

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS RELATED SUPPORT GROUPS IN KENTUCKY

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 Heidi Cooley-Cook, at the Kentucky Autism Training Center at 502-852-6401 or hacool01@louisville.edu.

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

Kentucky Education Development Cooperation (KEDC) / Big East Cooperative Region

<p>Parents United for Support and Help (PUSH) - Boyd County</p> <p>2nd Tuesday of each month 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Pathways Office on Lansdowne Drive in Ashland *Please call during summer months for location</p> <p><i>Barb Worden (606) 324-3005 x 4515 bworden@pathways-ky.org</i></p>	<p>Parents United for Support and Help (PUSH) - Carter County</p> <p>3rd Thursday of each month 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Pathways Office in Grayson *Please call during summer months for location</p> <p><i>Barb Worden (606) 324-3005 x 4515 bworden@pathways-ky.org</i></p>
<p>Parents United for Support and Help (PUSH) - Elliott County</p> <p>4th Thursday of each month 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm Sandy Hook Pathways Office - enter basement from parking lot *Please call during summer months for location</p> <p><i>Barb Worden (606) 324-3005 x 4515 bworden@pathways-ky.org</i></p>	<p>Parents United for Support and Help (PUSH) - Lawrence County</p> <p>4th Monday of each month 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Louisa Pathways Office on Professional Dr. *Please call during summer months for location</p> <p><i>Barb Worden (606) 324-3005 x 4515 bworden@pathways-ky.org</i></p>
<p>Parents United for Support and Help (PUSH) - Greenup County</p> <p>3rd Tuesday of each month 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Greenup Pathways Office on Dora Ln. beside new Greenup Health Dept. *Please call during summer months for location</p> <p><i>Barb Worden (606) 324-3005 x 4515 bworden@pathways-ky.org</i></p>	<p>Carter County Special Needs Support Group</p> <p>2nd Wednesday of each month 1:00 pm - 3:00pm NewBeginnings Assembly of God 194 Promise Land Drive, Grayson, KY 41143</p> <p><i>Patricia Hicks (606) 686-1399 or (606) 585-3021 Debbie Gilbert (800) 232-1160 ext. 2069</i></p>
<p>Buffalo Trace Autism Support Group</p> <p>1st Tuesday of each month 6:30 pm ACT Building behind 611 Forest Avenue Comprehend Building - Maysville **no childcare *** dinner provided</p> <p><i>Terri Srinivasan (606) 301-3842 srinivasan@windstream.net</i></p> <p>Facebook: Buffalo Trace Autism Support Group</p> <p>**1st Saturday of the month 4:00pm - 6:00pm FREE Tumbling at Centre Academy - GFCF snacks provided - Call Terri for more information</p>	

Jefferson County Exceptional Child Education Service Region

<p>Parents Coffee Connection - parents of young children with various special needs</p> <p>2nd and 4th Sunday of each month 10:30 am - 11:15 am Southeast Christian Church:</p> <p><i>Donna Ahlrich:</i> (502) 253-8126 d.ahlrich@secc.org</p> <p><u>Facebook: Southeast Christian Church Disabilities Ministry</u></p>	<p>Autism Society of Kentuckiana (ASK) (Louisville and Southern Indiana)</p> <p>2nd Saturday of each month 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Home of the Innocents: 1100 E. Market St. Louisville, KY 40206</p> <p><i>Vonya Gresham</i> vgresham@hospices.org <i>Rob Ralston</i> (502) 541-5038 TRISTARRNC@gmail.com - Father of child with autism - please feel free to contact for support! www.ask-lou.org</p>
<p>FEAT of Louisville, Inc.</p> <p>2nd Wednesday of each month - Parent Networking & Trainings Home of the Innocents: 1100 E. Market St. Louisville, KY 40206 Childcare is provided with advance notice Meeting times vary-contact for schedule</p> <p><i>Karla Gibbs</i> (502) 596-1258 www.featoflouisville.org Check website for speakers and directions <u>Facebook: FEATofLouisville</u> http://www.autismfriendlycommunity.org</p>	<p>Parents of Adult Autistic Children of Louisville (PAACLou)</p> <p>**Check website for meeting dates/times</p> <p><i>Elizabeth Stoica:</i> (502) 214-0592 elizabethstoica@ymail.com</p> <p>http://www.paaclou.com <u>Facebook: Support group for autistic adults</u> <u>Autism Speaks: Parents of Adult Autistic Children of Louisville</u></p>
<p>The Laughing Duck</p> <p>1st Saturday of each month at 11:00 am Sun Valley Community Center 6505 Bethany Ln. Louisville, KY 40272 Meeting location changes during summer months for location, please contact</p> <p><i>Kari Whited:</i> (502) 509-8621 laughing_duck@yahoo.com</p> <p><u>Facebook: The Laughing Duck</u></p>	

