

Professional Presenters

Each week's topic is presented by a professional working in the field of Autism, and a parent of a child with ASD. It is our goal to present the information from both perspectives so participants understand how the strategies apply in the practitioner's office, the emergency room, dental offices and/or behavioral health visits. Our presenters are educators, speech pathologists, occupational therapists, and parents.

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Autism
Spectrum
Disorders

A
**STARTING
POINT**

A Training Series on
Autism Spectrum
Disorders for
individuals in the
medical field and
students preparing
for medical careers.

*Are you a medical
professional or studying
to be one? You may be
eligible to participate in
FREE training.*

April 13 to June 8, 2011



A Starting Point

Today, 1:110 children has an autism spectrum disorder. The diagnosis covers a wide range of abilities and challenges for individuals.

As the number of individuals with ASD grows, members of the medical community are challenged to support them across multiple settings. Even a simple office visit can provoke anxiety and result in a negative experience for everyone.

For ten years, The Autism Project worked to educate parents, educators and community members on how to best understand and support individuals with autism across settings.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Northern RI-AHEC we are offering the training to medical professionals and students preparing to work in the field of medicine at no charge.

A Starting Point offers an introduction to The Autism Project's model of supports that can be used across settings. The goal of this training is to increase participants' knowledge of related terminology, to introduce theories of practice and practical applications with relevant solutions and resources.



Series Topics

Each session incorporates a professional presentation, Q & A period, problem solving, application of ideas, and make and take supports where appropriate.

- 1) Characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorders
- 2) Communication and Autism Spectrum Disorders
- 3) Understanding Sensory Integration
- 4) Sensory Diets
- 5) Use of Visual Supports
- 6) Visual Strategies for Support
- 7) Positive Behavior Supports
- 8) Before, During and After a Medical Appointment: Putting Strategies into Practice
- 9) Panel Discussion



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Registration/Schedule

Required Pre-Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Telephone _____

Student Professional

Job Title: _____

Course of Study: _____

**Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at
The Autism Project**

This training is offered **FREE OF CHARGE** to members of the medical community and students who **LIVE** in one of the following towns:

**Burrillville, Coventry, Cumberland,
Foster, Gloucester, North Smithfield,
Smithfield, Lincoln, and Scituate**

CEUs for educators and social workers.

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