

What is the Parent-School Partnership program?

The Parent-School Partnership program is designed to assist students with Autism in reaching their academic and functional potential in the educational system.

Families will be connected with a Parent Mentor in their area who is also a parent of an Autistic individual.

The program strives to build collaboration between parents and school staff, recognizing that both are essential partners in the education of Autistic students.

Parent-School Partnership objectives.

- To facilitate partnerships between parents of Autistic students and school personnel.
- To strengthen mutual respect and understanding between parents and school personnel.
- To assist parents and school personnel in guiding each Autistic student toward knowledge and independence.

Support for families.

- Provides families with information and resources about Autism.
- Helps families understand special education rights and responsibilities.
- Helps families establish positive working relationships with school personnel.
- Encourages families to be more active participants in the student's education.
- Provides support to the referral process with other agencies.
- Attends school based meetings with families.

Parent Mentors are not attorneys and cannot provide legal advice. Families that need legal representation are encouraged to contact an attorney who specializes in special education law.

Support for schools.

- Encourages collaboration and teamwork between school personnel and families.
- Acts as a resource for schools on issues relating to Autism.
- Helps school personnel to involve parents in the educational process.
- Provides information to schools.
- Accepts referrals from the school to the Parent-School Partnership program.

The Parent-School Partnership program has been assisting families of Autistic students to understand the special education process for over 20 years. Our Parent Mentors serve families throughout South Carolina. Please contact us to be

What is Autism?

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), hereafter referred to as Autism is a complex, lifelong developmental condition that typically appears during early childhood and can impact a person's social skills, communication, relationships, and self-regulation. The Autism experience is different for everyone. It is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is often referred to as a "spectrum condition" that affects people differently and to varying degrees.

As of 2021, 1 in 44 individuals in the United States are diagnosed with Autism, and it is the fastest growing Developmental Disability (CDC). Yet many people, including some medical, educational and vocational professionals, are still unaware of how ASD affects behavior.

The Autism Society of South Carolina offers DDSN Case Management Services. Please contact our office for more information.

The mission of the Autism Society of South Carolina is to create connections, empowering everyone in the Autism community with the resources needed to live fully.

We envision a world where everyone in the Autism community is connected to the support they need, when they need it.

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A team approach