

## AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS RELATED SUPPORT GROUPS IN KENTUCKY (April 2010)

In the past several years, the awareness of autism has dramatically increased in our Commonwealth. This increased public awareness of autism can be attributed to the grass roots collaborative efforts of support groups across the state bringing together families and professionals. If you have any questions or would like to amend this list, please contact Jennifer Bobo, at the Kentucky Autism Training Center at 502-852-7811 or [jennifer.bobo@louisville.edu](mailto:jennifer.bobo@louisville.edu)

The Parent Support Groups on this list are arranged according to the Special Educational Cooperatives of which the county is a part

### Big East Cooperative Region

<p><b>Parents United for Support and Help (PUSH)</b> (Boyd County)</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each Month 5-7:00 pm Pathways Office on Lansdowne Drive in Ashland</p> <p><i>Barb Worden (606) 324-3005 <a href="mailto:bworden@pathways-ky.org">bworden@pathways-ky.org</a></i></p>	<p><b>Parents United for Support and Help (PUSH)</b> (Carter County)</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each Month 4-6:00 pm Pathways Office in Grayson</p> <p><i>Barb Worden (606) 324-3005 <a href="mailto:bworden@pathways-ky.org">bworden@pathways-ky.org</a></i></p>
<p><b>Parents United for Support and Help (PUSH)</b> (Elliott County)</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each Month 3:30-4:45 pm Sandy Hook Pathways Office</p> <p><i>Barb Worden (606) 324-3005 <a href="mailto:bworden@pathways-ky.org">bworden@pathways-ky.org</a></i></p>	<p><b>Parents United for Support and Help (PUSH)</b> (Lawrence County)</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each Month 5-7:00 pm Louisa Pathways Office</p> <p><i>Barb Worden (606) 324-3005 <a href="mailto:bworden@pathways-ky.org">bworden@pathways-ky.org</a></i></p>
<p><b>Parents United for Support and Help (PUSH)</b> (Greenup County)</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each Month 5-7:00 pm Greenup Pathways Office</p> <p><i>Barb Worden (606) 324-3005 <a href="mailto:bworden@pathways-ky.org">bworden@pathways-ky.org</a></i></p>	<p><b>Johnson County Autism Support Group</b></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each Month 6-8:00 pm Highland Elementary Library in Staffordsville</p> <p><i>Traci Campbell <a href="mailto:Tracy.Campbell@johnson.kyschools.us">Tracy.Campbell@johnson.kyschools.us</a></i> <i>Stephanie Rice <a href="mailto:Stephanie.rice@johnson.kyschools.us">Stephanie.rice@johnson.kyschools.us</a></i></p>

### Jefferson County Exceptional Child Education Service Region

<p><b>Autism Society of Kentuckiana (ASK)</b> (Louisville and Southern Indiana)</p> <p>Mailing Address: PO Box 90 Pewee Valley, KY 40056 <a href="http://www.ask-lou.org">www.ask-lou.org</a></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each Month 10-12 noon Kentucky School for the Blind 1867 Frankfort Avenue in Louisville</p> <p><i>Vonya Gresham <a href="mailto:vgresham@hospices.org">vgresham@hospices.org</a> Rob Ralston (502) 541-5038</i></p>	<p><b>FEAT of Louisville, Inc.</b></p> <p>Mailing Address: Home of the Innocents 1100 E. Market St. Louisville, KY 40206</p> <p><a href="http://www.featoflouisville.org">www.featoflouisville.org</a> Check website for speakers and directions</p> <p>Meeting times vary--contact for schedule (502) 596-1258 Childcare is provided with advance notice</p>
<p><b>Just for Dads</b> (Louisville and Southern Indiana)</p> <p>A support group for fathers of children with autism--for fathers, run by fathers Last Thursday of each Month 7-9 pm St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Clarksville, IN</p> <p><i>Rob Ralston (502) 541-5038 <a href="mailto:TRISTARRNC@gmail.com">TRISTARRNC@gmail.com</a></i></p>	

