

# AUTISM & STRATEGIES



*"The presenter was engaging and very personable. Most enjoyable professional development I've attended in 18 years of working at a school".*

## Basic - 1/2 hr. -2 hrs. (Based on need)

Participants gain an understanding of Autism and strategies to use while interacting with those on the spectrum.

- **Module 1** - Brief overview of Autism and diagnostic criteria.
- **Module 2** - Info on strategies relating to environment, sensory needs, communication, social skills, and behavior.
- **Module 3** - Safety and wandering. Includes statistics and meltdowns.

## Residential 2-3 hrs.

(Both child & adult available)

This presentation contains all three modules with a focus on individuals in residential settings. Strategies discussed will be those that staff and residents face most often.

## Would like to know more about the Autism Society of Maine and just what it is that we do?

Maybe you would like to be able to refer clients or family members to a valuable resource. Perhaps your organization or business would like to donate to ASM or sponsor one of our events but want to know what your efforts support.

We can come to you and give a presentation to explain what we do and why it's important.



Includes information on the following:

- Autism Information Specialist Program
  - Family Retreat Weekend
    - Lending Library
    - Walk for Autism
    - Ride for Autism
  - Social & Support Groups
  - Workshops, trainings, additional presentations, fall conference, and more!

**This presentation will take 1 hour and will have time included for discussion and questions.**



## KITS FOR KIDS



Designed to teach classes K-8 about their peers with Autism to increase awareness and acceptance!

This presentation takes 20-30 minutes and includes:

- Video
- Crayons & Activity
- *What's Up with Nick* book
- Activity Book
- Fidgets

Each student receives a certificate of friendship after the presentation.



## LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRST RESPONDERS

Approved by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy

Designed to help Police, Fire, and EMS recognize Autism and how to interact with individuals on the Spectrum.

### Presentation Covers:

- Theory of Mind/Mind blindness
- Sensory Issues
- Safe Resolutions
- Examples of Police Contact
- Parents
- Minimizing Victimization
- Elopement

**This presentation will take 2 hrs. & have time for discussion and questions.**



# ABOUT US

Founded in 1976 we started out as a support group made up of parents with Autistic children. The first members all had children that attended a day program created for children with behavior and communication disorders at the Mariah Clark School in Hallowell. Monthly meetings were held to share concerns, experiences, advice, and ideas. Soon we expanded to include support groups in other areas such as Gardiner, Waterville, and Bangor.

Eventually we started welcoming speakers from various area programs to talk at meetings. At that time, we began contacting the Autism Society of America to become a member. Shortly after that the Autism Society of Maine was established.



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Suggested donation of \$60 an hour for presentations however, we never turn anyone away!



## PRESENTATIONS



ASM is proud of its commitment to provide educational information to parents, guardians, Autistic individuals, professionals, and service providers.

Our presentations are specifically designed to respond to the needs of those who request them.

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