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

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

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

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<th>Autism Society of Kentuckiana (ASK) (Louisville and Southern Indiana)</th>
<th>FEAT of Louisville, Inc.</th>
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<td>Mailing Address: PO Box 90 Pewee Valley, KY 40056  <a href="http://www.ask-lou.org">www.ask-lou.org</a></td>
<td>Mailing Address: Home of the Innocents 1100 E. Market St. Louisville, KY 40206</td>
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<td>2nd Saturday of each Month 10-12 noon Kentucky School for the Blind 1867 Frankfort Avenue in Louisville</td>
<td><a href="http://www.featooflouisville.org">www.featooflouisville.org</a> Check website for speakers and directions</td>
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<tr>
<td>Vonya Gresham <a href="mailto:vgresham@hospices.org">vgresham@hospices.org</a>  Rob Ralston (502) 541-5038</td>
<td>Meeting time vary-contact for schedule (502) 596-1258</td>
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<td>Just for Dads (Louisville and Southern Indiana)</td>
<td>Childcare is provided with advance notice</td>
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<tr>
<td>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</td>
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<td>Rob Ralston (502) 541-5038</td>
<td><a href="mailto:TRISTARRNC@gmail.com">TRISTARRNC@gmail.com</a></td>
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## Caveland Education Cooperative Region

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<th>Group Name</th>
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<td><strong>Allen County Autism Support Group</strong></td>
<td>Amanda Reagan (270) 618-3181 <a href="mailto:amanda.reagan@allen.kyschools.us">amanda.reagan@allen.kyschools.us</a></td>
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<td>Allen County Public Library</td>
<td>For information on meetings, contact Amanda Reagan (270) 618-3181 <a href="mailto:amanda.reagan@allen.kyschools.us">amanda.reagan@allen.kyschools.us</a></td>
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<td><strong>Autism Group of Cumberland County</strong></td>
<td>Spri Wheatley <a href="mailto:autismgroup.sw@GMAIL.COM">autismgroup.sw@GMAIL.COM</a></td>
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<td>Holy Cross Catholic Church in Burkesville</td>
<td>For information on meetings, contact Spri Wheatley <a href="mailto:autismgroup.sw@GMAIL.COM">autismgroup.sw@GMAIL.COM</a></td>
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<td><strong>Autism Awareness and Research Foundation of Edmonson County</strong></td>
<td>Meredith York (270) 246-0332 Angela Johnson (270) 246-1328</td>
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<tr>
<td>3rd Monday of each Month 5:30-6:30 pm Edmonson County Public Library 280 Ferguson Street in Brownsville</td>
<td>For information on meetings, contact: Karen Thomas <a href="mailto:karenmthomas@bellsouth.net">karenmthomas@bellsouth.net</a></td>
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<td><strong>Barren River Area Autism Support Group</strong></td>
<td>Scott Smith <a href="mailto:ssmith@tjsampson.org">ssmith@tjsampson.org</a></td>
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<td>(Barren, Hart, Monroe, Logan, Butler, Allen, Edmonson, Simpson, Warren Counties)</td>
<td>4th Thursday of each Month 6:30 pm TJ Samson Resource Center 1060 Glenview Dr. Glasgow, KY 42141</td>
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<td><strong>Hart of Autism</strong></td>
<td>Stephanie Turner (270)774-1180 <a href="mailto:etaa8416@yahoo.com">etaa8416@yahoo.com</a></td>
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<td>(Hart County)</td>
<td>Mailing Address P O Box 985, Munfordville, KY 42765 3rd Monday of each Month 3:15pm <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/HartofAutism">http://groups.yahoo.com/HartofAutism</a> Munfordville Baptist Church in Munfordville</td>
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<td><strong>Central Kentucky Cooperative Region</strong></td>
<td>Scott Smith <a href="mailto:ssmith@tjsampson.org">ssmith@tjsampson.org</a></td>
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<td><strong>Autism Society of the Bluegrass</strong></td>
<td>Sara Spragens (859) 299-9000 <a href="mailto:sspragens@insightbb.com">sspragens@insightbb.com</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>(Central Kentucky)</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td><strong>Danville/Boyle County Autism Parent Support Group</strong></td>
<td>Melissa Caudill (859) 236-8812 <a href="mailto:gmcbrc@bellsouth.net">gmcbrc@bellsouth.net</a></td>
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<td>(Boyle, Mercer, Casey, Lincoln, Garrard Counties)</td>
<td>Mailing Address: 1094 Glendive Court Danville, KY 40422 3rd Sunday of each Month 3-5:00 pm Wilderness Trace Child Development Center 409 N. Stewart Lane in Danville</td>
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<td><strong>Franklin County Autism and Related Disorder Support Group</strong></td>
<td>Julie Decoteau <a href="mailto:markdecoteau@bellsouth.net">markdecoteau@bellsouth.net</a></td>
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<td>Hearn Elementary School 300 Copperleaf Blvd. in Frankfort</td>
<td>Mailing Address: Powell County Middle 770 W. College Ave. Stanton, KY 40380</td>
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<td>For meeting information contact: Stacy Moore (502) 352-2425 <a href="mailto:Stacy.Moore@Franklin.kyschools.us">Stacy.Moore@Franklin.kyschools.us</a></td>
<td>For meeting information, contact Marilyn Barnett <a href="mailto:happy-top@msn.com">happy-top@msn.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>Washington County Autism Support Group</strong></td>
<td>Advocates for Autism Awareness</td>
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<td>2nd Monday of each Month 6-8:00 pm River of Life Church Hwy. 555, Springfield, KY.</td>
<td>4th Thursday of each month Nelson County Public Library 7-9 PM 201 Cathedral Manor</td>
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**Northern Kentucky Cooperative Region**