Green River Regional Educational Cooperative (GRREC)

<p>Awesome Kids</p> <p>1st Tuesday of each month 5:00 pm Allen County Primary Center Library - 721 New Gallatin Rd. in Scottsville</p> <p>Lesley Atwood- (270) 618-7200 ext 6104 awesomекids@allen.kyschools.us Scottsville, KY 42164</p> <p>Facebook: Awesome Kids</p>	<p>Grayson/Clarkson/Leitchfield County Family Autism Support Group</p> <p>3rd Thursday of each month 5:30 pm CST Leitchfield, KY ** Contact Shannon for location of meeting</p> <p>Shannon Priddy-Marin, MS, BCBA, LBA (270) 668-3149 spmarin@communicare.org</p>
<p>Hart of Autism (Hart County)</p> <p>3rd Thursday of the month 6:30pm Munfordville Baptist Church 501 North West St. in Munfordville <i>Stephanie Turner (270)774-1180 stephanie@hartofautism.org</i></p> <p>Yahoo Group: HartofAutism Facebook: Hart of Autism Website: http://www.hartofautism.org</p>	<p>Autism and Asperger Support Group of Bowling Green (AASBG)</p> <p>6:00 pm - 7:30 pm day/location vary Contact for information on meetings.</p> <p><i>Liz Sternberg lizntomsternberg@gmail.com</i> <i>Shelley Shepherd (270) 535-6571 shelleygwen@gmail.com</i></p> <p>Facebook: Autism Asperger Support Group</p>
<p>Southern Kentucky New Hopes Parent Support Group</p> <p>4th Tuesday of each month Thomas House 118 Main Street in Horse Cave</p> <p><i>Kerry Goodman (270) 524-3344 OR (270) 473-0757</i> sokynewhopes@gmail.com</p> <p>Facebook: Southern Kentucky "New Hopes" Parent Support Group</p>	<p>Owensboro Autism Family Support Group</p> <p>2nd Thursday of each month Wendell Foster Center 815 Triplett St. Owensboro</p> <p>Sandra Hammers (270) 903-1842 owensboro.afsg@gmail.com</p> <p>Facebook: Owensboro Autism Family Support Group</p>
<p>Breckinridge County Autism Family Support Group</p> <p>3rd Friday of each Month at 6:00 (CST) Meets at Communicare, 207B Fairgrounds Rd. Hardinsburg, KY 40176</p> <p><i>Shannon Priddy-Marin, MS, BCBA, LBA (270) 668-3149</i> spmarin@communicare.org</p>	<p>CASE (Community Autism Support & Educate) Group Adair County Contact: Teresa Milby (270) 378-0466</p> <p>t1milby@yahoo.com</p>

Central Kentucky Educational Cooperative Region (CKEC)

<p>Washington County Autism Group of Support (WAGS)</p> <p>Meeting day/time vary - please contact Katie for more information Cornerstone Christian Church 805 Bardstown Rd Springfield, KY</p> <p><i>Katie Essex (859)481-3282</i></p>	<p>Autism Society of the Bluegrass (Central Kentucky)</p> <p>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 (859) 299-9000 sspragens@insightbb.com</i> www.asbg.org</p>
<p>Parent and Professional Autism Support Group in Powell County (Montgomery, Clark, Powell counties in CKEC - Wolfe County in KVEC)</p> <p>2nd Monday 4:00pm - 5:30pm September - December and March - May Powell County Middle School 770 W. College Ave. Stanton, KY 40380</p> <p>For meeting information, contact</p> <p>Marilyn Barnett 606-521-9676 marilyn.barnett@keyassetskentucky.com</p>	<p>Advocates for Autism Awareness</p> <p>4th Thursday of each month Nelson County Public Library 7-9 PM 201 Cathedral Manor Bardstown, KY 40004 ChaDew7275@aol.com Charla 502.349.0214 Heather - 502-249-6584</p>
<p>Scott County Autism Team (SCAT)</p> <p>No set meeting time right now, but the group does have play dates each month usually on the 1st Saturday of the month.</p> <p>Tammy Mischler (502) 535-6676 OR (502) 542-8251 kdmsmom@hughes.net Facebook: SCAT</p>	<p>Owensboro Autism Family Support Group</p> <p>Facebook: Owensboro Autism Family Support Group Be sure to check out the events page on Facebook for Meeting Details!</p>
	<p>Autism Support Group Franklin County District-Wide January 27, March 17, May 19 - 6:00 pm The Early Learning Village - 200 Laralan Ave</p> <p>For meeting information, contact:</p> <p>Stacy Moore 352-2425 or 352-2585 Stacy.moore@franklin.kyschools.us</p>

Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services (NKCES)

<p>Autism Society of Greater Cincinnati</p> <p>PO Box 43027 Cincinnati, OH 45243-0027</p> <p>www.autismcincy.org</p> <p>Check website for meeting schedule <i>Judy Newport</i></p>	<p>Comforting Ties Autism Support Group (Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky)</p> <p>Mailing Address: 822 Seton Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45205 1st Monday of each Month 6-8 pm 1713 Persimmon Court in Florence</p> <p><i>Sandy Knollman (513) 703-6215 sandraknollman@yahoo.com</i></p>
<p>Autism Project of Southern Ohio (Ohio and Northeastern Kentucky)</p> <p>Last Tuesday of each Month 6:00 pm</p> <p><i>Wendy Potts (740) 357-2273</i></p>	<p>Mothers of Children with Special Needs of Northern Kentucky</p> <p>2nd Thursday of the Month at 7pm.</p> <p><i>Pam Blackburn mothersofspecialchildren@yahoogroups.com</i></p> <p>Meetings are held at other sites based on members preferences (i.e., Applebees, etc.) Interested mothers need to apply to the yahoo group or visit the website for information.</p>
<p>Bracken County Autism Support Group</p> <p>3rd Monday of each Month 6:00 pm St. James Parish Hall Brooksville, KY 41004</p> <p><i>Meagan Brannon, Family Liason (606) 776-4217</i> Mbrannon@comprehendinc.org</p>	<p>Puzzling Panthers</p> <p>Last Tuesday of every month Ludlow Elementary</p> <p><i>Dawn Geyer (859) 409-6978</i> Autism4familiesoutreach@yahoo.com</p> <p>Facebook: Puzzling Panthers</p>
<p>Autism 4 Families</p> <p>Check Facebook page for meetings and activities</p> <p><i>Dawn Geyer (859) 409-6978</i> Autism4familiesoutreach@yahoo.com</p> <p>Facebook: Autism 4 Families</p>	

Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative (OVEC)

<p>Autism Support Group of Shelbyville</p> <p>3rd Thursday of each Month 7:00 pm Kid Therapy Clinic 1900 Midland Trail in Shelbyville</p> <p><i>Renea Sageser</i> (502) 633-1007 rena@kidtherapy.org</p>	<p>Parent Support Group (For those with Special Needs Children)</p> <p>2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm Old Mill Elementary School 11540 Hwy 44E, Mt. Washington, KY 40047</p> <p><i>Leigh Ann Lowert, Family Resource Center Coordinator</i> (502) 869-3212 Leigh.lowery@bullitt.kyschools.us</p>
<p>Franklin County Autism and Related Disorder Support Group</p> <p>3rd Monday of every other month 6:00pm. (except for January when the meeting is on the 4th Monday). Meetings are: 9/16/13, 11/18/13, 1/27/14, 3/17/14, & 5/19/14 Early Learning Village, 200 Laralan Ave in Frankfort *** Childcare is <i>not</i> provided</p> <p><i>Stacy Moore</i> (502) 352-2425 Stacy.Moore@Franklin.kyschools.us</p>	

Kentucky Valley Education Cooperative Region (KVEC)

<p>Autism Support Group of Perry County</p> <p>Mailing Address: 6445 Highway 451 Hazard, KY 41701 3rd Wednesday of each Month 6:00 pm Second floor of the Kentucky River Community Care Office in Hazard (beside Mountain Ford) Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month</p> <p><i>Russ or Kim Baker</i> (606) 436-0761 rubaker@arh.org (606) 233-5889 or visit us on facebook under Autism Support Group of Perry County</p>	<p>East Kentucky Autism Support Group</p> <p>2nd Tuesday of each month 10:30 am For meeting location contact:</p> <p><i>Billie Chain</i> (606) 226-3003 billiechain@gmail.com</p> <p>Facebook: EastKY Autismawareness</p>
<p>Parent and Professional Autism Support Group in Powell County (Montgomery, Clark, Powell counties in CKEC - Wolfe County in KVEC)</p> <p>2nd Monday 4:00pm - 5:30pm September - December and March - May Powell County Middle School 770 W. College Ave. Stanton, KY 40380</p> <p>For meeting information, contact</p>	<p>Letcher County Autism Support Group</p> <p>3rd Thursday of each month 6:00 pm West Whitesburg Elementary School Whitesburg, KY Childcare is always available</p>

