Anyone seeking more in-depth information about autism, including information about practical supports and strategies, can benefit from AuSM’s Autism Direct Support Certification Program. Licensed professionals may submit documentation to licensing boards for Continuing Education Unit (CEU) consideration.

**TRAINING OBJECTIVES:**
- Identify how people with autism think.
- Understand how differences in thinking lead to differences in behavior.
- Understand how different tools/interventions address the strengths and challenges of ASD.
- Identify tools to support clients and loved ones in different situations.

**SUPPORTING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND QUALITY OF LIFE**

Organizations in Minnesota and across the country are increasingly committed to providing “sensory-friendly” experiences for the public. Sensory modification and accommodation are critical parts of promoting accessibility, but there are additional components to creating an inclusive community. Providing an accessible venue or space allows for individuals to enter; however, it is also crucial to ensure that the attitudes and mindsets of those in the space reflect understanding and acceptance of individuals with ASD.

True inclusion requires engagement: that individuals with disabilities participate to the greatest extent possible and have a voice to share thoughts, ideas, questions, and experiences.

AuSM is dedicated to helping community organizations create meaningful opportunities for individuals with ASD. AuSM offers a wide range of services, including general consulting, sensory and accessibility inventories, customized staff trainings, social narrative preparation and visual supports, and curating sensory kits and tools.

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WHY AUTISM TRAINING?
Your brother. Your daughter. Your student. Your neighbor. Your customer. Your client. With a prevalence rate of 1 in 42 in Minnesota, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is the fastest growing disability in our state. As a business owner, organization member, educator, or direct support professional, you encounter individuals with autism every day. By learning more about the diversity of the autism spectrum, you’re taking proactive steps toward support, acceptance, and inclusion.

AUSM’S CUSTOMIZED AUTISM TRAINING AND CONSULTING BENEFITS THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.
AuSM’s team of education specialists and therapists will work with you to meet your needs and offer the best value for your training dollars. AuSM will provide you with strategies to help make your environment positive, inclusive, and supportive for individuals with ASD. AuSM also is available to consult with therapists, group home staff, community organizations, employers, day training and habilitation groups, and other direct support professionals to offer strategies related to a specific issue or topic.

AuSM delivers customized trainings and presentations. We also provide personalized individual and group consultation. AuSM will train or consult at a location that best suits your needs.

Contact AuSM’s Education Department at 651.647.1083 or e-mail education@ausm.org for more information and pricing.

CUSTOMIZED TOPICS INCLUDE:
- Accessibility and Inclusion
- Autism 101
- Autism Awareness for Students and Peers
- Autism in Adults
- Disability Policy
- Early Childhood and Early Intervention
- Emergency Training
- Evidence-Based Practices
- Executive Function and Emotional Regulation
- Medical Provider Training
- Mental Health
- Newly Diagnosed
- Sensory-Friendly Environments
- Sensory Processing
- Strategies for Employers
- Transition and Adolescence
- Understanding Behavior and Positive Supports