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Message from the President

October 2, 2013

Welcome to fall! I hope everyone has had the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful weather we've had. The Autism Society of Wisconsin added an additional event this fall. We had the opportunity to co-host Autism Awareness Night with the Green Bay Gamblers during their opening night! This event is usually scheduled in April but was moved to opening night because there will be no home games in April this season. I am very proud to recognize Kelly Brodhagen and the Autism Society Board for pulling together a great fundraiser for the evening. We had about three dozen people come together to pull off a very successful night! The night provided a great opportunity to raise awareness, network with patrons, and fundraise for the Autism Society of Wisconsin. Kelly and the board really stepped up to bring this all together. I just want to express my appreciation for the work, time travelled, and support from everyone there! The Autism Society appreciates the Green Bay Gamblers and their ongoing support for all those affected by autism.



There are a couple of items I would like to highlight from this fall's newsletter. We are putting out the call for nominations for the Autism Society of Wisconsin Board of Directors. If you know of an Autism Society member who would be interested in serving on the board, consider submitting a nomination! You may call us at 888-428-8476 or email asw@asw4autism.org for a Board of Director job description. We're also looking for proposals to present during the breakout sessions at our 2014 Annual Conference. Please read on for more information!

Michele Matz
ASW President

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25th Annual Autism Society of Wisconsin
Conference

April 24–26, 2014

Wisconsin Dells, WI

Register now for early bird discounted rates!

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keynote speakers.

Is It Anxiety or Autism?

Is it anxiety or autism? When to get help for anxiety and what you can do right now.

Anxiety disorders are fear responses that are out of proportion to the actual threat and make it hard to function. The idea that your child who already has an Autism-Spectrum Disorder (ASD) could have another psychological disorder may be overwhelming and intimidating, but 42-55% of children and adolescents with an ASD develop an anxiety disorder. Unfortunately, this means that anxiety is something that many families will have to address as their children age. While nobody can fully alleviate the stress associated with determining if your child may have an anxiety disorder, I hope to ease some of the intimidation by providing ways to recognize if your child is starting to have anxiety, what kinds of treatments are available, and what things you can do as a parent to try to help before contacting a professional. Please remember that there is really no substitute for a qualified professional. A licensed psychologist, psychiatrist, counselor, or social worker who has experience helping children with ASDs and anxiety disorders will be your best source of information. This article is adapted from a talk I gave with Stephanie Bichanich, MA, LPC at the 2013 Autism Society of Wisconsin annual conference.

On the surface, there are a lot of similarities between anxiety disorders and ASDs, so distinguishing them can be difficult, even for professionals. The first tip that can help you distinguish an Anxiety Disorder from an ASD is to look for a change that has taken place since your child was diagnosed with an ASD. Most anxiety disorders start after a child is 6 years old (panic disorder, specific phobias, social phobia, obsessive-compulsive disorder), so the development of fear responses will be observed well after the time your child was diagnosed with an ASD. A special note on obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) is necessary, because compulsions and obsessions look a lot like the unusual interests and repetitive behaviors most children with ASDs already have. The difference is that in OCD there is a magical thinking, like, “if I don’t touch this doorknob three times mom will get in a car accident,” that is not present in ASD interests and repetitive behaviors. If you are asking your child about this, be extra careful to only ask an open ended question like, “why do you touch the doorknob?” rather than asking about magical thinking directly – otherwise you could accidentally give you child the idea that magical thinking is real and add to their anxiety. The other three anxiety disorders (generalized anxiety disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, and separation anxiety disorder) may be present at or before the time of your child’s ASD diagnosis, so noting a change will be more difficult.

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The second tip is that there should be a clear trigger for the fear that is not always present in ASDs. Even for social anxiety disorder, the fear should only appear in new social situations – you should not see this fear trigger take place at home or with people your child is familiar with. This makes two of the three remaining disorders, separation and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), easy to distinguish because you will see a dramatic anxiety increase at separation from a parent or when you child encounters situations similar to whatever caused the trauma in PTSD. The hardest disorder to distinguish is generalized anxiety disorder, which is diagnosed in part by a process of eliminating all the other anxiety disorders even for children who do not have an ASD, so you will almost certainly have to work with a professional to differentiate this disorder from your child’s ASD symptoms.

