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*Every cent raised is spent in our region
to help improve the lives of those among us
with autism and their families.*

#AUT2KNOW

Opinion-Commentary

Parent-Led Intervention May Reduce Autism Severity

Really? This was the reason why it was WE PARENTS in 1965 who joined Bernard Rimland, also a parent, when he founded the Autism Society of America. Even before "autism" was used to describe this puzzling syndrome, we parents knew that our intervention, and not overcoming "guilt" and/or "neglect", would lead to reduction in the level of many of the disability's manifestations.

We parents, "moms and dads", did not need a "study" to get us to spend "20 to 30 minutes each day" (and invariably a great deal more!) to help our autistic sons and daughters progress. We only needed reinforcement of the reality of autism, and the natural awareness of the role of we parents as the primary caregivers and decision-makers in the lives of our autistic sons and daughters.

[Read more](#)

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NEWS OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST

Timely news on events and issues affecting those living with autism in the Greater Pittsburgh area and Pennsylvania.

Faith-Based Guidance and Instruction for Special Needs

Beginning with this newsletter, we will begin printing successive chapters of Dr. Sutton's book, *How to Welcome, Include, and Catechize Children with Developmental Disabilities*, released this month by Loyola Press.

Dr. Sutton is the former director of the Western Pennsylvania Office of Autism Services and is currently the Director of the Pre-Theology program at St. Vincent College. Twelve years ago he developed a faith formation program for children with autism and other development disabilities.

Dr. Sutton is nationally recognized for developing his own methodology for providing religious education to children with special needs. He states, "By sharing stories of success and faith-based inspiration, children with special needs nurture Judeo-Christian faiths."

[Click here](#) to read the first chapter.

New for December:

- [Walk for Autism - 40 years and counting!](#)
- [Mazda Drive for Good](#)
- [Autism Drug Trial Underway](#)
- [Adult with Autism to Share Housing](#)
- [Autism Society of Pittsburgh Participates in Forensic Science Symposium](#)
- [Autism Society of Pittsburgh Assists in K-9 and First Responder Training](#)
- [Autism Society of Pittsburgh Presents Training at Western Area Tech](#)



EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

We offer a range of services, including workshops and support groups, training and educational programs, fundraising events, and community awareness building activities. We stay up-to-date on relevant happenings throughout our local autism community.

[Click here to view our calendar.](#)



AUTISM RESOURCES

We know that those with autism can present parents, families and providers with many challenges and a solid support system is essential. Be sure to check our website for a comprehensive listing of resources involving education, family support services, vocational training, nutrition and legal.

[Click here to download our complete resource list](#)



WAYS TO HELP

Our programs and services would not exist without the help of the caring individuals, businesses, and volunteers that support us. Contributions of any size are our lifeblood - vital to our existence and effectiveness - providing the means for us to help children with autism, their families, and professionals who work with them.



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Volunteer

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