April is Autism Awareness Month!

April 1, 2019
Autism Advocacy Committee Meeting
Location: AuSM Office

April 2, 2019
World Autism Awareness Day
Tuesday at the Capitol
Location: MN State Capitol

April 4, 2019
AuSM Book Club
Location: Wescott Library

April 4, 2019
Women with ASD Support Group
Location: AuSM Office

April 5, 2019
Teen Night
Location: ARC Mower County

April 7, 2019
Sensory-Friendly Bunny
Location: Northtown Mall

April 7, 2019
Autism Awareness Game with the Timberwolves
Location: Target Center

April 6-May 11, 2019
ComedySportz Improv Skills
Location: Center for Performing Arts

April 10, 2019
Understanding Autism and Best Strategic Practices
Location: AuSM Office

April 11, 2019
Adult Family Member with ASD Support Group
Location: AuSM Office

April 11, 2019
LGBTQIA Adults with ASD Support Group
Location: AuSM Office

April 12, 2019
The Hobbit Sensory-Friendly Show
Location: Children’s Theatre Company

April 13, 2019
Let’s Get Growing Social Skills Class
Location: Gale Woods Farm

April 14, 2019
Sensory-Friendly Sunday
Location: The Bakken Museum

April 17, 2019
AuSM Birthday & Game Night
Location: AuSM Office

April 18, 2019
Independent Adults with ASD Support Group
Location: AuSM Office

April 19, 2019
Third-Friday Dance by Reach for Resources
Location: St. Louis Park Recreation Center

April 21, 2019
Sensory-Friendly Sunday
Location: Science Museum of Minnesota

April 21, 2019
Sensory-Friendly Day
Location: Duluth Children’s Museum

April 24-27, 2019
24th Annual Minnesota Autism Conference
NEW LOCATION: Minneapolis Marriott Southwest

April 26, 2019
AuSM Fun and Games Gala
Location: Minneapolis Marriott Southwest

April 27, 2019
Caregivers of Kids with ASD Support Group
Location: AuSM Office

April 27, 2019
Autism At Work Career Expo
Location: Minneapolis College

July 13, 2019
AuSM Connections Jigsaw Puzzle Competition
Location: Mall of America Rotunda

Additional sensory-friendly community events and activities are listed on AuSM’s website under the ‘Events’ tab. You also will find a link to AuSM’s Guide to Sensory-Friendly Minnesota.
In line with our mission, the Autism Society of Minnesota’s events and educational programming are designed to enhance the lives of individuals touched with ASD, along with their families, educators, caregivers and employers. Find out more at www.ausm.org.

AuSM Social Skills Classes
Led by autism experts, AuSM social skills classes foster confidence and self-esteem while participants make friends, interact with a group, practice socializing, and have fun – all while educators encourage participants to be themselves. Classes offer low-stress, accepting environments that promote learning and growth while celebrating neurodiversity. Class venues include CxZ Twin Cities, Three Rivers Park District, Minnesota Zoo, and others.

AuSM Autism Training
AuSM provides state-wide trainings on autism and related topics, including anxiety, autism and employment, practical and inclusion strategies, emergency preparedness, and transition needs.

AuSM Skillshops
AuSM Skillshops are a skill-building series of workshops for people who care for individuals on the autism spectrum. Classes are designed with a “hands-on” approach, encouraging participation, discussion and problem-solving. AuSM Skillshops are located on location at Lionsgate Academy, Lindamood-Bell, St. David’s Center, and University of St. Thomas. See AuSM website for details.

AuSM Camp
AuSM Summer Camps are staffed with experienced directors, medical staff, therapists and counselors who understand the need for structure, visual schedules, environmental supports, social stories and individualized communication systems. Campers ages 6 and up can enjoy a summer experience in a safe, fun-filled environment.

AuSM Connections Jigsaw Puzzle Competition
The AuSM Connections Jigsaw Puzzle Competition is an annual fundraising event that brings the community together to compete and see who can complete a jigsaw puzzle the fastest.

AuSM Golf Classic
The AuSM Golf Classic gives golfers a chance to make a difference in the lives of those with autism, while golfing on the amazing Royal Golf Club in Lake Elmo.

AuSM Life with Autism Series
Parents, family members, relatives and caregivers come away with practical strategies and suggestions to help guide their journey through the age-specific stages of life.

AuSM Counseling and Consulting Services
AuSM’s Counseling and Consulting Services team has decades of experience working with individuals with ASD. Our licensed psychologists and therapists offer diagnostic, functional, or behavioral assessments for all ages; individual therapy; family therapy; behavior consultation; marriage and couples therapy; IQ, emotion regular, and adaptive functioning tests, and consultations for organizations and service providers.

Minnesota Autism Conference
Held annually during Autism Awareness Month, the Minnesota Autism Conference is open to the public and is especially beneficial for teachers, educators, doctors, clinicians, psychologists, as well as parents and families of individuals on the autism spectrum, including adults with ASD.

Navigating MSP Airport
Held at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, Navigating Autism allows families the opportunity to familiarize themselves with airport and travel procedures. These events are co-organized by the Minneapolis Airport Commission, AuSM and Fraser.

Steps for Autism in Minnesota
Steps for Autism in Minnesota is AuSM’s annual fundraising walk to raise community awareness of autism in Minnesota. Walkers participate as teams and individuals to raise money for autism programming and education.

Support Groups (free of charge)
AuSM provides a variety of support groups to meet the needs of parents, children, family members, individuals, couples, LGBTQA+ communities, and more. AuSM Support Groups are held at the AuSM office in St. Paul.

Workshops
AuSM workshops meet the professional development needs of busy ASD specialists, educators and parents by presenting cutting-edge research, technology and therapies in one- and two-day formats.