

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 longer need or any justification for using painful and abusive procedures.

AutCom Annual Membership Form

Join any time. Renew each January (except for Lifetime Members).

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____ Phone _____

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I want to Renew my membership Become a member

I am a/an Autistic Family member Friend
 Student Professional (field) _____

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

\$30.00 (regular membership) \$10.00 (student membership)

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

I am enclosing an additional \$_____ donation to speed up the good work!

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

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