

**The 2019-2020 AuSM Education Catalog is now available at [www.ausm.org](http://www.ausm.org).**

**September 5, 2019**

Women with ASD Support Group

*Location: AuSM Office*

**September 8, 2019**

Autism Friendly Early Entry

*Location: Como Park Zoo & Conservatory*

**September 11-October 16, 2019**

AuSM Game Night Crew

*Location: Southgate Pizzeria*

**September 12, 2019**

LGBTQIA Adults with ASD

*Location: AuSM Office*

**September 12, 2019**

AuSM Book Club

*Location: Wescott Library*

**September 13-October 11, 2019**

ASD Direct Support Certification

*Location: AuSM Office*

**September 17, 2019**

Sensory-Friendly Night

*Location: Minnesota History Center*

**September 18, 2019**

Monthly Birthday Celebration & Game Night

*Location: AuSM Office*

**September 19, 2019**

Adult Family Member with ASD Support Group

*Location: AuSM Office*

**September 21, 2019**

**AuSM Self-Advocacy Summit**

*Location: Union Depot*

**September 22, 2019**

Sensory-Friendly Play

*Location: Eagles Nest Indoor Playground*

**September 23, 2019**

Understanding Autism and Best Strategic Practice

*Location: AuSM Office*

**September 26, 2019**

Independent Adults with ASD Support Group

*Location: AuSM Office*

**September 28, 2019**

Caregivers of Kids with ASD Support Group

*Location: AuSM Office*

**September 28-November 9, 2019**

Comedysportz Improv Skills

*Location: Center for the Performing Arts*

**October 1, 2019**

AuSM Skillshop Guardianship: Do We Need It?

*Location: AuSM Office*

**October 5, 2019**

Life With Autism: Adolescence and Transition

*Location: AuSM Office*

**October 12, 2019**

**AuSM Pumpkin Trolley**

*Location: Minnesota Street Car Museum*

**October 12, 2019**

AuSM at Gale Woods Farm

*Location: Gale Woods Farm*

**October 25-26, 2019**

**2019 Greenspan Floortime Conference**

*Location: Minnesota Landscape Arboretum*

**November 15, 2019**

**Give to the Max Day**

*[www.givemn.org](http://www.givemn.org)*

**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](http://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 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.