**Autism Society of Greater Cincinnati**  
PO Box 43027  
Cincinnati, OH 45243-0027  
Check website for meeting schedule  
[www.autismcincy.org](http://www.autismcincy.org)  
*Judy Newport*  

**Comforting Ties Autism Support Group**  
(Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky)  
Mailing Address: 822 Seton Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45205  
1st Monday of each Month  
6-8 pm  
1713 Persimmon Court in Florence  
*Sandy Knollman* (513) 703-6215  
[sandranknollman@yahoo.com](mailto:sandranknollman@yahoo.com)

**Autism Project of Southern Ohio**  
(Ohio and Northeastern Kentucky)  
Last Tuesday of each Month  
6:00 pm  
*Wendy Potts* (740) 357-2273

**Mothers of Children with Special Needs of Northern Kentucky**  
Meeting times and places vary  
[www.mscnky.com](http://www.mscnky.com)  
Contact for information about monthly meetings  
*Pam Blackburn*  
[Pam.Blackburn@ky.gov](mailto:Pam.Blackburn@ky.gov)

**Northern Kentucky Autism Parent Support Group**  
Meets one Thursday per trimester  
e-mail/call for details  
Reiley Elementary School  
10631 Alexandria Pike in Alexandria  
*Lindsey Mattingly*  
(859) 635-2118 ext 110  
[Lindsey.Mattingly@campbell.kyschools.us](mailto:Lindsey.Mattingly@campbell.kyschools.us)

**Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative**

**Autism Support Group of Shelbyville**  
3rd Thursday of each Month  
7:00 pm  
Kid Therapy Clinic  
1900 Midland Trail in Shelbyville  
*Renea Sageser* (502) 633-1007  
[rena@kidtherapy.org](mailto:rena@kidtherapy.org)

**Wilderness Trail Cooperative Region**

**Eastern Kentucky University Autism and Related Disorders**  
Eastern Kentucky University  
[www.psychology.edu.edu/Autism](http://www.psychology.edu.edu/Autism)  
**CASE (Community Autism Support & Educate) Group**  
**Eastern Kentucky University**  
[www.psychology.edu.edu/Autism](http://www.psychology.edu.edu/Autism)
### River Region Cooperative Region

**Autism Support Network of Owensboro (ASNO)**  
3rd Thursday of each Month  6:00 pm  
Wendell Foster Campus  
815 Tripplet Street in Owensboro  

*Donna Lanham* djl423@yahoo.com  
*Trudi Laumas* laumas@att.net

**Fort Knox Autism Support Group**  
Mailing Address: Army Community Service  
Bldg. 77  
239 Binter Street  
Ft. Knox, KY  40121-5000  
2nd and 4th Thursdays of each Month  6:30 pm  
The Group is open to all military card holders  
*Marla Harris* marla.harris@us.army.mil

