

About SPECTRUM

Spectrum Autism Support Group was established in the fall of 1998 for families, friends, and teachers of children with autism. We currently serve over 1000 families and their children in Gwinnett County and surrounding metro-Atlanta counties.

"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, President of Spectrum

Mission Statement

Spectrum provides support, education and resources encompassing the entire spectrum of autism disorders.

Monthly Support Meetings

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.

Breakout sessions are offered during the monthly meeting for the following groups:

Dad's Group

This group meets 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.

Sibling Group

Siblings of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders have specific concerns and challenges related to life with autism. This group is led by certified teachers and seeks to address those specific needs for siblings ages 5-12 through games, crafts, friendship building and discussion utilizing SibShop by Don Meyer, a curriculum specifically designed for siblings of children with special needs.

Grandparents Group

This group allows grandparents of children with autism to network with each other while learning more about autism, what it means for their grandchildren's future and what they can do to help.

Asperger's Group

Parents raising children with Asperger's/HFA can benefit from speakers and facilitated discussions addressing issues and solutions they face in this challenging role.

Social Support Group for Adults with Asperger's/HFA

This group provides an opportunity for adults with Asperger's/HFA to meet, support, and learn from one another in a non-threatening environment. This group also participates in community outings 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 whole new world of real life beyond school for their adult children.

Camps & Clubs

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

paraprofessionals. These individuals have been trained specifically in the field of autism and have experience with children functioning at all levels of the spectrum. 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.

Check out Spectrum's website at www.atl-spectrum.com to register your child for these great programs.

School Year Programs

Social Skills Groups on Thursdays (held monthly)
Social Skills Groups on Saturdays (held semi-monthly)

Camp Journey Overnight Weekend Retreats
Spectrum Kommunity Inclusion Project (SKIP)
Drama Club
Saturday Respite Program
Friendship Clubs

Summer Camp Programs

Day Camp
Counselor-in-Training Camp
Middle School Drama Camp
Middle School Technology Camp
Art Camp
Wacky Science Camp
Camp Journey Overnight Camp

