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Autism Ontario

Vision: Acceptance and opportunities for all individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Mission: To ensure that each individual with ASD is provided the means to achieve quality of life as a respected member of society.

Autism Ontario

Key Areas of Focus

- Advocacy and Support
- Research
- Best Practices
- Government Relations
- Public Awareness
- Governance



Who we are?

- Autism Ontario – has up to 24 regional chapters
- The organization is primarily supported and lead by parents and others that volunteer their time, talents and energy to help improve the lives of children, teens and adults with autism
- Each chapter is governed by the provincial Board of Directors and by a local Chapter Leadership Council

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ONE-TO-ONE SUMMER SUPPORT WORKER REIMBURSEMENT FUND 2014

FONDS DE REMBOURSEMENT DES TRAVAILLEURS DE SOUTIEN INDIVIDUEL POUR L'ÉTÉ 2014

Autism Ontario is happy to announce that the 2014 One to One Summer Support Worker Reimbursement Fund is now open for application.

We will accept all applications received between April 28, and May 30, 2014 and have a random draw to determine eligibility.

To view the flyer, frequently asked questions and application, visit:
www.autismontario.com/camp

Chers amis,

Autisme Ontario a le plaisir de vous annoncer que vous pouvez maintenant nous faire parvenir vos demandes dans le cadre du programme Fonds de remboursement des travailleurs de soutien individuel pour l'été 2014.

Toutes les demandes seront acceptées entre le 28 avril et le 30 mai 2014 et feront ensuite l'objet d'un tirage au sort afin de déterminer l'admissibilité des requérants.

Sur le site d'Autisme Ontario :

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Events/Événements

- Teen Billiards Club - Sault Ste. Marie
- Winter Builder's Block Club - Sudbury
- Builder's Block Club - Thunder Bay
- Young Adult Social Group - Comedy in Motion - Pickering
- Ignite Gym Club - Sault Ste. Marie
- 1st Annual Autism 5K Run 1K Walk - Whitby
- Spring Teen Adventure Club - various - see website for details
- Adventure Days at Nova's Ark - Brooklin
- Family Swim - Whitby
- WELLINGTON FUNMAZING - Guelph

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Autism in the News

- PM announces research projects for autism and alzheimers
- No school today: Kids with special needs kept from school
- Special needs kids often told to stay home from school, says People for Education report
- Ontario eliminating wait lists for developmental service

Autism Ontario Website

- Membership Information & Registration
- Sign up for Provincial e-news
- Resources for Adults with ASD
- Access to Autism Ontario Publications
- Funding Information
- Latest News & Events throughout the province
- Links to local Chapters

How to access on-line resources?

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Autism Ontario website. The address bar displays 'www.autismontario'. The main navigation menu includes 'Home', 'Niagara Home', 'What is Autism', 'Autism Registry', 'Links', 'Membership', 'Research Studies', 'Thank You', and 'Contact Us'. A dropdown menu is open, showing 'Chapters & Resources' and 'Sections locales & ressources'. An arrow points to the dropdown arrow icon. Below the navigation bar, there is a banner image of a family and the Autism Ontario logo. The main content area features a 'Location' section with a photo of a building, contact information, and a disclaimer. A sidebar on the left lists various resources like 'Your Chapter', 'Who We Are', and 'What We Do'. A sidebar on the right lists various programs and chapters, including 'Autism Ontario Home', 'Potential Programme', 'ABACUS', 'CALYPSO', 'OPAAA', 'possibilités fund', and 'KNOWLEDGE BASE'. The bottom of the page features a 'COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY' banner.

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36 Page Street, Unit 401
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Phone: (905) 682-2776 or 1 (888) 293-9819

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Online Resources

SPIRALE

www.autismontario.com/spirale



- Designed to help Ontario parents find professional services for their child or youth with ASD
- Professional Services include: Dentists, ECE's, Physiotherapists, OT's, Psychologists, Social Workers, Teachers, and more!

Online Resources

ABACUS

www.abacuslist.ca



- A free directory for parents seeking ABA services
- Provides information on ABA, how to identify a qualified provider, parents resources, and helpful checklists to assist families in choosing a provider

Online Resources

CALYPSO

www.autismontario.com/calypso

- Specialized resource designed to help Ontario parents find the right camp or camp program for their child or youth with ASD.



Online Resources

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Knowledge Base

www.autismontario.com/knowledgebase

- On-line, searchable database, a series of brief, easy-to-understand documents that are relevant to the lives of youth and adults on the autism spectrum and their families
- Available in both French and English

What is the Potential Programme?

A unique service from Autism Ontario designed to directly support all Ontario families, parents and children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD).



Potential Programme

- **ASD Information** - Our qualified staff are a rich resource for information on ASD, health and local social service providers
- **Access to ASD Experts** - Via speaker events and workshops related to ASD

Potential Programme

Family Support (Parent Support Groups)

- An opportunity for parents to meet other parents in an informal, relaxed atmosphere to discuss autism and related issues.
- Meetings offer peer-to-peer support for parents/guardians and caregivers, and offers special guests and expert speakers.

