

April is Autism Acceptance Month! AuSM is seeking partners to support acceptance and celebration of the autism community.

March 1, 2020
Steps for Autism in Minnesota 20th Anniversary
Location: Southdale Center

March 1-April 5, 2020
AuSM On the Town
Location: Various

March 2-23, 2020
ASD Direct Support Certification
Location: AuSM Office

March 5, 2020
Women with ASD Support Group
Location: AuSM Office

March 5, 2020
AuSM Book Club
Location: Dakota County Library

March 7, 2020
Sensory-Friendly Family Concert: Siam's Congo Music
Location: Hallie Q. Brown Community Center

March 7-April 11, 2020
Animals and Ecosystems Social Skills Class
Location: Como Park Zoo & Conservatory

March 10, 2020
AuSM Skillshop: Supplemental Needs Trust Planning
Location: MICC

March 12, 2020
LGBTQIA Adults with ASD Support Group
Location: AuSM Office

March 18, 2020
Monthly Birthday Celebration and Game Night
Location: AuSM Office

March 19, 2020
Adult Family Member with ASD Support Group
Location: AuSM Office

March 21, 2020
Life with Autism: Childhood
Location: AuSM Office

March 22, 2020
Relaxed Family Concert: Star Wars and Beyond
Location: Orchestra Hall

March 26, 2020
Independent Adults with ASD Support Group
Location: AuSM Office

March 28, 2020
Caregivers of Kids with ASD Support Group
Location: AuSM Office

March 31, 2020
AuSM Skillshop: Understanding Special Education
Location: AuSM Office
Also available to live-stream online

April 4-May 9, 2020
ComedySportz Improv
Location: Center for the Performing Arts

April 18, 2020
Let's Get Growing
Location: Gale Woods Farm

April 29-May 2, 2020
25th Annual Minnesota Autism Conference
Location: Minneapolis Marriott Southwest

May 1, 2020
AuSM In Our Element Gala
Location: Minneapolis Marriott Southwest

July 11, 2020
AuSM Connections Jigsaw Puzzle Competition
Location: Mall of America TCF 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 the second edition of 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 CsZ 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 St. David's Center, and Minnesota Independence College & Community. 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.

Autistic Community Summit

The Autism Community Summit is an event by autistics, for autistics, when our community can come together to build relationships, learn from each other, and strengthen the voices of the Minnesota autism community.

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 Metropolitan Airport Commission, AuSM and Fraser.

Steps for Autism in Minnesota

Steps for Autism in Minnesota is AuSM's annual fundraising walk and the state's largest autism resource fair. 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.