-273-5200.

Presentations

ASM is proud of its commitment to provide educational information to parents, guardians, individuals with ASD and various agencies. Our presentations are specifically designed to respond to the needs of those who request them. The following are some of our most popular presentations and can be delivered to most locations within the state. Please call ASM for more information.

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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