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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.

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Crime Awareness-Building

Our current juvenile justice autism training program so far has resulted in the training of probation officers and all 540 magisterial district judges in the state of Pennsylvania. Evaluations to date have been unanimously favorable, with all participants agreeing that the training has been helpful to them in communicating more effectively with juveniles with autism who get caught up in the justice system.

The learning goes both ways. We have learned from participants' questions during these sessions that there is an urgent need for training and "crime awareness-building" among all adolescents with autism. This will reduce the likelihood that their autism manifestations -- as they grow older -- will run the risk of being misunderstood as crimes.

The most obvious intervention to get this message across to adolescents with autism would be via the IEP, with a relevant justice system IEP component included in the Pennsylvania Education code. This may relieve some parental anxiety as well. As a logical diversion-driven offshoot of our current program, we plan to propose this -- with a suggested curriculum -- to our Department of Education.

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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.

New for June:

- **First ABLE Accounts Expected This Summer**
 - **Annual Autism Society of Butler County Father's Day Outing**
 - **Drumming & Autism Workshop at Spectrum Charter School**
 - **Indian Dance Fundraiser Raised Almost \$13,000!**
 - **Coming in August 2016: Familylinks Camp for Children with Autism**
- ...and more!

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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 parenting a child with autism comes with many challenges and a solid support system is essential. We have highlighted below some places to contact when faced with crisis situations or for information and referral services, and have also provided a comprehensive list of suggested resources in our region.



Resolve Crisis Network

Crisis intervention services through UPMC available 24 hours a day 7 days a week to Allegheny County residents at no cost. Call 1-888-796-8226 or 1-888-7-YOU-CAN

IRES (Information, Referral, and Emergency Services)

Emergency assistance available from Allegheny County 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call 412-350-4457 or 911, TTY 412-350-3467.

Autism Society of Pittsburgh

Advocacy, information and referral, programs and services. Visit www.autismsocietypg.org

AutismResources.com

The "Autism Friendly guide to Pennsylvania" allowing families and individuals living with autism to easily look for and recommend a range of autism services throughout the state.

Autism Center of Pittsburgh

Specialty autism clinic meeting the needs of children with autism and their families, offering evaluations, social skills groups, support groups, and more.

[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.



Donate

Please consider visiting [our donations page](#) today to make a contribution through PayPal or learn about other ways to donate.

Volunteer

From time to time we need caring volunteers to help with our programs and fundraising events. If

interested, please complete [our contact form](#) and we will be in touch when a volunteer opportunity arises that meets your interests and availability.



Give us a call today!
412-856-7223

Visit www.autismsocietypgh.org or call us for more information and resources.