After determining that your child may have an anxiety disorder, the obvious question is what treatments are available. Treatments for anxiety specific to children with ASDs currently need more research, and at this point none of them meet the established best practices criteria set up by the American Medical or Psychological Associations. However, a couple are no longer considered experimental and meet the criteria for “probably efficacious,” one step before being an established treatment. The most thoroughly researched treatment at this point is cognitive behavioral therapy that has been modified to better suit a child with an Autism-Spectrum Disorder. This would normally be done by a licensed psychologist, counselor, or social worker, but you should be sure that they have supervised experience with the treatment, and since the modifications for ASD are relatively new, they should

probably be able to say what research studies they have read that support the modifications they use. Also, cognitive approaches have not been shown to work well for children until they have the mental capacity of a typically-developing 8 year old, and there is some evidence that if your child also has a disruptive behavior disorder (e.g., ADHD) that it must be managed before these treatments will work. The other approach with a research basis is medication, and the most research is on selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs), typically prescribed by a psychiatrist. The advantage of these medications is that they can work prior to your child being ready to do cognitive-behavioral therapy, but they do all have side-effects that must be considered. Specifically, it is known that children on SSRIs often have an increase in their disruptive and impulsive behaviors that may actually be more of a problem than the anxiety.

As a parent, you will be important no matter what treatment you choose, and there are several things you can do on your own to help reduce anxiety. First, praise brave behaviors (e.g., "Great job saying hello to that other child!") and behaviors that help the child's anxiety (e.g., "Great choice taking a break, I could see you were getting stressed."). Second, minimize your attention to non-brave behaviors by briefly acknowledging the feeling and moving quickly to a distraction or coping strategy (e.g., "I see you are feeling nervous, why don't you take a deep breath and listen to some music"). Third, model brave behaviors – many anxieties are inherited directly from the parents, and this may not be genetics but simply children imitating our behaviors. So, show that catching and releasing a spider is no big deal, not a Hollywood-style bug apocalypse. Or that your fears can be relieved just by taking a walk and making a plan. Fourth, a little role reversal can really help and be another way to praise their behavior too (e.g., "I saw you were really calm when you did your homework and I have a ton of work to do tonight, how did you get started?").

So to summarize these tips: 1) If you think your child has developed anxiety, remember to look for a long-lasting change in your child's fear that has a distinct trigger. 2) Get help from an experienced and qualified professional. 3) You can help by modeling brave behaviors and focusing your attention on your child's brave moments instead of their fearful ones. Nothing can remove all the challenges a parent will face when their child develops an anxiety disorder as well as their ASD, but hopefully this article gives you a good place to start.

-Robert T. Peyton, Ph.D., BCBA-D, Licensed Psychologist

Giving Opportunities

Invest in the future of the Autism Society of Wisconsin!

Explore all the ways to give:

- **Employee/Matching Gifts** – Many employers encourage employees to give by matching employee gifts dollar-for-dollar. Check with your human resource department to find out more.
- **Honorary** – Celebrate a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion with a gift honoring a spouse, friend, family member or other loved one.
- **Memorial** – Memorial gifts made to the Autism Society of Wisconsin are to celebrate and honor the life of a loved one.
- **Planned Giving** – Receive tax and other financial benefits while giving to the Autism Society. Plan a gift for the future by working with a financial advisor to set up an IRA Charitable Rollover, trust or bequest, or beneficiary designation on a life insurance policy.
- **Unrestricted Giving** – Give a cash donation that allows us to fund programs which need it most. Donations can be mailed to the ASW office or can be made online through our Network for Good site, accessed from our home page: www.asw4autism.org.

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1477 Kenwood Dr.
Menasha, WI 54952

Please call our office for more information on any of these giving opportunities.

Department of Public Instruction, By Daniel Parker

I hope your school year is off to a great start. There is a new online resource from the Organization for Autism Research (OAR) which I wanted to share. "Understanding Autism, a Guide for Secondary Teachers" was recently published online. This is a great resource aimed at helping general education middle/high school teachers understand and accommodate students on the autism spectrum. Many of the strategies and information in this video may be helpful to families, educators, or professionals working with students with autism in general education settings at all levels. See the videos at: <http://www.researchautism.org/resources/teachersdvd.asp>

I will be co-presenting two webinars with Ben Kaufman from OAR in November where we will be discussing many of the strategies found in these videos.

