



# OUR SERVICES ARE AS **UNIQUE** AS YOU ARE

The Autism Society of Indiana (ASI) is a non-profit organization that serves the whole state of Indiana. Our mission is to ensure that every individual and every family affected by autism in the state of Indiana receives the high-quality services they deserve.

## PROGRAMS & SERVICES

### INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY SUPPORT

*Provided by the Area Support Coordinators*

Using a Person-Centered approach, our Area Support Coordinators provide individualized peer-to-peer support and care coordination. They live in the communities they serve, with a goal of knowing local service providers and resources. They work closely with Medicaid Waiver Services and coordinate Direct Care in their area while also working with Developmental Disability providers, Mental Health Centers, Schools, Hospitals and State Agencies.

Our Area Support Coordinators have a personal connection to autism, providing them with a deep and unique understanding of Autism Spectrum Disorder and caring for someone on the spectrum. Our Area Support Coordinators can provide information and training to families and providers (in English and Spanish), while also coordinating local support groups or resources.

Please contact your local Autism Support Coordinator for more information by calling **800-609-8449** or send an email to [info@inautism.org](mailto:info@inautism.org).

### DIRECT CARE

*Provided by the Direct Care Providers*

Through ASI's Direct Care program, families and individuals affected by autism are able to access Respite Care and Participant Assistance & Care (PAC).

**Respite Care** services address the importance of caring for the caregiver. Caring for a child with special needs can cause emotional or physical problems leading to health problems, marital stress, and even guilt and grief. Respite Care provides a break to reconnect to the world, a spouse or other children in the family.

**Our PAC** services allow individuals to remain and live successfully in their neighborhoods. It provides a gateway to the community while also teaching essential communication and social skills to let an individual function and participate in their own home and in their own community.

Respite Care and PAC services can be accessed through Medicaid Waivers.

### CAREER & WORK READINESS

*Provided by the Career Specialist*

ASI believes that with the right support, everyone on the spectrum can find and keep employment. Our Career Specialist works with individuals from ages 14 and up to help them determine what they would like to do and how to get there.

Using a person-centered approach, our Career Specialist guide individuals through uncovering their talents along with skills to get and keep a job. We provide training on interview skills, resume writing, and job fair preparations. Once the individual has found their position, we provide ongoing employment support to help with long-term retention and job satisfaction.

ASI is a provider for Vocational Rehabilitation, Medicaid Waiver, and Ticket to Work.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

ASI is very active in the communities around Indiana serving families and individuals affected by autism. We have multiple special events and programs throughout the year. Our focus is to bring awareness about autism resources and services along with creating programs with unique experiences to help those wanting to try something new in the community setting.

## RESOURCES

The ASI Website ([inautism.org](http://inautism.org)) is the one-stop-shop for autism-specific articles, events, programs, and other resources including:

- Interventions and services
- Insurance and Medicaid
- Schools and education
- Legislation and policy
- Employment, Independent & Supported Living
- Camps and recreation
- Events and programs
- and Provider information