

## AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS (ASD)

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) encompasses the diagnoses of Pervasive Developmental Disorder, Asperger Syndrome, as well as "classic" Autism.

ASD is a developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life. It has been estimated to occur in as many as 1 in 110 that is now diagnosed with autism.

Four times more prevalent in boys than girls, ASD knows no racial, ethnic or social boundaries.

ASD affects all types of families, regardless of income, lifestyle, and educational levels.

The result of the neurological disorder that affects normal brain development, Autism Spectrum Disorders impact the areas of social interaction and communications skills.

Children and adults with ASD typically have difficulties in verbal and nonverbal communications, social interactions, and leisure or play activities. The disorder makes it hard for them to communicate with others and relate to the outside world.



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## Serving Iowans With Autism Spectrum Disorders

*(Pervasive Development Disorder  
Asperger Syndrome & Autism)*

*Since 1978*

The Autism Society of Iowa provides advocacy, support, and information to individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders, their families, professionals, and communities throughout Iowa.

## MEMBERS BENEFITS & SERVICES

### Autism Society of Iowa members receive:

- Information on services and programs available in Iowa for persons with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD).
- A yearly subscription to ASI's publication, The LINK, and a monthly E-Newsletter.
- Reduced registration rates for ASI's Fall Conference/Annual Auction.
- A library of books, videos, and other materials available to borrow from the ASI office.
- Information on our Autism Advocacy & Awareness Day on the Hill, at the State Capitol.
- Application for community leisure grants to help with social integration into summer camps and recreation programs for persons with ASD.
- Application for college scholarships.

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