This year, I have scheduled 15 webinars and expect to schedule a few more in the spring. All webinars are from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm and are FREE! Webinars will be recorded and available for up to 90 days for registered participants.

Webinar invitations are sent to the statewide autism email distribution list. When you sign up you will receive regional, statewide, and national autism updates and resources in addition to webinar invitations. Sign up on the WDPI Autism web page: http://sped.dpi.wi.gov/sped_autism.

You can also sign up for the Two Day Autism Trainings on the WDPI Autism Web Page.

- Basic Needs of Students with ASD: Jan 28/29 Oconomowoc
- Addressing Challenging Behaviors: Oct 29/30 WI Dells and Feb 25/26: Oconomowoc

Kate McGinnity, Mary McMullen, and Judy Endow are the trainers for these two day trainings.

Finally, if you need a pick me up, two more great beginning of year web videos to share with families, educators, and friends can be found on Google. Try googling "Don't Limit Me (Megan Bomgaars)" and "Rita Pierson Every Child Needs a Champion."

Public Forum on Special Education in Wisconsin

State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
State Superintendent's Council on Special Education
November 18, 2013, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

The State Superintendent's Council on Special Education is pleased to announce it will hold, as part of its November meeting, a public forum to obtain broad-based input on special education. This public forum will be held November 18th from 5:00 to 6:30 PM at the Madison Marriott West, Salons A-D (1313 John Q. Hammons Drive (Middleton, Wisconsin); 608/831-2000).

The purpose for this forum is to gather input from families, school administrators, educators, community representatives, and others, on the unique challenges and successes of special education in Wisconsin. Information gathered will be used by the council in advising the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) on matters affecting the education of Wisconsin's children and youth with disabilities. The council is receptive to hearing about any topic upon which people may choose to comment.

The mission of the council is to promote the education of children with disabilities by providing broad-based input to DPI. The council is comprised of adults with disabilities, parents of children with disabilities, regular and special education teachers, school administrators and school board members, as well as representatives of various agencies that provide services to the school-age children and youth with special education needs.

Join and share your experiences. For more information, contact Courtney Reed Jenkins at 608-267-9183 or courtney.jenkins@dpi.wi.gov or 125 South Webster Street, Madison, WI 53704. Sign language interpreters will be available.

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The Zones of Regulation

Leah Kuypers, M.A., OTR/L.

Gain hands-on knowledge on the nature of self-regulation and strategies for improving self-regulation and emotional control in individuals of all ages. The presentation addresses topics such as: the brain's involvement, typical development, sensory processing, emotional regulation, and executive functioning. Audience participants will learn an explicit, stair-stepped method and tools to guide students in utilizing The Zones framework across situations and environments to regulate sensory needs, impulses, and emotional states to social demands.

Executive Functioning

Monica Werner Adler

Do you know a child who has difficulty with homework or who seems disorganized all the time? Children with autism spectrum disorders can be affected by executive functioning deficits. These deficits will affect the way a child can plan, organize, prioritize, initiate and manage time. Monica's presentation will give an overview of common executive functioning deficits in children with autism spectrum disorders and will give plenty of practical strategies for improving executive function skills in both the classroom and at home.

Grinding out a Bachelor's Degree: How Did I Manage to Do It?

Sue Rubin

Sue Rubin and her mother Rita Rubin will talk about Sue's journey from a typical non-verbal, intellectually disabled, low-functioning autistic child to a recent college graduate. Sue will address all of those aspects of autism that sabotaged her (and still do). Sue and Rita will talk about how the attitudes of educators in their community and researchers around the world encouraged them to soldier on. They will expand on the supports put into place for Sue to be successful.

PLUS! OAR sponsored breakout sessions **Teaching Personal Safety to Teens and Young Adults with ASDs & Sexuality Development and Learning for Individuals with ASDs** by Shana Nichols

Visit our conference page at: www.asw4autism.org

Questions? Email Conference@asw4autism.org

Call for Proposals

Present at the 25th Annual Autism Society of Wisconsin Conference!

April 24-26, 2014

Kalahari Resorts & Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells

The Autism Society of Wisconsin is now accepting proposals for our 25th Annual Conference. The purpose of the conference is to provide a wide range of information to those affected by autism, including those who are new to autism and those who have years of experience. Breakout sessions take place on Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26, lasting one hour and fifteen minutes each.

