

The Georgia Race for Autism and Fall Festival includes a large indoor resource fair with great community resources and vendors.

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## Improving the Lives of Individuals and Families Impacted by Autism

## About Spectrum

**Spectrum Autism Support Group** was established in 1998 to provide support, education and resources for individuals and families impacted by autism.

Spectrum currently serves over 1,500 families in Gwinnett County and the surrounding Metro Atlanta area.

Support groups, summer day camps, overnight camps, social skills groups, respite, community training, and family events are offered for all ages and abilities.



### Mission

To provide support, education and resources for individuals and families impacted by autism.

### Vision

Improving the lives of individuals and families impacted by autism.

“It has been amazing to see what a group of parents have accomplished! The impact of autism in our lives has motivated us to make a difference for our families and our community.”



Claire Dees  
Spectrum Executive Director

Spectrum does not promote or endorse any particular form of therapy or treatment, schools, service providers or medications.

## Monthly Support Programs

Meetings give parents, family members, teachers and friends a forum to share problems and solutions. Meetings consist of speakers from our community sharing their expertise and knowledge with open forum discussion groups on topics of interest.



### Adult Asperger's Group

Adults with Asperger's/HFA meet for social support with trained facilitator. Community outings are offered at least once per month.



### Parents of Adults with Autism

Parents who are now facing issues of adults on the spectrum gather to share information and resources with one another as they navigate the world of real life beyond school for their adult children.



### Dad's Group

This group meets monthly during the support group meetings to address the needs of the family from the dad's perspective and to provide them the opportunity to meet other dads and share their concerns and issues.



### Grandparents Group

Grandparents of children with autism spectrum disorders want to know more about what autism is, what this means for their grandchildren's future, and what they can do to help.



### Parent Support Group

Spectrum hosts monthly parent meetings the first Thursday of each month (Sept. – May) featuring guest speakers who share their knowledge and expertise regarding a variety of topics.



### Sibling Support Group

Siblings of children with autism spectrum disorders have specific concerns and needs related to life with autism. This program involves group discussion, arts & crafts and games. It utilizes the SibShop curriculum by Don Meyer, which was specifically designed for children with siblings ages 5-12 with special needs.



### Social Skills Group

Social skills programs are offered for ages 4-22. Elementary, Middle School and High School groups are offered with individuals grouped by age and ability. The focus is on making friends, teamwork, and confidence building.

\*Childcare is offered for children 3 and under.

# SPECTRUM



Spectrum offers activities throughout the school year and summer months for individuals 4 – adult at all levels of the autism spectrum. Spectrum's programs are staffed by certified special education teachers and paraprofessionals trained in the field of autism.

Parents can be confident that their child's social, language, and behavioral needs are being appropriately addressed in a fun and safe environment during all of Spectrum's programs.



## School Year Programs

- Social Skills Groups on Thursdays (held monthly)
- Social Skills Groups on Saturdays
- Camp Journey Overnight
- Spectrum Community Inclusion Project (SKIP)
- Drama Club
- Saturday Respite Program
- Friendship Clubs
- Technology Club
- Lego Club



## Summer Camp Programs

- 7 Weeks of Day Camps
- Technology Camp
- Science Camp
- Drama Camp
- Camp Journey Week-Long Overnight Camp
- Counselor-in-Training Program

## Family Events

- Holiday Party
- Fishing Day
- Egg Hunt and Picnic
- Mom's Day Out
- Fall Festival
- Dad's Events
- ...and much more!

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to register for  
these great  
programs.