



What's New in Kentucky: An Overview of the Kentucky Advisory Council on Autism Spectrum Disorder

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The Office of Autism at the Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs was established to:

1. Create a centralized location to coordinate statewide and regional efforts to enhance the quality of life and independence to individuals with ASD and to support their families and caregivers
2. Improve coordination of autism resources within the system of care supporting children and adults with autism and help make those resources available to families and self-advocates
3. Be the center of a communication network sharing autism-related information among state agencies
4. Provide administrative support to the Advisory Council on ASD to unify and promote initiatives aimed at improving Kentucky's system of care

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Who are the members

Joy Baum Arc of Kentucky	David Beach Office of Vocational Rehab
Allen Brenzel DBHDID	Ally Brooks Citizen-at-Large
Jonathan Campbell Center for Autism Spectrum Evaluation, Service and Research, UK	Johnny Collett KY Department of Education;
Tal Curry Dept. for Public Health	Lynne Flynn Dept. for Medicaid Services;
Eric T. French, II Consumer	Paul Glaser University of Kentucky
Paula Goff First Steps	Natalie Kelly DBHDID
Harold Kleinert University of Kentucky	Crystal McAliley Citizen-at-Large

Robert Pennington University of Louisville	Eddie Phillips Dept. of Public Advocacy
Mary Karen Stumbo Citizen-at-Large	Larry Taylor KY Autism Training Center
Scott Tomchek Weisskopf Child Evaluation Center	Melanie Tyner-Wilson Citizen-at-Large
Diane Underwood Dept. for Community Based Services;	Kim Walters-Parker Professional Standards Board
Anne Weaver Parent representative, Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities	Anna Whites Citizen-at-Large
Gail Williams Pediatrician	

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- **Subcommittees**
- **How can I get involved?**
- **Upcoming events:**
 - 2015 ASD Parent Summit



The Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs - Office of Autism

2015 ASD PARENT SUMMIT:

ADVOCACY THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

FRIDAY MAY 8 & SATURDAY MAY 9

FOR PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, PROFESSIONALS, AND SELF-ADVOCATES FROM
ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY



BARREN RIVER STATE RESORT PARK
1149 STATE PARK ROAD
LUCAS, KY 42156

Keynote Presentation: Saturday May 9th 9:00 - 10:00am CST
United We Stand! The Importance of Collaborative Advocacy
Presented by: MaryLee Underwood

Whether it's in the classroom or at the Capitol, working together results in greater success. For people with disabilities, the world has truly changed because individuals and families banded together to advocate for greater rights and supports. This session will provide an overview of what can be done and how.

MaryLee Underwood is the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities. As the mother of a child with disabilities, MaryLee knows the challenges and blessings that families encounter. She is a graduate of the University of Kentucky, School of Social Work, and the University of North Carolina, School of Law.



Friday, May 8

- 4:00-6:15 Registration
- 5:00-6:15 Dinner
- 6:15-6:30 Welcome
- 6:30-7:30 Roundtables
- 7:30-8:00 Networking



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The roundtables on Friday evening will focus on resources and networking with groups and individuals from across Kentucky. Saturday, following MaryLee's empowering presentation, Summit attendees will select 3 breakout sessions to attend. Topics include: Medicaid, behavior, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, supported employment, IEP, parent advocacy, and partnering with your child's doctor.

On-Site Registration will be available - Registration fee is \$15 per person and includes all sessions and meals. Please bring exact cash (no checks or credit cards will be accepted). Lodging at the State Resort Park is sold out, but there are several hotels nearby!

Saturday, May 9

- 7:00-9:00 Breakfast
- 8:00-9:00 Registration
- 9:00-10:00 Keynote
- 10:15-11:30 Session 1
- 11:45-12:45 Lunch
- 1:00-2:15 Session 2
- 2:30-3:45 Session 3
- 3:45-4:00 Evaluations

Questions?? Contact:

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