



The Power of Connection

OUR MISSION

Autism New Jersey is a nonprofit agency committed to ensuring safe and fulfilling lives for individuals with autism, their families, and the professionals who support them. Through awareness, credible information, education, and public policy initiatives, Autism New Jersey leads the way to lifelong individualized services provided with skill and compassion. We recognize the autism community's many contributions to society and work to enhance their resilience, abilities and quality of life.

OUR VISION

We are GROUNDED in science, STRENGTHENED by knowledge and DEVOTED to creating a society of compassion and inclusion for all those touched by autism.

PROGRAMS

Autism New Jersey has 4 core service pillars:

- **Information** – Provide referrals and service navigation assistance through our Helpline (800.4.AUTISM) and website (www.autismnj.org) for thousands of parents and professionals
- **Education and Training** – Share clinical expertise through regional trainings and statewide conferences
- **Public Policy** – Serve as the collective voice for the community through advocacy initiatives in collaboration with the Legislature and the state departments that serve the autism community
- **Awareness** – Build community acceptance through our successful autism ambassador campaign and community outreach

Through awareness, information sharing, training, public policy initiatives, and a commitment to science-based intervention, Autism New Jersey serves as a collective and influential voice for the community and systematically and compassionately improves the lives of individuals with autism every day. We've proudly been serving the autism community in New Jersey since 1965.

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Information • Education & Training • Public Policy • Awareness

Our toll-free Helpline, 800.4.AUTISM, has more than 2,000 contacts per year. Our website, www.autismnj.org, has more than 60,000 unique annual visitors and 270,000 page views.



Our skilled, compassionate staff specialists offer information regarding autism, evidence-based and alternative practices, and service navigation. Additionally, we offer referral lists of service providers, a variety of publications, and highly individualized advocacy services.

We offer trainings in autism, evidence-based practices, and service navigation for parents as well as public and private professionals.



Our Annual Conference, held in Atlantic City each October, offers more than 70 practical workshops and nearly 100 exhibitors covering the full age range and needs of people with autism. More than 1,100 parents and professionals attend the event each year.

Our Transition Conference attracts 450 attendees each year, underscoring the growing need to address the issues concerning young adults soon to be leaving school and entering the adult service system.

Autism New Jersey ensures that the needs of its constituents are addressed through meetings with legislators and government officials, testimony and written comments on pending initiatives, and participation on committees and coalitions addressing issues that impact the autism community.



Our current policy priorities include funding, severe behavior challenges, the transition to fee-for-service, and workforce development.

Our Autism Ambassador Program during National Autism Awareness Month (each April) provides kits full of ideas, templates, activities, and free supplies. The campaign promotes awareness, sensitivity, and action in local schools and communities, enlisting more than 1,000 ambassadors annually.



We regularly field media requests from outlets including NJ 101.5, NBC, Bloomberg Radio, Star Ledger, NJ Biz magazine, and Asbury Park Press.