Potential Programme

Parent Support Groups provide the opportunity for parents to:

- Get to know other parents and caregivers
- Understand how to navigate the education system
- Share experiences and discuss common concerns
- Share successful strategies for common issues/goals
- Find out what is happening in the autism community

Potential Programme

Social Learning Opportunities (SLOs)

- Recreational activities for individuals with ASD and their families
- Events geared towards people with ASD
- Opportunity to connect with other individuals with ASD and their families
- Opportunity to practice social skills
- Networking/support opportunity for parents
- Non-judgmental and safe environment

Potential Programme

Social Learning Opportunities (SLOs)

Examples:

- Swimming
- Movies
- Mad Science
- Bowling
- Waterparks
- Cooking Classes
- Gymnastic Classes
- Legoland
- Blue Jays
- Spa days

Potential Programme

- **Connect to Resources in the Community** - Staff will help provide you with support by establishing community partnerships
- **Family Support Coordinator** role:
 - Work with the families to ensure that they are connected to services in the community
 - Have the resources they are looking for
 - Assist them if they are struggling with any services in the area.

Potential Programme contacts

Hamilton, Niagara & Brant region

- LB Brown, Family Support Coordinator - lb@autismontario.com
- Christina Beauchamp, Community Events Coordinator - christina@autismontario.com
- Chantal Mudahogora, French Community Events Coordinator - chantal@autismontario.com

The Niagara Region Chapter

The Niagara Region Chapter is your local chapter supporting families and individuals with resources, support systems, and assistance for those affected by ASD.



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The Niagara Region Chapter

Autism Ontario – Niagara Region is one of many Autism Ontario Chapters across the province.

We support communities from Grimsby to Fort Erie by providing support systems that improve the lives of individuals impacted by autism



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UPDATES to THIRD-PARTY

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Events/Événements

Butterfly Conservatory Niagara/Sortie au Conservatoire de papillons à Niagara - Niagara Falls

APRÈS-MIDI CINÉMA EN FRANÇAIS - Welland, Ont.

Evan's Ride - Smithville

Tee Up For Autism - Charity Golf Tournament - Niagara Falls

Cycle for Autism - Welland

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What We Offer



We offer a number of vital programs and services that work to support an individual's meaningful life and help to build long-term skill development and successful independence.

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What We Offer

- ASD Resource Library (over 800 titles available to borrow and includes books, educational resources, workbooks, reports, children's books, CDs and DVDs)
- Bursary programs
- Programs
- Adult Support Services and Programs

What We Offer

Family Bursary

The Niagara Region Chapter offers two bursary programs designed to compensate persons with ASD and their families for the additional costs they incur to promote quality of life and inclusion in our community.

What We Offer

Family Bursary

The two bursary programs are:

- 1. The Family Funding Bursary** is a reimbursement program designed to compensate families for costs they incur to involve their child or youth family member with ASD in social learning and recreational activities.
- 2. The Adult Education and Training Bursary** is a reimbursement program designed to compensate teens and adults (age 16+) with ASD for costs they incur in pursuing educational and training opportunities.

What We Offer

Programs

- Summer Camp
- ASD Community Group
- ASD Recreation Group
- HFA Activity Group
- Sibling Support Group
- Teen Camp
- Builder's Club
- Girls Only Group
- Teen Community Group

What We Offer

Adult Support Services and Programs

The Adult Support Coordinator provides information, support and referrals to adults living with ASD and their families with services including:

- Employment
- Accessing government services and funding (ODSP, DSO, RDSP)
- School issues (accommodations and strategies to support student success)
- Day Programming/Recreation and Leisure
- Coping strategies
- Health issues – depression, anxiety, aggression
- Volunteer opportunities
- Workshops and information sessions (ex. Internet Safety, Personal Hygiene and Self Care)
- Transitioning youth into adulthood
- Diagnosis

What We Offer

Adult Working Groups

- We are currently working to address issues facing Adults on the autism spectrum. Through a grant from the Fowler Family Foundation, Autism Ontario - Niagara has been able to examine the issues, gaps in services and funding that are faced by families and adult individuals living with an ASD diagnosis.
- Following a community consultation day that brought together over 40 community partners, parents and self-advocates, Autism Ontario - Niagara Chapter has taken the lead in establishing working committees to examine and address the core themes that arose from that day.
- Committees include:
 - Housing
 - Transition Planning
 - Community Awareness & Education
 - Day Programming/Recreation & Leisure

What We Offer

Adult Programs

ASD Social Club

This club is for adults aged 18 + diagnosed with High Functioning Autism/Aspergers who do not require 1:1 support. Events are organized each month with the goal of having adults with autism or Aspergers meet fellow members of their community and have fun taking part in events tailored to their interests.

Autism Ontario - Niagara Region Chapter, in partnership with the Opening Doors for Adults with ASD (ODFAWA) provincial program, supports and recognizes the ASD Social Club.

What We Offer

Up-Coming Events:

Evan's Ride – Sunday, May 25, 2014 – Smithville

Tee Up for Autism – Friday, May 30

Cycle for Autism- Sunday, June 21- Merritt Island, Welland

THANK-YOU!!

Questions?