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*Every cent raised is spent in our region
to help improve the lives of those among us
with autism and their families.*

#AUT2KNOW

Opinion-Commentary

"The Truth"

Hands down, one of the best pieces of investigative journalism we have ever read. This explains why we have echoed the advice given to parents by Autism Society of America founder Bernard Rimland in the 90's. Researcher and immunologist, Dr. Rimland's early research detected a likely thimerisol/vaccine link to autism. His advice to parents: "No multiple-vaccine injections; give singly, at least one month apart, and only when necessary to counter infection or threat of disease." Note: this is not "anti-vaccination". In line with the Hippocratic oath, this advice causes no harm.

[Read entire article](#)

The views expressed are those of the Autism Society of Pittsburgh, and not necessarily those of the Autism Society of America.



NEWS OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST

A Most Qualified Point of View... Autism Representation: Sheldon? or Abed?

By Kelsey LaCroix, a writer on the autism spectrum. "Sheldon Cooper from *The Big Bang Theory* is one of the worst written autistic characters, while Abed Nadir from *Community* is one of the best. Abed breaks negative autism stereotypes while Sheldon perpetuates them." [Read more](#)

Most With Autism Steer Clear of Driving

Though the majority of young people with high-functioning autism choose not to get behind the wheel, new research suggests that a substantial number seek the independence that driving offers. [Read more](#)

Cocoon-Like Bed Aims To Keep Kids With Special Needs Safe

PITTSBURGH - Rose Morris just wanted a safe place for her son Abram to sleep; she ended up building a specialty bed business that's just earned national recognition from the U.S. Small Business Administration. [Read more](#)

Special Education Often An Uphill Battle for Military Families

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. - When Navy Capt. Cassidy Norman was assigned executive officer of the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman, he and his wife, Michelle, were relieved. His career path was taking them back to Virginia Beach - where they'd lived before and knew to be a good fit for their daughter with severe disabilities. [Read more](#)

Good Guys Win One! State Reverses Course on Sheltered Workshop Requirements

A Harrisburg rally, originally scheduled as a protest to changes in state regulations regarding sheltered workshops, turned into a celebration Monday. [Read more](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2017 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Race Week Calendar Now Available



Kick-Off Rallye

Sunday, July 2: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Black Tie & Tailpipes Gala

Friday, July 7: 6:30 pm - 11:00 pm

Racer Test & Tune at Pitt-Race Complex

Thursday, July 6

PVGP Historics at Pitt-Race Complex Weekend

July 7-9: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Invitational Car Show on Walnut Street

Monday, July 10: 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Waterfront Car Cruise

Tuesday, July 11: 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Downtown Parade & Plaza Display

Wednesday, July 12: 10:30 - 2:00 pm

Grand Prix Tune-Up @ Atria's

Wednesday, July 12: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Countryside Tour

Thursday, July 13: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

"Passport to Elegance" Jet Center Party

Thursday, July 13: 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Forbes Avenue of Speed - Parade and Driver Reception

Friday, July 14: 6:30 pm - 8:30 PM

Schenley Park Car Shows and Race Qualifying

Saturday, July 15

International Car Shows & British Car Day: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Vintage Race Practice and Qualifying Heats: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Schenley Park Race Day

Sunday, July 16: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

[Click here to purchase tickets or for more information](#)

S.P.E.A.K. Applications Due Soon!

The Summer Program for the Education of Autistic Kids (S.P.E.A.K.) begins July 5th, however, there is still time to reserve your child's spot for this year's camp!

S.P.E.A.K. is an Extended School Year (ESY) program founded by the Autism Society of Pittsburgh in 1974 to ease transitioning between school years by preventing or reducing learning regression common to children with autism.

S.P.E.A.K is a program for children ages 5 through 21 who have a primary diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder, are in good health, mobile, and able to participate in community activities.

S.P.E.A.K. provides Community Based Instruction (CBI) and addresses each child's ESY goals and objectives. The program also provides music therapy, speech services, swimming, CBI classroom trips, field trips, art activities, and adapted physical education.

