An Introduction to Autism Speaks
Local Impact Grants & Service Provider Resources
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What we will cover today!

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- Mission & Mission Objectives
- Resources for Services Providers
- Local Impact Grants
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Our vision
A world where all people with autism can reach their full potential.

Our mission
Autism Speaks is dedicated to promoting solutions, across the spectrum and throughout the life span, for the needs of individuals with autism and their families. We do this through advocacy and support; increasing understanding and acceptance of people with autism; and advancing research into causes and better interventions for autism spectrum disorder and related conditions.
Our mission objectives

*Autism Speaks is enhancing lives today and accelerating a spectrum of solutions for tomorrow.*

Increasing global understanding and acceptance of people with autism

Being a catalyst for life-enhancing research breakthroughs

Increasing early childhood screening and timely interventions

Improving the transition to adulthood

Ensuring access to reliable information and services throughout the life span
Resources for Autism Service Providers
Resources for each milestone
Early childhood screening and timely intervention

Take the M-CHAT at no cost at [autismspeaks.org](http://autismspeaks.org). It’s a short questionnaire that general practitioners, parents and other nonspecialists can use as a way to screen children who might have a concern for autism or developmental delay. Early screening and diagnosis make a world of difference!
Autism is a “spectrum” disorder, there is wide variation in the type and severity of symptoms people experience.

Upcoming Event: Pathways to Caregiver Skills Training

CST at a Glance:

- Empower caregivers and families with skills they can use in daily routines to promote social communication
- Implemented in more than 30 countries
- Adaptable and acceptable (i.e. culturally competent)
- Designed to be adapted and integrated into existing services or systems of care.
Transition roadmaps

- Postsecondary education
- Housing and residential supports
- Meaningful employment
# Resource Guide

Use the filters below to find providers near you.

Looking for expert advice and even more information? Try our Directory.

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Join our resource guide of service providers

The Autism Speaks Resource Guide is the best place to highlight your services to the autism community. To be added to our Resource Guide, add your information at autismspeaks.org/submit-type
Information and Resources

Information by Topic

Autism Speaks is committed to providing the autism community with resources to meet each person and family’s unique needs throughout every stage of life. To help with your search for support, we have organized our resources, information, expert advice and personal stories by category.

- Financial Planning
- Safety
- School
- Technology
- Health and Wellness
- Behavioral Challenges
- Medical Resources
- Transition to Adulthood
- Adults
- Family Support
- Community Life
- Miscellaneous
Tools to get you started

Autism Speaks offers a series of comprehensive tool kits to autistics and their families to start your journey and access the services and supports you may need.

- The **100 Day Kit for Families of Newly Diagnosed Young Children** (Under 5)
- The **100 Day Kit for Families of Newly Diagnosed School Age Children** (5-13)
- **Is It Autism and If So, What Next? A Guide for Adults**

Access tool kits at [autismspeaks.org/tool-kit](http://autismspeaks.org/tool-kit)
The Autism Response Team (ART) is an information line for the autism community

Our team members are specially trained to provide personalized information and resources to people with autism and their families.

ART has provided more than 460,000 people with direct assistance by email, phone and chat, including requests from individuals with autism and their families, as well as caregivers, teachers, professionals and community members.

The Autism Response Team can help you learn more about:

• Where to get a diagnosis
• Schools and special education
• Advocacy and support
• Adult services - including post-secondary programs and employment
• Inclusion and community activities
  .... and much more!
Advocate With Us!

Get Engaged with our Grassroots Advocacy Network
www.autismspeaks.org/grassroots-advocacy-network

Lead thru the Advocacy Ambassador Program

Social Media

Facebook | Autism Speaks Advocacy

Twitter | @AutismVotes

Instagram | @AutismVotes
Local Impact Grants
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Autism Speaks supports community programs that provide people with autism with fulfilling social and educational experiences through our Local Impact Grant.

Since 2013, Autism Speaks has awarded over $3 million in local impact grants to more than 500 organizations across the country serving tens of thousands of autistic people, their caregivers and families, teachers, therapists, and peers.

The Autism Speaks Local Impact Grant program provides awards of up to $5,000 to nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations that have been in operation for a minimum of one year.
The focus of the grant is to:

• Promote local services that enhance the lives of those affected by autism spectrum disorder (ASD)
• Expand the capacity of local organizations to effectively serve the autism community
• Increase the number of national service providers offering services to people with ASD
Are you eligible?

Must be:

• A nonprofit organizations with a 501(c)(3) exempt status that have been in existence for at least one year
• Operating your program within the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands
• Employing at least three staff members (either paid or volunteer)
• An established infrastructure, which includes a physical location and a website.
What we fund

We provide funding to support programs at existing nonprofit organizations in the following categories:

• Education and training
• Recreation/community activities
• Summer camp scholarships
• Sensory equipment/supportive technology
• Young adult/adult services
What we DO NOT fund

- Endowment, debt reduction or fundraising activities
- Administrative salaries for employees not directly working in the program for which you are requesting funding
- Food, apparel or equipment that can be donated
- Renting, financing or insuring of buildings
- Startup funding for new organizations
The Grant Application
How to log in

Logon Page

Email Address
Grants@autismspeaks.org

Password
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Log On  Create New Account

Forgot your Password?
Peer review has been defined as a process of subjecting an author’s scholarly work, research or ideas to the scrutiny of others who are experts in the same field. It functions to encourage authors to meet the accepted high standards of their discipline and to control the dissemination of research data to ensure that unwarranted claims, unacceptable interpretations or personal views are not published without prior expert review (Kelly, Sadeghieh and Adeli, Published 2014, https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4975196/).
Outcomes: Events, occurrences or conditions that are outside the program itself and that are of direct importance to customers. What your program’s service will accomplish (Hatry, 2006, page 15).

Impact: Data that estimates the extent to which the program actually caused particular outcomes (Hatry, 2006, page 24).
Budget

What is the total dollar amount of funding you are requesting from Autism Speaks? The maximum is $5,000.

Budget in Detail*

Please tell us exactly how your program plans to spend this grant. **Budgets that do not provide an exact breakdown of the $5,000 or less request will be disqualified.**

We **WILL NOT** fund the following items:

- Endowment, debt reduction, or fundraising activities
- Salaries of employees that do not directly with the program for which you are requesting funding
- Food, apparel or equipment that can be donated
- Rent or financing of buildings

Example

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2022 Local Impact Grant Cycle and Timeline

- **April 15th:** Application opens
- **May 16th:** Application closes
- **May 23 - June 17th:** Independent evaluators from across the country will review and score applications
- **June 27th – July 8th:** Review committees meet and make decisions on recommendations
- **July 11th- July 18th:** Our leadership team will be reviewing recommendations, and approving grants
- **July 25th:** All applicants notified, and announcements made on social media
- **Beginning August 15th:** Funds will be disbursed upon receipt of contracts
- **End of July 2023:** Final Report from recipients due to Autism Speaks

**Reviewers Needed!**

Interested...please complete the Reviewer application [HERE](#)
Connect with Us

To find the latest resources, information and activities in our community, join us on social media

@autismspeaks
@autismspeaks
linked.in.com/company/autism-speaks

facebook.com/autismspeaks

Closed Facebook groups for individuals and families:
Navigating a New Autism Diagnosis
Voces Latinas de Autism Speaks for Spanish-speaking families
Transition to Adulthood: An Autism Speaks Community
Adulting on the Spectrum: Networking for Autistic Adults
Employment WINs: An Autism Speaks Community
Questions and Answers
Thank you and best of luck with your submission!

Please email all grant inquiries to Grants@autismspeaks.org

References