



Providing **Support,**
Information and Awareness
in Our Community



SPECTRUM

February 2017

AY SOUTH MONTHLY SUPPORT GROUP

SPOTLIGHT — Developing Social Skills

Thursday, February 9, 2017
7:00-8:00pm (Doors open at 6:45pm)



Stewartstown Elementary School: 17945 Barren Road North, Stewartstown

Please join us as we welcome **Tim Kanagy** from **Amazing Kids Club**, who will be speaking about “**Developing Social Skills**” and giving an overview on how to help children with autism develop those skills. He will highlight common strategies used to help encourage children with autism to appropriately engage with peers and to understand social situations.

Tim has worked with children on the autism spectrum and their families since 2014 both in TrueNorth Wellness Services BHRS and Amazing Kids Club programs. He currently serves as Family Liaison at the Amazing Kids Club location in Red Lion. It is his passion to work with families and children who are navigating the challenges of autism.

Our meetings are held on the **second** Thursday of the month and September November and January—May.



TEEN MEET-UP SPOTLIGHT— Snow Tubing

Avalanche Xpress at Heritage Hills Resort

Friday, February 10, 2017; 6:00-8:00pm (Passes
valid until 11:00pm)

2700 Mount Rose Avenue, York

Autism York will pay for teen(s) on the spectrum and one adult.

****A responsible adult MUST attend with each participant, but it's not necessary they snow tube****

Join us for a night of **snow tubing** at Avalanche Xpress! **Autism York will cover the cost for each Teen on the spectrum and ONE adult. (It is not necessary that the adult snow tube with their Teen, only to supervise them during the event.)**

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEETINGS

- **AY Monthly Support Meeting:**
“Organizing Your Child’s IEP Info”
Thursday, February 2 from 7:00-8:00pm at The Jewish Community Center (2000 Hollywood Drive, York, PA)
- **AY South Monthly Support Meeting:**
“Developing Social Skills”
Thursday, February 9 from 7:00-8:00pm at Stewartstown Elementary School (17945 Barren Road North, Stewartstown, PA)

SOCIAL EVENTS

- **Morning at the Movies:**
Saturday, February 18. Doors open at 9:00am at South York Cinemas (217 Pauline Drive, York)

ADULT ASD MEET-UP

- **Bowling**
Monday, February 27 at 7:00pm at Laser Alleys Bowling Alley (3905 E. Market Street, York)

TEEN MEET-UP

- **Snow Tubing:**
Friday, February 10 from 6:00-8:00pm at Avalanche Xpress at Heritage Hills Resort (2700 Mount Rose Avenue, York)

For more information on these meetings and events, please visit www.autismyork.org

Meetings are open to any interested individual, family, student or professional. Social events are open to any individual with autism and his/her immediate family at low or no cost.

Autism York Monthly Support Meetings are held at the Jewish Community Center*, 2000 Hollywood Drive, York, PA 17403. Doors open at 6:45pm. (Sept-Nov; Jan-May)

Autism York South Monthly Support Meetings are held at Stewartstown Elementary School*, 17945 Barren Rd North, Stewartstown, PA 17363. Doors open at 6:45pm. (Sept-Nov; Jan-May)

Social Events

Autism York hosts a multitude of autism-friendly social events. These events are open to individuals with autism spectrum disorder and their immediate families. MOST events are FREE.

Adult ASD Meet-Up

This group provides an opportunity for older teens and adults (around age 18 and up) with an ASD to meet for support, self-advocacy, networking, conversation and fun. (Sept-Nov; Jan-May)

Teen Meet-Up

This group provides an opportunity for teens ages 13-17 with an ASD to meet for support, networking, conversation and fun. (Sept-Nov; Jan-May)

**Autism York is not affiliated with the JCC or Southeastern School District. Any questions regarding Autism York Meetings, Events, or other offerings should be directed to Autism York at 717-801-1272, not the JCC or school staff.*

We will meet as a group at the entrance. We are a welcoming group and invite new participants to attend. **Please arrive a few minutes early so that we may begin as a group.**

Please check your email and/or Autism York's [Facebook](#) page for weather-related postponements or cancellations.

Questions? Contact Kyle Dunlap at: kdunlap@autismyork.org.

This group provides an opportunity for teens aged 13-17 with an autism spectrum disorder to meet for support, self-advocacy, networking, conversation, and fun!

We meet on the 2nd Friday or Saturday of each month, January-May, September-December.

AUTISM YORK BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT— **Jessie Collier**



My name is **Jessie Collier**. I am the **Secretary** of Board, and I am also head of the **Meetings Committee**. I have been a part of Autism York for seven years and a board member for two years.

I graduated from York College of Pennsylvania, and I work as a full time Respiratory Therapist at Lancaster General Hospital. I have two sons and a step-daughter.

Creating autism acceptance is something I hold near and dear to my heart as my oldest child is on the spectrum. Autism York has been a pivotal part of our lives, and I feel quite blessed knowing York County has such a wonderful program available to those walking the path called "autism."

MONTHLY SUPPORT GROUP SPOTLIGHT —

Organizing Your Child's IEP Information



Organizing your child's IEP information can be overwhelming! What do you need to keep? What emails should be sent? How do you properly keep a paper trail? Join us as we discuss a few ways to better organize all that IEP information!

We will have a sample binder, useful website links, and handouts to help keep you organized. Feel free to come with IEP questions and ideas on keeping your loved one's information up-to-date and organized.

Come join us at our **NORTH** location on **Thursday, February 2, 2017 from 7:00-8:00pm**. Doors open at 6:45pm at The Jewish Community Center (2000 Hollywood Drive, York).

OUR MISSION

The mission of Autism York is to provide support to individuals on the autism spectrum, their parents, families and friends. Our group exists for the sole purpose of providing support in a safe and friendly environment. It is the intention of Autism York as a group to promote understanding and respect of all families and the choices they make regarding therapies and interventions. Through this group, we will offer opportunities for families and individuals on the autism spectrum to learn, grow, and develop relationships that help guide one another through this journey.

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