We're looking for presentations on topics affecting those with autism at all ages, from early childhood through adulthood. Of particular interest are submissions that include practical strategies and include the following content: evidence based practices, challenging behaviors, positive behavior support, bullying, interventions using technology, issues affecting teens & young adults, aging with autism, single parenting and more. Be creative!

The Call for Proposal form is available on our conference page at www.asw4autism.org/conferences_workshops.html. If you have any questions, email conference@asw4autism.org or call 920-973-6636. **All proposals are due by Wednesday, November 20, 2013.**

Early Bird Conference Registration

25th Annual Autism Society of Wisconsin Conference
Kalahari Resort & Convention Center. Wisconsin Dells, WI
April 24-26, 2014

Description of Conference Rates

Autism Society Member: If you are a current dues paying member of the Autism Society of Wisconsin or one of the local affiliates you may register at this rate. Keep in mind that our mailing list is separate from membership. If you are unsure of your member status, please call 888-428-8476.

Non-Member: This rate is reserved for individuals who are not a member of the Autism Society. You may join at any time and immediately receive the discounted member rates. See page 11 for the membership form.

Support Person: To qualify for this rate your primary purpose for attending the conference must be to support an individual on the autism spectrum who is also registered for the conference. Please include their name on your registration form. Only 1 support person per individual on the spectrum may register at this rate.

Important Registration Information

- All registration forms **must** be complete and accompanied with a check, purchase order, authorization, or Visa, Discover, or MasterCard information.
- Only an e-mail **confirmation** will be sent, it is important that you provide an email on your registration.
- Pre-Registration deadline is **April 11, 2014**.
- Written cancellation requests must be received by **April 11** and will be charged a \$25.00 processing fee.
- No refunds after April 11, 2014. A \$30.00 fee will accompany any returned checks or denied charges.
- If you are registering your child with an autism spectrum disorder for the conference, please keep in mind that the child needs to be at least 10 years of age, and accompanied by a support person, if needed. Child care is not available!
- On-site registration is subject to an additional \$25 fee and space availability. Handouts are not guaranteed.

Scholarship Information for Parents:

County Funded Programs/Waiver Programs: Check with your caseworker. Most cover expenses for parent trainings.

Conference Information

Local Affiliates: Check with your local Autism Society Affiliate. Several of them offer scholarships.

Conference Meals: The only lunch included in registration is for the Pre-Conference Workshop on Thursday. All other meals will be on your own. There are several restaurants in the hotel and in the vicinity of the hotel.

Certificate of Participation will be included in the conference booklet. If you need any additional proof see Events Coordinator.

One Graduate Credit will be available through Viterbo University for a fee, and for attending any 2 days of the conference. You can register and pay for this credit when you arrive at the conference center. Pre-requisite: Bachelor's Degree.

Hotel Reservations

Lodging reservations must be made directly with the hotel at 877-253-5466. Call in advance; only a limited number of rooms are blocked at a special rate of \$109 per night for a single or \$122 for a double, triple or quad room. When making a reservation identify yourself with the Autism Society of Wisconsin room block. Room reservation cut off date is March 24, 2014; all unconfirmed rooms will then be released to the general public. **1305 Kalahari Drive, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965.** Directions can be found at <http://kalahariresorts.com/wisconsin>

Complimentary Amenities: All overnight guests are invited to indulge in the complimentary use of the waterpark and fitness center.

Parking: The Kalahari has ample parking spaces available for hotel and conference guests.

Questions? Contact Melissa at 920-973-6636 or email conference@asw4autism.org



Early Bird Registration Form
25th Annual Autism Society of Wisconsin Conference
 Kalahari Resort[®] Convention Center
 April 24-26, 2014

Registration Form

(Please print. Use only one form per person)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

(Required for confirmation of registration)

Before selecting a rate please read the descriptions on page 6

Registrations received **by December 20, 2013** will receive the following rate:

Autism Society Member

- April 24-26 \$175.00
- April 24-25 \$140.00
- April 25-26 \$140.00
- Single Day \$100.00
- (Thurs Fri Sat)

Non-Member

- April 24-26 \$215.00
- April 24-25 \$175.00
- April 25-26 \$175.00
- Single Day \$130.00
- (Thurs. Fri. Sat)

Person with ASD

- April 24-26 \$90.00
- April 24-25 \$75.00
- April 25-26 \$75.00
- Single Day \$60.00
- (Thurs. Fri. Sat)

Support Person

- April 24-26 \$90.00
- April 24-25 \$75.00
- April 25-26 \$75.00
- Single Day \$60.00
- (Thurs. Fri. Sat)

Name of Individual you are supporting at the conference:

If you require assistance to fully participate in this conference, the Autism Society requires notification upon registration

Interested in becoming a member of the Autism Society of Wisconsin? Join today and immediately receive the member rate. Complete the membership form on page 11 and send in with your registration form and payment.