**Breckenridge County Family Support Group**  
Breckenridge County High School Library  
2019 East Hwy. 60 East in Hamed  
For meeting information contact *Veronica.Ent@breck.kyschools.us*  
(270) 756-3082

**Hancock County Parent 2 Parent**  
2nd Tuesday of each Month  7:30 pm  
Hancock County Career Center in Hawesville  
*Jessica McFarling* (270) 929-1762  
jsmcfarling@yahoo.com

### Upper Cumberland Cooperative Region

**Autism Support 4 Lake Cumberland**  
Mailing Address: 1632 Coal Pit Road  
Somerset, KY  42503  
3rd Sunday of each Month  3:00 pm  
East Somerset Baptist Church in Somerset  
*Donna Littrell* (606) 561-8282  
awareness4autism@gmail.com

**Parents of Autistic Children**  
(Southeast Kentucky)  
Mailing Address: 41 Trent Circle  
London, KY  40744  
3rd Sunday of each Month  3:30 pm  
Little Learners Education Center in London  
*Angie Parmen* (606) 682-3416  
angie@p4ac.com  
*Joyce Steele* (606) 682-2454  
jsteele912@alltel.net

**AUsome Teen Social/Support Group**  
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  
*Joyce Steele* (606) 682-2454  
jsteele912@alltel.net

**Harlan County Autism Support Group**  
Meets 1st Monday of each month  6:30pm  
Ken and Paul's Steakhouse – Conference Room
Church in Somerset for workshops and informational sessions.

Donna Littrell 606-305-1857 kyteens4autism@gmail.com
Julie Price 606-274-0188 kyrprice1@windstream.net
Facebook: AUsome Teen Social Group

Lisa Perry (606) 273-4781 Perry5040@bellsouth.net

Parents Connecting for Change
Meets every Friday morning from 9 to 10:30am
Cumberland River Comprehensive Care CAPERS Building
175 East Peachtree Street, Corbin, KY.

Lauren Skiles lauren_skiles@hotmail.com

Western Kentucky Cooperative Region

Autism Support Group
(Union County)
1st Tuesday of each Month
Chi Rho Health and Wellness Center in Morganfield 270-389-9696
Laura Ervin lervin9@gmail.com 270-333-2305 home 270-997-0223 cell
Contact facilitator meeting date subject to change

Christian County Special Needs Autism Parent Support (SNAPS)
3rd Thursday of each Month 6-7:30 pm
Holiday Elementary School
3910 Nassau Circle Hopkinsville, KY 42240
Childcare provided with advance notice
Janet Godsey (270) 887-7004 janet.godsey@christian.kyschools.us

Fort Campbell Autism Support Group
Mailing Address: Army Community Service
5661 Screaming Eagle Blvd.
Ft. Campbell, KY 42223
1st Tuesday of each Month 6-8 pm
Group is open to all--primary focus is military families
Sarah Bolinger (270) 798-2727 sarah.bolinger@us.army.mil

FEAT of Western Kentucky
www.featofwesternky.org
Contact for meeting information
Tammi Halvorson tammih7@comcast.net

Kentucky Valley Cooperative Region

Autism Support of Letcher County
1st Thursday of each Month 6:00 pm
Harry M. Caudill Public Library in Whitesburg
Childcare is provided with advance notice
Linda Collins (606) 855-9026 hootandl@bellsouth.net

Autism Support Group of Perry County
Mailing Address: 6445 Highway 451 Hazard, KY 41701
3rd Monday of each Month 6:00 pm
Second floor of the Kentucky River Community Care Office in Hazard
(beside Mountain Ford)
Russ or Kim Baker (606) 436-0761 rubaker@arh.org
(606) 233-5889
or visit us on facebook under Autism Support Group of Perry County

East Kentucky Autism Support Group
1st Tuesday of each Month 7:00 pm

Knott County Autism Support Group
3rd Tuesday of each month 6:00-7:00 pm
| First Presbyterian Church   508 Cedar Creek Road in Pikeville  
(Meeting in Fellowship Hall-enter through back entrance between the 2 playgrounds) | Meeting held at the Human Services Building in Hindman  
Jennifer Sturgill  (606) 634-4084 |
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