

# AUTISM SOCIETY OF MAINE

Want to know more about ASM and what we do? We have a presentation for that, topics include:

- Information Specialist Program
- Family Retreat Weekend
- Lending Library
- Walk & Ride for Autism
- Fall Conference
- Social & Support Groups
- And more!

It will take 1 hour and have time for discussion and questions.



Suggested donation of \$60 an hour for presentations however, we never turn anyone away!

# ABOUT US

Founded in 1976, ASM began as a support group for parents of autistic children attending a program at the Mariah Clark School in Hallowell. Monthly meetings allowed parents to share concerns, experiences, and advice.

The group soon expanded to Gardiner, Waterville, and Bangor. They started inviting speakers from various programs and reached out to the Autism Society of America, leading to the establishment of the Autism Society of Maine.

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## BECOME A MEMBER

For as little as \$25 a year you can help support us, and as a thank you, we'll send a small gift. Plus, you'll gain access to our Family Retreat Weekend & Annual Meeting!

<https://www.asmonline.org/join/>



# PRESENTATIONS



ASM is proud of its commitment to provide educational information to parents, guardians, Autistic individuals, professionals, and service providers.

Our presentations are specifically designed to respond to the needs of those who request them. Most can be done online or in-person!

[WWW.ASMONLINE.ORG](http://WWW.ASMONLINE.ORG)

# AUTISM & STRATEGIES



*"The presenter was engaging and very personable. Most enjoyable professional development I've attended in 18 years of working at a school".*

**Basic** - 1/2 hr. -2 hrs. (Based on need)  
Participants gain an understanding of Autism and strategies to use while interacting with those on the spectrum.

- **Module 1** - Brief overview of Autism and diagnostic criteria.
- **Module 2** - Info on strategies relating to environment, sensory needs, communication, social skills, and behavior.
- **Module 3** - Safety and wandering. Includes statistics and meltdowns.

**Residential** 2-3 hrs.

(Both child & adult available)

This presentation contains all three modules with a focus on individuals in residential settings. Strategies discussed will be those that staff and residents face most often.

## KITS FOR KIDS



Designed to teach classes K-8 about their peers with Autism to increase awareness and acceptance!

This presentation takes 20-30 minutes and includes:

- Video
- Crayons & Activity
- *What's Up with Nick* book
- Activity Book
- Fidgets



Each student receives a certificate of friendship after the presentation.

## TRANSITION TO HOMESCHOOL



Designed to help parents who are deciding on or just starting out with homeschooling feel more at ease!

This presentation takes about 1hr. and includes:

- Requirements & Curriculum
- Outside help
- Resources & tips
- How it looks day to day

Handouts, resource links and portfolio contents are emailed out in PDF form for you to print.



## LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRST RESPONDERS

Approved by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy

Designed to help Police, Fire, and EMS recognize Autism and how to interact with individuals on the Spectrum.

**Presentation Covers:**

- Theory of Mind/Mind blindness
- Sensory Issues • Safe Resolutions
- Examples of Police Contact • Parents
- Minimizing Victimization • Elopement

**This presentation will take 2 hrs. & have time for discussion and questions.**

## AUTISM & ONLINE SAFETY



This 6-part series highlights key online dangers for adults with autism, featuring insights from individuals on the spectrum and autism experts. Topics include connecting, socializing, dating, and shopping online.

Each module offers themed content, a recap, and a "knowledge check" for better understanding.

**All modules are also available on the ASM YouTube channel.**