Payment Information

Please check accordingly and provide all of the appropriate information.

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- SLP Parent
- OT Family Member _____
- PT (Please specify: i.e. Sibling)
- Therapy Provider Other _____

Lunch will be provided **THURSDAY ONLY**. *Conference participants will be on their own all other times during the conference.* Please list any dietary restrictions below and submit by March 21, 2014.

Dietary Restrictions:

(Please specify: vegetarian, vegan, or gluten free)

MAIL OR FAX COMPLETED FORM TO:

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 P.O. Box 66
 De Pere, WI, 54115

Phone: 920-973-6636 **Fax:** 920-278-1496

Email: conference@asw4autism.org

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Don't miss the opportunity to engage with over 700 attendees at the largest autism related conference in Wisconsin! The Autism Society of Wisconsin offers several exhibiting, advertising and sponsorship opportunities to meet your needs.

Sponsor

Sponsor the 25th Annual Autism Society of Wisconsin Conference and receive benefits in return! Sponsorship benefits may include exhibiting and advertising space, complimentary conference registrations and more!

Exhibit

Showcase your business by joining over 50 other vendors in our extensive exhibit hall! By purchasing a table, your business and contact information will also be listed in the conference program.

Advertise

Place an advertisement in our conference program! Each conference attendee receives a program outlining breakout sessions and other conference details—it's a great place to promote your services/products!

Please visit our website for rates and other information about exhibiting, advertising and sponsorship opportunities.

Wisconsin Autism Leadership Spotlight

Resolving Special Education Disputes Through Mediation

Submitted by: Nelsinia Wroblewski, Wisconsin FACETS Parent Services Coordinator

Mediation is an option for early conflict resolution between parents of children with disabilities and schools. It is a facilitated negotiation assisted by a neutral third party or mediator, who assists parents and school districts resolve their disputes in an informal meeting. The role of the mediator is to help the parties identify issues and discuss viewpoints to generate options or solutions agreeable to all. Under special education law, mediation must be offered by schools and may be used for disputes involving: identification, evaluation, Individualized Education Program (IEP), placement and Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). Mediation is most effective when used early in a dispute.



In Wisconsin a pool of professional trained mediators is available to both parents and schools at no cost through the Wisconsin Special Education Mediation System (WSEMS). The WSEMS pays the mediators with grant funds from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Mediation is voluntary, so both the parent(s) and the school must agree to participate in the process. The mediator does not take sides or make decisions for the parties, unlike a judge or a due process hearing officer. When parents and schools resolve all or some of the issues then they work together to write an agreement. Special education issues are complex and can best be solved by working together. Mediation tends to be faster and less costly than adversarial approaches, such as due process hearings and court proceedings. To learn more about mediation, visit WSEMS, or to request mediation visit <http://wsems.us/> or call 888-298-3857. A list of training opportunities available throughout the state in 2014 is also available on the website.

Call for Nominations: Serve on the Autism Society of Wisconsin Board of Directors!

Nominations are being accepted for positions on the Autism Society of Wisconsin Board of Directors. Any ASW member in good standing may nominate a candidate by mailing a letter of nomination to the Nominating Committee c/o the ASW office, postmarked no later than the second Friday of January. Nominating letters should include the candidate's name, contact information, reason for interest and other related information. Newly elected directors serve three years, beginning at the 2014 ASW spring quarterly meeting. To learn more about this position, please contact the ASW Office for a Board Member Job Description.

Election ballots will be available at the annual meeting in April. For information on the Absentee Ballots, contact the ASW office no later than March 10th, 2014.

Grandparents' Network: 2nd Annual Day with Experts

Waisman Center Day with the Experts: Grandparents' Network

Saturday, November 2, 2013

9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (Complimentary coffee, bagels and donuts at 9:00 a.m.)