<i>Marilyn Barnett</i> 606-521-9676 marilyn.barnett@keyassetskentucky.com	<i>Gwenna Pennell</i> (606) 634-4826 reesesgrannie@hotmail.com <i>Tammy Cook</i> (606) 212-6103
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SouthEast / South Central Region (SE/SC)

<p>Eastern Kentucky University Autism and Related Disorders</p> <p>Eastern Kentucky University www.psychology.edu.edu/Autism 100 Ross Drive Richmond, KY 40475 Call for Meeting Schedule</p> <p><i>Rita Brockmeyer</i> (859) 623-6074 <i>Myra Beth Bundy</i> MyraBeth.Bundy@eku.edu</p>	<p>Harlan County Autism Support Group Meets 1st Thursday of each month 6:00pm Harlan Public Library</p> <p><i>Lisa Perry</i> (606) 273-4781 or (606) 573-5273 Perry5040@bellsouth.net</p> <p>Check us out on Facebook!!!</p>
<p>Autism Support 4 Lake Cumberland</p> <p>3rd Tuesday of each month 6:00 pm St. Mildred's Church 203 S Central Ave, Somerset, KY 42501</p> <p><i>Donna Littrell</i> 606-875-9847 <i>Julie Price</i> 606-219-5916 <i>Shawna Measel</i> 606-425-1922</p> <p>Facebook: Autism Support 4 Lake Cumberland</p>	<p>Parents for Autistic Children (Southeast Kentucky)</p> <p>Meeting day/time/location varies - please contact Angie or Lisa for more information.</p> <p><i>Lisa Depew</i> (606) 312-3761 lisatwins02@live.com <i>Angie Parman</i> angie.c.parman@facebook.com</p>
<p>Lake Cumberland Area Autism Support Group</p> <p>Contact Holly, Carolyn, or Pamela for more information 606 -678-2821</p> <p><i>Holly LaFavers, Carolyn Baker, , Pamela Smith</i></p> <p>HLafavers@adanta.org CBaker@adanta.org PSmith@adanta.org This group is beginning to organize gymnastics classes, play groups at local parks, please contact for more information!</p>	<p>The Incredible Children of Madison County KY</p> <p>For Meeting Information please contact: <i>Melissa Flickinger</i> (615) 587-1714 flickingerbutterfly@yahoo.com <i>Robert Flickinger</i> incrediblechildmadisonco@gmail.com</p> <p>Facebook: The Incredible Child</p>

Western Kentucky Educational Cooperative Region (WKEC)

<p>FEAT of Western Kentucky</p> <p>www.featofwesternky.org Contact for meeting information</p> <p><i>Tammi Halvorson</i> tammih7@comcast.net</p>	<p>Fort Campbell Exceptional Family Member Program Autism Support Group</p> <p>2nd Tuesday of each Month 6-8 pm Army Community Service, Bldg. 5661 Screaming Eagle Blvd., Ft. Campbell, KY 42223</p> <p><i>Sarah Bolinger</i> (270) 798-2727 sarah.o.bolinger.civ@miaail.mil <i>Ann Brown</i> (270) 798-2727 ann.brown.62.cov@mail.mil</p> <p>**Our support group meetings are open to the public; not just for military.</p>
<p>Special Needs Autism Parent Support Group (SNAPS)</p> <p>3rd Thursday of each month 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm ***Our meetings are: 9/19/13, 10/24/13, 11/21/13, 12/19/13, 1/16/14, 2/20/14, 3/20/14, 4/17/14, 5/15/14</p> <p>Christian County Learning Center (<i>old</i> Christian County Middle School) 205 Glass Ave, Hopkinsville, KY <i>Double doors nearest high school gym</i></p> <p><i>Janet Godsey</i> (270) 887-7400 janet.godsey@christian.kyschools.us</p> <p>**We provide free childcare with an advance reservation (at least 24 hours notice)</p>	<p>PACT (Parents of Autistic Children Together)</p> <p>5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Princeton Public George Coon Library 114 South Harrison St. Princeton, KY Contact for meeting dates</p> <p><i>Jackie Murray</i> (270) 963-6326 Jackie.murray@caldwell.kyschools.us <i>Allison Seymore</i> Allison.seymore@caldwell.kyschools.us</p> <p>Facebook: PACT Princeton</p>
<p>Families on the Spectrum Paducah area Facebook: Families on the Spectrum</p>	<p>Special Needs Support and Advocacy of Owensboro Facebook: Special Needs Support and Advocacy of Owensboro</p>