

Why Join?

Autism New Jersey Gets Results

Autism New Jersey is the state's leading advocacy organization supporting the autism community. Our public policy efforts have yielded meaningful progress and results directly benefiting individuals with autism and their families. Recent legislative accomplishments include:

LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

Federal:

"Autism Treatment Acceleration Act of 2009" (S819/HR 2413) is a comprehensive bill that provides services and supports for individuals with autism and includes reform of *federal* autism insurance coverage.

LEGISLATION PASSED

Requires **health benefits coverage** for certain therapies for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders. (A2238/S1651).

First Responders Training (A1908/S1217) Requires DHSS and DHS to establish an autism awareness program for emergency medical technicians, police officers, and firefighters.

"Self-Directed Support Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities Rights Act." (A2259/S1650) Adds protections for individuals with developmental disabilities who choose self-directed residential support services through the Division of Developmental Disabilities.

APPOINTMENTS AND COMMITTEES

Executive Director Dr. Linda Meyer was appointed to the **Governor's Council on Medical Research and Treatment of Autism**.

Leslie Long, Director of Public Policy and Advocacy, was appointed to the **Adults with Autism Task Force**, which was established based on a recommendation from Autism New Jersey's White Paper, "Meeting the Needs of Adults with Autism: A Blueprint for the Future." Task Force report was completed and submitted to Department of Human

Strength in Numbers

Progress is only made when we join together to ensure our collective voices are heard.

Budget Advocacy

Fact: New Jersey has a \$1.2B budget deficit in the current year. Autism New Jersey is your watchdog to help ensure these cuts do not adversely affect individuals with autism and the services they need to thrive.

We Fight for You, We Depend on You!

Autism New Jersey depends on membership dollars. We depend on your membership numbers to guarantee our collective voice is strong. Parents, grandparents, siblings, extended family and friends, professionals and persons with ASDs can all make a difference.

Join today

Additional member benefits include discounts on registration fees, IEP reviews and bi-monthly newsletter. For membership application, including levels, rates and benefits, see reverse.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership Type individual/family school/business

Title _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____ Suffix _____

Organization Name (if school or business) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____ E-mail _____

Memberships are 100% tax-deductible. Please make **checks payable to: Autism New Jersey** or provide your credit card information below. You can also join online at www.autismnj.org.

In addition to my enclosed dues, I would also like to make a tax-deductible contribution of \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Credit Card: Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Full Name as it appears on card _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp. date (MM/YY) _____

Signature (I authorize Autism New Jersey to debit my credit card account for the amount indicated above) _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

Individual/Family:

- \$40 Basic
- \$75 Silver
- \$150 Gold
- \$20 Full-time Student

Organization:

- \$500 Agency
- \$750 Corporate

Donation:

- \$ _____

For Individuals and Families:	For Organizations:
<p>Basic Membership (\$40)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subscription to bi-monthly, member-only newsletter about happenings in the NJ autism community. • One-time, written IEP review by staff specialists. • Discount on classified advertising. • Priority event registration, discounts and special offers, when available. • Committee Membership with fellow volunteers is open to members only. • Autism Awareness Month promotional items and information. <p>Silver Membership (\$75)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of the Basic Membership benefits listed above, plus: • Discounted registration to Autism New Jersey's annual conference. <p>Gold Membership (\$150)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of the Silver Membership benefits listed above, plus: • Invitations to exclusive Gold Member-only events. • Recognition at the annual conference with a gold member ribbon worn on the nametag. 	<p>Agency Membership* (\$500)</p> <p><i>*Because of by-law restrictions, this category is available only to New Jersey schools, agencies and organizations.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subscription to bi-monthly, member-only newsletter. • Annual Conference: Discount on exhibit space at Autism New Jersey's annual conference and discounted registration for all of your staff members. • Once yearly mailing to Autism New Jersey's members (approval and nominal fee apply; postage not included). • Half price "Basic Membership" for agency staff. Your agency staff can become a "Basic Member" at the special rate of \$20. • Committee Membership with fellow volunteers is open to members only. • Autism Awareness Month promotional items/information. • One-time welcome listing in member newsletter. • Highlighted link on website. <p>Corporate Membership (for out-of-state organizations) (\$750)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of the Agency Membership benefits listed above, plus: • One-time half-page ad in member newsletter, upon request.

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