### Caveland Education Cooperative Region

<p><b>Allen County Autism Support Group</b> Allen County Public Library</p> <p>For information on meetings, contact <i>Amanda Reagan</i> (270) 618-3181 <a href="mailto:amanda.reagan@allen.kyschools.us">amanda.reagan@allen.kyschools.us</a></p>	<p><b>Autism Group of Cumberland County</b> Holy Cross Catholic Church in Burkesville</p> <p>For information on meetings, contact <i>Spri Wheatley</i> <a href="mailto:autismgroup.sw@GMAIL.COM">autismgroup.sw@GMAIL.COM</a></p>
<p><b>Autism Awareness and Research Foundation of Edmonson County</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each Month 5:30-6:30 pm Edmonson County Public Library 280 Ferguson Street in Brownsville</p> <p><i>Meredith York</i> (270) 246-0332 <i>Angela Johnson</i> (270) 246-1328</p>	<p><b>Bowling Green Autism Asperger's Support Group</b> For information on meetings, contact: <i>Karen Thomas</i> <a href="mailto:karenmthomas@bellsouth.net">karenmthomas@bellsouth.net</a></p>
<p><b>Barren River Area Autism Support Group</b> (Barren, Hart, Monroe, Logan, Butler, Allen, Edmonson, Simpson, Warren Counties)</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each Month 6:30 pm TJ Samson Resource Center 1060 Glenview Dr. Glasgow, KY 42141</p> <p><i>Scott Smith</i> <a href="mailto:ssmith@tjsampson.org">ssmith@tjsampson.org</a></p>	<p><b>Hart of Autism</b> (Hart County)</p> <p>Mailing Address P O Box 985, Munfordville, KY 42765 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each Month 3:15pm <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/HartofAutism">http://groups.yahoo.com/HartofAutism</a> Munfordville Baptist Church in Munfordville</p> <p><i>Stephanie Turner</i> (270)774-1180 <a href="mailto:etaa8416@yahoo.com">etaa8416@yahoo.com</a></p>

### Central Kentucky Cooperative Region

<p><b>Autism Society of the Bluegrass</b> (Central Kentucky)</p> <p>Mailing Address: 453 Rookwood Parkway Lexington, KY 40505 <a href="http://www.asbg.org">www.asbg.org</a> Last Monday of each Month 6:30-8:30 pm St. Michael's Episcopal Church 2025 Bellefonte Drive in Lexington</p> <p><i>Sara Spragens</i> (859) 299-9000 <a href="mailto:sspragens@insightbb.com">sspragens@insightbb.com</a></p>	<p><b>Danville/Boyle County Autism Parent Support Group</b> (Boyle, Mercer, Casey, Lincoln, Garrard Counties)</p> <p>Mailing Address: 1094 Glendive Court Danville, KY 40422 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each Month 3-5:00 pm Wilderness Trace Child Development Center 409 N. Stewart Lane in Danville</p> <p><i>Julie DeCoteau</i> <a href="mailto:markdecoteau@bellsouth.net">markdecoteau@bellsouth.net</a> <i>Melissa Caudill</i> (859) 236-8812 <a href="mailto:gmcbrc@bellsouth.net">gmcbrc@bellsouth.net</a></p>
<p><b>Franklin County Autism and Related Disorder Support Group</b> Hearn Elementary School 300 Copperleaf Blvd. in Frankfort</p> <p>For meeting information contact: <i>Stacy Moore</i> (502) 352-2425 <a href="mailto:Stacy.Moore@Franklin.kyschools.us">Stacy.Moore@Franklin.kyschools.us</a></p>	<p><b>Parent and Professional Autism Support Group in Powell County</b> (Wolfe, Montgomery, Clark, Powell Counties)</p> <p>Mailing Address: Powell County Middle 770 W. College Ave. Stanton, KY 40380</p> <p>For meeting information, contact <i>Marilyn Barnett</i> <a href="mailto:happy-top@msn.com">happy-top@msn.com</a></p>
<p><b>Washington County Autism Support Group</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each Month 6-8:00 pm River of Life Church Hwy. 555, Springfield, KY.</p>	<p><b>Advocates for Autism Awareness</b> 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month Nelson County Public Library 7-9 PM 201 Cathedral Manor</p>

<p><i>Katie Essex (859) 336-0059</i>      <a href="mailto:kentuckylady@bellsouth.net">kentuckylady@bellsouth.net</a></p>	<p>Bardstown, KY 40004  <a href="mailto:ChaDew7275@aol.com">ChaDew7275@aol.com</a>  Charla  502.349.0214</p>
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**Northern Kentucky Cooperative Region**