John D. Wiley Conference Center, Second Floor, North Tower

1500 Highland Avenue, Madison WI 53705

Learn about research related to developmental disabilities and the family at the Waisman Center and hear from a panel of experts, including grandparents of children and adults with disabilities.

FREE ADMISSION & PARKING: Please pre-register since capacity is limited.

To register go to: waisman.wisc.edu/events-experts-gp2013.htm

Autism Society Affiliate Information

Central WI (ASCW)

<http://www.wausau.k12.wi.us/east/Student%20Files/Autism/Autism.htm>

Email: autismsocietycw@gmail.com

ASCW meets the first Thursday of each month. Meetings coincide with the school calendar year. Meetings are held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 600 Stevens Drive, Wausau, at 6:30 pm. Meetings vary between family support, speakers, and business meetings.

Fox Valley (ASFV)

Website: www.focol.org/asfv

Email: asfv4kids@gmail.com

ASFV offers monthly parent support group meetings, social groups for those on the spectrum aged 7 years through adulthood, educational workshops and other special events throughout the year. For more information about their programs please visit their website.

Upcoming Events:

Parent/Educator Workshop Tuesday, November 12th

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Location: Miron Construction 1471 McMahan Road, Neenah. Korah Petrasko, an adult on the spectrum, will be sharing about her life, her diagnosis and what makes her awesome!

Autism Society Affiliate Information

Chippewa Valley (ASCV)

Website: <http://www.cvasw.org/>

Email: autismsocietychippewavalley@yahoo.com

The Chippewa Valley affiliate sends out information packets and a quarterly newsletter. For more information, email autismsocietychippewavalley@yahoo.com

Lakeshore (ASL)

Website: <http://autismlakeshore.org/>

Email autismlakeshore@att.net.

Meetings are the third Thursday of each month (September thru May) at St. James Episcopal Church, 434 N. 8th Street, 6:30-8:30 pm. Enter using the 8th Street door at the bottom of the stairs. Childcare is available. Contact the office for more information.

Upcoming Events:

November 24, from 12-2 pm, Bowling at Rudy's Lanes, Two Rivers. .ASL pays for the pizza & bowling, you just show up! All ages welcome!

Northeast (ASNEW)

Website: www.asnew.org

Email: administrator@asnew.org

ASNEW offers regular morning and evening parent support groups and a group for adults with Asperger's Syndrome. For more information please visit their website.

Upcoming Events:

November 2, *Reel Movies for Real Needs* 10:30 am. "Free Birds", at the Marcus Cinema, Green Bay

South Central WI

Website: autismsouthcentral.org

Email: autismsouthcentral@gmail.com

South Central offers regular support group meetings, Autism 101 classes and other special events throughout the year. For more information please visit their website.

Southeast Wisconsin (ASSEW)

Website: www.asew.org

Email: info@asew.org

Southeastern offers monthly morning parent support groups, an adults on the spectrum support group, a workshop series and many other special events. For more information, please visit their website.

Upcoming Events:

Information on Educational events and Sibshops can be found on the website, www.asew.org, click on "Educational Programs."

Upcoming social events include a Bucks game on November 2nd, a Holiday Concert with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra and an opportunity to visit with Santa on December 22nd, and a performance by Kohl's Wild Theater at the Oak Creek Community Center on January 24th. All events require advance registration. Contact us for more information.

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Email _____ ASW is going green! To receive a printed copy of the newsletter, please check here

The Autism Society of Wisconsin (ASW) shares membership with the local Autism Society affiliates listed below. By checking a local affiliate, you will join both the state and local affiliate and receive member benefits from both. To become a member of only the state chapter, leave this section blank. To become a member of the Autism Society of America, the Autism Society of South Central Wisconsin and/or the Autism Society of Southeastern Wisconsin and to find out more about their membership benefits, please contact them separately.

Autism Society of the Fox Valley (ASFV)
 Outagamie, Winnebago, Calumet, Fond du Lac and Waupaca Counties

Autism Society of the Lakeshore (ASL)
 Manitowoc, Sheboygan, Calumet, Kewaunee and Door Counties

Autism Society of Northeast Wisconsin (ASNEW)
 Brown, Shawano, Oconto, Florence, Menomonie and Marinette Counties.

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autismsouthcentral.org or autismmadison@gmail.com
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 1-800-3-autism.

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ASW Quarterly Board Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 18.

Board of Directors

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