Download the 2017 S.P.E.A.K. application and brochure below for more information. If you have additional questions or would like to request a paper application to be mailed to you, please contact the Autism Society of Pittsburgh at 412 - 856 - 7223.

[2017 SPEAK Application](#)

[2017 SPEAK Brochure](#)

Top Notch Autism Referral

The Winter 2017 edition of the Kingsley Publishers collection of autism reference publications is available. Call 412-856-7223 for your complimentary copy. Limited supply.



EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

We offer a range of services, including workshops and support groups, training and educational programs, fundraising events, and community awareness building activities. We stay up-to-date on relevant happenings throughout our local autism community.

Highlighted Events

Spectrum Charter School's 2nd Annual Touch-A-Truck

Saturday, May 13th, 2017 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Gateway #4 Fire Company - 4370 Northern Pike; Monroeville, PA 15146

[Click here for more information](#)

Sensory Friendly Movies at AMC Lowes Waterfront 22

Guardians of the Galaxy Volume 2

Tuesday, May 9th at 7:00 pm
Saturday, May 13th at 10:00 am

Alien: Covenant

Tuesday, May 23rd at 7:00 pm

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul

Saturday, May 27th at 10:00 am

Please visit www.amctheatres.com/programs/sensory-friendly-films for more information

Exceptional Adventures Events at Bridgeville Fire Department

Bingo Bonanza

Friday, May 12th from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

"The Magic of Elvis"

Friday, May 19th from 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Spring Fling Adult Dance

Friday, May 26th from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Please visit www.exceptionaladventures.com for more information



AUTISM RESOURCES

We know that parenting a child with autism comes with many challenges and a solid support system is essential. We have highlighted below two places to contact when faced with crisis situations as well as a link to a comprehensive list of suggested resources in our region.

Resolve Crisis Network

Crisis intervention services through UPMC available 24 hours a day 7 days a week to Allegheny County residents at no cost. Call 1-888-796-8226 or 1-888-7-YOU-CAN

IRES (Information, Referral, and Emergency Services)

Emergency assistance available from Allegheny County 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call 412-350-4457 or 911, TTY 412-350-3467.

[Click here to download our complete resource list](#)



WAYS TO HELP

Our programs and services would not exist without the help of the caring individuals, businesses, and volunteers that support us. Contributions of any size are our lifeblood - vital to our existence and effectiveness - providing the means for us to help children with autism, their families, and professionals who work with them.

Donate

Please consider visiting [our donations page](#) today to make a contribution through PayPal or learn about other ways to donate.

Volunteer

From time to time we need caring volunteers to help with our programs and fundraising events. If interested, please complete [our contact form](#) and we will be in touch when a volunteer opportunity arises that meets your interests and availability.



About Us

The Autism Society of Pittsburgh has comprised the local chapter of the Autism Society of America since 1967. We are volunteers, parents and professionals, working on behalf of children with autism and those of adult age on the autism spectrum throughout the Greater Pittsburgh area struggling with this neurological disorder of behavior and communication.

Our Goal

The goal of our Chapter is to help parents and professionals grow by providing as much relevant information on autism spectrum disorders as is known to us.

We cannot take your place. Parents are with their children for a lifetime; professionals for a career. Our efforts are aimed at helping both become as proficient as possible in evaluating and choosing the services, options and approaches that will enhance the growth and development of individuals with autism spectrum disorders.

Options, A Basic Right

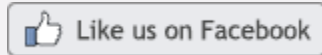
The right of a family to learn about and then select options they feel are most appropriate for their family member with autism is as basic as the family itself. It is rooted deeply in the very foundation of our American democracy and is the guiding philosophy of the Autism Society of America. An advocacy organization such as ours that holds such a position is then compelled to devote its highest priorities to:

1. encouraging, expanding and developing excellence in a continuum of service options, and
2. providing unbiased information for ALL such options to parents, families and to the caring professionals who work with them to reduce or overcome autism's disabling characteristics.

Visit www.autismsocietypgh.org or call us for more information and resources.

Give us a call today!
412-856-7223

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