<p><b>Autism Society of Greater Cincinnati</b>  PO Box 43027  Cincinnati, OH 45243-0027      <a href="http://www.autismcincy.org">www.autismcincy.org</a>  Check website for meeting schedule      <i>Judy Newport</i></p>	<p><b>Comforting Ties Autism Support Group</b>  (Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky)  Mailing Address: 822 Seton Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45205  1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each Month 6-8 pm  1713 Persimmon Court in Florence  <i>Sandy Knollman (513) 703-6215</i> <a href="mailto:sandraknollman@yahoo.com">sandraknollman@yahoo.com</a></p>
<p><b>Autism Project of Southern Ohio</b>  (Ohio and Northeastern Kentucky)  Last Tuesday of each Month 6:00 pm  <i>Wendy Potts (740) 357-2273</i></p>	<p><b>Mothers of Children with Special Needs of Northern Kentucky</b>  Meeting times and places vary      <a href="http://www.msckny.com">www.msckny.com</a>  Contact for information about monthly meetings  <i>Pam Blackburn</i>      <a href="mailto:Pam.Blackburn@ky.gov">Pam.Blackburn@ky.gov</a></p>
<p><b>Northern Kentucky Autism Parent Support Group</b>  Meets one Thursday per trimester e-mail/call for details  Reiley Elementary School  10631 Alexandria Pike in Alexandria  <i>Lindsey Mattingly (859) 635-2118 ext 110</i>  <a href="mailto:Lindsey.Mattingly@campbell.kyschools.us">Lindsey.Mattingly@campbell.kyschools.us</a></p>	

**Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative**

<p><b>Autism Support Group of Shelbyville</b>  3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each Month 7:00 pm  Kid Therapy Clinic  1900 Midland Trail in Shelbyville  <i>Renea Sageser (502) 633-1007</i>      <a href="mailto:rena@kidtherapy.org">rena@kidtherapy.org</a></p>	
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**Wilderness Trail Cooperative Region**

<p><b>Eastern Kentucky University Autism and Related Disorders</b>  Eastern Kentucky University      <a href="http://www.psychology.edu.edu/Autism">www.psychology.edu.edu/Autism</a></p>	<p><b>CASE (Community Autism Support &amp; Educate) Group</b></p>
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100 Ross Drive Richmond, KY 40475 Call for Meeting Schedule <i>Rita Brockmeyer (859) 623-6074 Myra Beth Bundy <a href="mailto:MyraBeth.Bundy@eku.edu">MyraBeth.Bundy@eku.edu</a></i>	Adair County Contact: Teresa Milby (270)378-0466 <a href="mailto:t1milby@yahoo.com">t1milby@yahoo.com</a>
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### River Region Cooperative Region

<b>Autism Support Network of Owensboro (ASNO)</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each Month 6:00 pm Wendell Foster Campus 815 Triplett Street in Owensboro  <i>Donna Lanham <a href="mailto:djl423@yahoo.com">djl423@yahoo.com</a> Trudi Laumas <a href="mailto:laumas@att.net">laumas@att.net</a></i>	<b>Fort Knox Autism Support Group</b> Mailing Address: Army Community Service Bldg. 77 239 Binter Street Ft. Knox, KY 40121-5000 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each Month 6:30 pm  The Group is open to all military card holders  <i>Marla Harris <a href="mailto:marla.harris@us.army.mil">marla.harris@us.army.mil</a></i>
<b>Breckenridge County Family Support Group</b> Breckenridge County High School Library 2019 East Hwy. 60 East in Hamed  For meeting information contact <a href="mailto:Veronica.Ent@breck.kyschools.us">Veronica.Ent@breck.kyschools.us</a> (270) 756-3082	
<b>Hancock County Parent 2 Parent</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each Month 7:30 pm Hancock County Career Center in Hawesville  <i>Jessica McFarling (270) 929-1762 <a href="mailto:ismcfarling@yahoo.com">ismcfarling@yahoo.com</a></i>	

### Upper Cumberland Cooperative Region

<b>Autism Support 4 Lake Cumberland</b> Mailing Address: 1632 Coal Pit Road Somerset, KY 42503 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each Month 3:00 pm East Somerset Baptist Church in Somerset  <i>Donna Littrell (606) 561-8282 <a href="mailto:awareness4autism@gmail.com">awareness4autism@gmail.com</a></i>	<b>Parents of Autistic Children</b> (Southeast Kentucky) Mailing Address: 41 Trent Circle London, KY 40744 <a href="http://www.p4ac.com">www.p4ac.com</a> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each Month 3:30 pm Little Learners Education Center in London <i>Angie Parman (606) 682-3416 <a href="mailto:angie@p4ac.com">angie@p4ac.com</a></i> <i>Joyce Steele (606) 682-2454 <a href="mailto:jsteele912@alltel.net">jsteele912@alltel.net</a></i>
<b>AUesome Teen Social/Support Group</b> Meets 1st or 2nd Saturday of each month for organized community event for fun, friendship, and support. Some meetings will take place at First Christian	<b>Harlan County Autism Support Group</b> Meets 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of each month 6:30pm Ken and Paul's Steakhouse – Conference Room

