



ACCEPTING EMPOWERING INCLUDING SUPPORTING

History

Autism South Africa was founded in 1989 by concerned parents and professionals as a lobbying and networking organisation. It is now the recognised national body for autistic people in South Africa. A;SA has a footprint representation in eight provinces.



Vision

A;SA aspires to achieve a society in which all autistic people enjoy all rights and opportunities to meet their needs and fulfil their potentials, throughout their lives, as equal members of their families and communities.

Mission

Celebrate and champion the diversity and creativity of autistic people
Partner with and be relevant to autistic persons, their families and communities
Identify and address the differing and changing needs of autistic infants, children, adolescents and adults
Promote and protect the rights and advance the interests of all those within the autism community
Lead autism awareness, inclusion, support and advocacy throughout South Africa
Draw on and contribute to national and international experience and expertise in the field of autism, while retaining a local and regional focus on its challenges and opportunities





Legal Status

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Level 4 B-BBEE Contributor

Banking Details

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Corporate Governance and Accountability

For over three decades Autism South Africa has endeavoured to accept, empower, include and support autistic people, their families and the broader community. Autism South Africa has developed into the largest autism advocacy organisation in Southern Africa. Our primary benefactors have stood loyally by our side, even though South Africa experienced economic down-turns, and most notably, through the Covid-19 pandemic. This, we believe, is due to increased awareness of autism and Autism South Africa's well-respected financial track record within the CSI fraternity



Our Auditors

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"The history of Autism SA is a story of an organisation created out of need by parents with children who are on the Autism spectrum. At a time when little was known about the condition or done for it, they took the lead and established an organisation that became a strong advocate for those who truly needed it. Today, it continues to exist strong in its foundation and diverse in the purposes it serves within the varied communities of our beautiful SA."

Tumelo Leeuw, 2019.

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Our Strategic Direction: 2020 to 2023

To advocate for the human rights and best interests of autistic people

To identify the needs of, and support autistic people, across their lifespan

To advocate for the human rights and best interests of autistic people

To establish and maintain relevant and strategic partnerships with the state, civil, academic and other sectors

To research, develop, facilitate – and where relevant – accredit relevant quality training on autism to our stakeholders

To learn from, and contribute to local, national and international research experience and expertise on health, social development, legal, education and other matters related to autism

To ensure the sustainability of Autism South Africa

OPERATIONAL GOALS

SUPPORT GOALS

Some of our projects

Ongoing dissemination and distribution of information

Early Childhood Development

National Outreach Education and Training Programme

World Autism Awareness – and Acceptance – Day

Guidance, Information and Support to Parents and Caregivers

IDT Programme with 200 participants

WHO Caregivers Skills Training Programme in collaboration with Autism Speaks, WHO, UCT and NDSD

Food and Bev SETA Learnership for autistic young adults

Autism Navigator – research participants with the Centre for Autism Research at UCT