

# Autism National Committee

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*The first autism advocacy organization dedicated  
to "Social Justice for All Autistics"  
through a shared vision and  
a commitment to positive approaches*



## Principles of the Autism National Committee

As a member of the Autism National Committee, I endorse for all autistics and those with related disabilities the development of high-quality community services, including education, residences, jobs/job training programs, and of individualized support services in all locations for both individuals and their family members; of state-of-the-art communication options for all individuals with unique communication and social needs; of adequate supports to every family to assist them in maintaining their family member with a disability in their home at least throughout the childhood and adolescent years; and the dissemination of available knowledge of those aspects of the disability requiring special support and understanding; the promotion of research to provide parents and professionals with greater insight into the unique needs of individuals with autism and related disabilities; and the use, development, and promotion of positive, respectful approaches for teaching every aspect of life.

Moreover, I oppose the use of institutions to separate people from their communities and deprive them of dignity, freedom and the level of independence they can achieve in supportive community living; the use of procedures involving pain, humiliation, deprivation, and dangerous drugs as a means to alter and control individuals' behavior; the increasing use of bizarre technology to control self-injurious and aggressive behavior; the widespread ignorance of the basic social and communicative needs of people with autism; and the widespread disregard for the individual's unique, basic and human needs. I object to programs which disregard the skills, preferences and basic human needs of the people they serve, and I believe that there is no need or any justification for using painful and abusive procedures.

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## AutCom Annual Membership Form

Join any time (specify the membership year). Renew each January (except for Lifetime Members).

**For the Membership Year** \_\_\_\_\_ (January 1-December 31, except for lifetime membership)

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip code** \_\_\_\_\_

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I prefer to receive the newsletter  email  print if available (Note: print is not always available)

**I want to**  Renew my membership  Become a Member  Become a Lifetime Member

**I am a/an**  Autistic  Family member  Friend  
 Student  Professional (field) \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed is my membership fee of:**  \$10.00 (autistic person - annual membership fee)

\$30.00 (nonautistic person annual membership)  \$10.00 (student annual membership)

\$75.00 (supporting annual membership)  \$500.00 (lifetime membership)

**Donation:** I am enclosing an additional \$\_\_\_\_\_ donation to speed up the good work!

As a donor, I want to be  listed by name  anonymous.

**Send this form or a copy and a check payable to Autism National Committee to**

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