

## Our Purpose

The purpose of the Community of Practice on Autism Spectrum Disorder and Other Developmental Disabilities (CoP ASD/DD) is to bring together diverse stakeholders from across the state to:

- learn together
- exchange information, opinions and resources
- engage in partnerships and collaborative efforts

The CoP ASD/DD aims to improve the formal and informal systems of services and supports for individuals with ASD/DD, their families, and the professionals who work with them.

*“This has been a fantastic opportunity to bring many different faces in the field together from families, advocates, medical providers, educators and community members.”*

## Upcoming Meetings

**CoP ASD/DD gatherings can be half-day or full days.**

The CoP ASD/DD usually meets 3 times per year throughout Wisconsin.

To get more involved and for specific meeting dates, locations and topics:

[connections.waisman.wisc.edu](http://connections.waisman.wisc.edu)

To view past events:  
[CoP ASD/DD YouTube](#)

If you would like more information please email:

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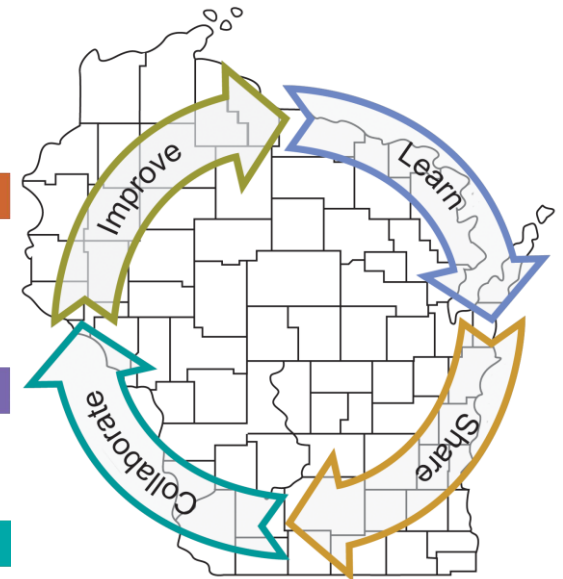
or

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To register for the meetings go to [connections.waisman.wisc.edu](http://connections.waisman.wisc.edu) and click on the Community of Practice tab.

# Wisconsin Community of Practice on

## Autism Spectrum Disorder and Other Developmental Disabilities



## What Does a Community of Practice Do?

- Unites groups to problem solve, plan, and share experiences with a common set of challenges
- Learns together from experts and from each other
- Provides ways for people to communicate and interact
- Believe that people can accomplish large tasks by sharing work and coordinating resources
- Creates the opportunity to *dialogue about what is known, as well as what people need to know*

*"Wisconsin is a state that has highly invested in understanding the needs of the autism families and the [CoP ASD/DD] is a great way to identify and inform about autism services in Wisconsin."*

## Who Participates?

**Anyone with an interest in improving the system of care around Autism Spectrum Disorder and Other Developmental Disabilities is welcome to participate.**

### **Our current membership includes:**

- Parents/Family Members
- Self-Advocates
- Educators and School Personnel
- Health Care Providers
- Treatment/Therapy Providers
- Autism Society of Wisconsin
- Autism Society of Southeast Wisconsin
- Autism Society of South Central Wisconsin
- Regional Centers for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs
- Family Voices of WI
- Parent to Parent of WI
- WI FACETS
- WI Statewide Parent Educator Initiative
- WI Dept. of Health Services
- WI Dept. of Public Instruction
- WI Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program
- Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
- Marquette University
- UW-Madison Waisman Center UCEDD (LEND Program)
- UW-Milwaukee
- Independent Living Centers
- WI Board of People with Developmental Disabilities
- Madison College-Disability Services
- Urban Autism Summit
- Easter Seals of Southeast Wisconsin
- Good Friend, Inc.
- Other non-profit organizations, researchers and many more!

## Ad Hoc Groups and Steering Team

**Ad Hoc Groups** are formed occasionally by people who share a common passion and interest in working on an issue. The Ad Hoc groups come together around emerging issues, cross-system integration, system change, and more. If you are interested in forming an Ad Hoc Group, please send us an email and we can discuss how to share the idea with the larger group.

The CoP ASD/DD is led by a **Steering Team** made up of parents self-advocates, educators, higher education, therapy providers, local autism groups and others who are interested in autism.

