



Autism New Jersey E-News

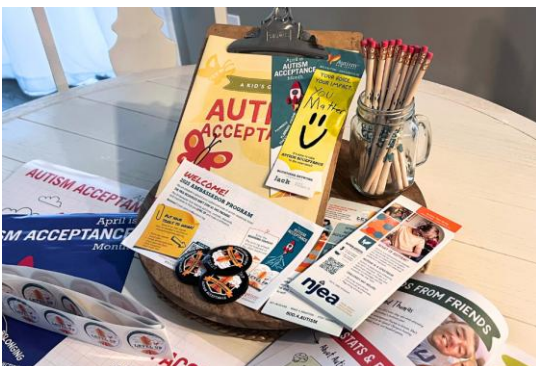
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Autism New Jersey Joins Forces With Pediatricians



We are pleased to announce that Autism New Jersey has joined the New Jersey Chapter of the Academy of American Pediatrics (NJAAP) as a Nonprofit Corporate Member. With such aligned missions, this is a remarkable opportunity to collaborate with and champion healthcare providers who want to provide high-quality and effective healthcare for pediatric patients with autism. [Read more>>](#)

Get Ready to Level Up Autism Acceptance!



Registration for our 2025 [Autism Ambassador Program](#) is now OPEN! Join us in advocating, educating, and spreading awareness and acceptance across New Jersey through meaningful events and outreach activities. Sign up today and be a part of this statewide movement!

[REGISTER TO BE AN AMBASSADOR](#)

**Call for Papers:
Submit Your Proposal by February 28**

Don't miss your chance to present at Autism New Jersey's [43rd Annual Conference](#) to be held at Harrah's in Atlantic City on October 16 & 17, 2025.



The conference will be an in-person event with recordings of sessions available to two-day attendees, post-conference. We expect attendance to well exceed 1,200 as it has every year for decades. **The deadline to submit your proposal is February 28, 2025.**

[SUBMIT A PROPOSAL](#)

Essential State Rules for Behavior Analysts



With the recent signing of S2311 and the opening of the Applied Behavior Analyst licensure application, new licensees will be responsible for following the State's Uniform Enforcement Act (UEA), the Uniform Regulations, and the child abuse reporting requirements. We've put together the following highlights of these legal responsibilities. [Read more>>](#)

Direct Care Recommendations for Severe Challenging Behavior



Direct Support Professionals provide important assistance that allows individuals to live, work, volunteer, and participate in their communities. To strengthen this workforce, the NJ Department of Human Services hosted virtual listening sessions to gather feedback. Autism New Jersey's testimony highlights key concerns and recommendations to improve staff recruitment, training, and retention. [Read more>>](#)

Preparing for an Autism Diagnostic Evaluation



If you or your pediatrician have concerns about your child's development and possible autism symptoms, you may be waiting for a diagnostic evaluation.

The wait can feel long and stressful, but there are steps you can take now to help ensure a smooth and thorough assessment. [Read more>>](#)

Parent Information and Support

Health and Wellness Coaching Sessions



New Sessions Starting Now

Facilitated by our Director of Family Wellness, Amy Golden, M.S., BCBA, LBA, NBC-HWC, small groups of caregivers will meet in interactive sessions to learn strategies to promote motivation and positive habit-formation. [Learn more>>](#)

Autism Start Here: Webinar



March 12, 2025 | 12:00 pm

Wellness Connection Session



March 5, 2025 | 12:00 pm

Balancing Priorities

Join us for a virtual support group that focuses on topics to enhance your health and wellness. [Learn more>>](#)

What to Expect from ABA Services



April 2, 2025 | 12:00 pm

Families with young children who are new to autism will learn how to navigate services in NJ and be connected with valuable resources. [Learn more>>](#)

Join us to learn about ABA, its benefits for children and adolescents, common skills assessments, home program considerations, and connecting with behavior analysts. [Learn more>>](#)

Research Participants Needed

The following research study is recruiting participants:

Effectiveness of Screening Tools

Texas Christian University is conducting a research study on the effectiveness of screening tools in detecting autism spectrum disorders in children. We are seeking parents or caregivers of children between the ages of five and eleven whose children have received a formal ADOS score.

[Learn How to Participate](#)

Recommend a Professional for Our Referral Database



Autism New Jersey maintains a free referral database of autism service professionals in many different categories. Have you, your family, or your practice worked with someone great?

[Please consider recommending a professional or a colleague>>](#)

Did you find this issue of our E-News helpful? Have you benefitted from our efforts?

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