

Organizational Goals

BEAT-IA members are dedicated to helping children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder reach their full potential through biomedical and educational interventions in the following ways:

- Promoting autism awareness in our state through fliers, brochures, media coverage and educating public service professionals.
- Providing parental/family support through BEAT-IA e-mail support group, partnering with an experienced parent or professional regarding dietary advice and locating resources, support group monthly meetings and introductory packet for new members.
- Educating interested parties, families and professionals on various interventions such as: biomedical, educational/behavioral and developmental.
- Raising funds to provide the services listed above.
- Encouraging activism in grassroots efforts to promote legislation that benefits individuals with ASD through lobbying and providing information to elected officials.

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

Current statistics prove that one out of six children are diagnosed with a developmental disorder. One in one-hundred sixty-six children are diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) includes the diagnoses of Pervasive Developmental Disorder, Asperger Syndrome, as well as "classic" Autism. ASD is a developmental disability that generally appears during the first three years of life. Adults and children with ASD typically have challenges in verbal and nonverbal communications, leisure or play activities and social interactions. The disorder makes it difficult for them to communicate with others and relate to the world around them.

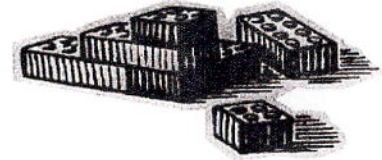
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ONE BLOCK AT A TIME...

The journey of your loved one's experience with ASD is a marathon, not a sprint. You are your loved one's greatest advocate. Your learning curve will be gigantic. However, you join a worldwide group of families that are wholeheartedly dedicated in their passion to help improve the health and quality of life of their loved ones and to discover, one block at a time, the reason for this epidemic. You are not alone.

BEAT-IA meets monthly on a rotating basis in Clear Lake, Des Moines or Cedar Rapids areas.

To join the List-serve for this group, please go to: www.yahoogleroups.com, then enter "beatiowa."



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