<p>Church in Somerset for workshops and informational sessions.</p> <p><i>Donna Littrell</i> 606-305-1857     <a href="mailto:kyteens4autism@gmail.com">kyteens4autism@gmail.com</a>  <i>Julie Price</i> 606-274-0188     <a href="mailto:kytprice1@windstream.net">kytprice1@windstream.net</a>  Facebook: AUsome Teen Social Group</p>	<p><i>Lisa Perry</i> (606) 273-4781 <a href="mailto:Perry5040@bellsouth.net">Perry5040@bellsouth.net</a>  <b>Parents Connecting for Change</b>  Meets every Friday morning from 9 to 10:30am  Cumberland River Comprehensive Care CAPERS Building  175 East Peachtree Street, Corbin, KY.</p> <p><i>Lauren Skiles</i>     <a href="mailto:lauren_skiles@hotmail.com">lauren_skiles@hotmail.com</a></p>
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**Western Kentucky Cooperative Region**

<p><b>Autism Support Group</b>  (Union County)</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each Month  Chi Rho Health and Wellness Center in Morganfield 270-389-9696</p> <p><i>Laura Ervin</i> <a href="mailto:lervin9@gmail.com">lervin9@gmail.com</a> 270-333-2305 home 270-997-0223 cell  Contact facilitator meeting date subject to change</p>	<p><b>Christian County Special Needs Autism Parent Support (SNAPS)</b></p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each Month 6-7:30 pm  Holiday Elementary School  3910 Nassau Circle     Hopkinsville, KY 42240  Childcare provided with advance notice</p> <p><i>Janet Godsey</i> (270) 887-7004     <a href="mailto:janet.godsey@christian.kyschools.us">janet.godsey@christian.kyschools.us</a></p>
<p><b>Fort Campbell Autism Support Group</b></p> <p>Mailing Address: Army Community Service 5661 Screaming Eagle Blvd.  Ft. Campbell, KY 42223  1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each Month 6-8 pm  Group is open to all--primary focus is military families</p> <p><i>Sarah Bolinger</i> (270) 798-2727     <a href="mailto:sarah.bolinger@us.army.mil">sarah.bolinger@us.army.mil</a></p>	<p><b>FEAT of Western Kentucky</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.featofwesternky.org">www.featofwesternky.org</a>  Contact for meeting information</p> <p><i>Tammi Halvorson</i>     <a href="mailto:tammih7@comcast.net">tammih7@comcast.net</a></p>

**Kentucky Valley Cooperative Region**

<p><b>Autism Support of Letcher County</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Month 6:00 pm  Harry M. Caudill Public Library in Whitesburg  Childcare is provided with advance notice</p> <p><i>Linda Collins</i> (606) 855-9026     <a href="mailto:hootandl@bellsouth.net">hootandl@bellsouth.net</a></p>	<p><b>Autism Support Group of Perry County</b></p> <p>Mailing Address: 6445 Highway 451 Hazard, KY 41701  3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each Month 6:00 pm  Second floor o the Kentucky River Community Care Office in Hazard  (beside Mountain Ford)</p> <p><i>Russ or Kim Baker</i> (606) 436-0761     <a href="mailto:rubaker@arh.org">rubaker@arh.org</a>  (606) 233-5889  or visit us on facebook under Autism Support Group of Perry County</p>
<p><b>East Kentucky Autism Support Group</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each Month 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Knott County Autism Support Group</b></p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month 6:00-7:00pm</p>

First Presbyterian Church 508 Cedar Creek Road in Pikeville  
(Meeting in Fellowship Hall-enter through back entrance between the 2 playgrounds)

*Katrina Justice (606) 432-9367*

*Becky Harrell (606) 437-0066*

Meeting held at the Human Services Building in Hindman

*Jennifer Sturgill (606) 634-4084*