



ACCESSIBILITY

AuSM is serious about doing everything we can to provide a welcoming, accessible environment for all attendees. This is a general overview of the accessibility and inclusion services and facilities offered at the conference.

Unfortunately, we cannot make every aspect of the event barrier-free. We are limited by finances, logistics, facilities, and staffing. If you have any questions, please contact Zephyr James at zjames@ausm.org. Please send accommodation requests by September 29.

CURRENT ACCOMMODATIONS

- Wheelchair seating in each session, marked with tape
- Seating designated in the front of each session for accessibility needs
- Pronoun and socialization stickers
- Fidgets are available for purchase in the AuSM Shop
- Designated quiet room
- Attendees are welcome to fidget, leave sessions, sit on the ground, or self-regulate in any way
- Microphones and captions used in every session
- Direct Service Providers (including PCAs) are welcome at no cost: note that if they would like lunch they will need to purchase it at cost
- AuSM will be adding additional accessible parking spaces at the venue
- Service animals are welcome
- Accessible entrance
- Social narrative on AuSM website
- Cards for writing questions in each session
- Slides available for download in advance of the event
- Lactation space
- Sessions are recorded and available after the event for a full year
- We ask that all attendees avoid scented products to keep the event accessible
- Most rooms have a variety of seating options

ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

- ASL interpretation
- Large print handouts
- Pre-printed handouts
- Most reasonable requests can be accommodated if the request is made in writing in advance to zjames@ausm.org
- Boxed lunches available for purchase with registration

AVAILABLE AT REGISTRATION

- Information on service animal toileting areas
- Map of the venue in the program
- Staff can help guide you to locations



POTENTIAL BARRIERS

- Some public areas can get crowded
- Most signage features regular-sized print
- While AuSM has asked attendees to refrain from wearing scents, this event is not entirely scent-free
- Bathrooms use binary language (“men” and “women”)
- Some alternative reading formats are not available
- Many people may be wearing masks, which can make lip reading challenging
- Some rooms have low ceilings, which can feel cramped or tight
- Childcare is not available
- Public transit does not come closer than a half mile to the venue

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Bring your own fidgets or comfort items
- Dress in layers
- Attend with a Direct Service Professional
- Bring snacks or beverages

If you have any questions, concerns, or feedback, please reach out to AuSM and let us know!

