Our Purpose

The purpose of the Community of Practice on Autism Spectrum Disorders and Other Developmental Disabilities (CoP ASD/DD) is to bring together diverse stakeholders from across the state to:

- learn together
- exchange information, opinions and resources
- engage in partnerships and collaborative efforts

The CoP ASD/DD aims to improve the formal and informal systems of services and supports for individuals with ASD/DD, their families, and the professionals who work with them.

“This has been a fantastic opportunity to bring many different faces in the field together from families, advocates, medical providers, educators and community members.”

Upcoming Meetings

CoP ASD/DD meetings are usually from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The CoP ASD/DD meets 3 times per year throughout Wisconsin.

To get involved check our website www.waisman.wisc.edu/connections for specific meeting dates, locations and topics.

For more information regarding the Wisconsin CoP ASD/DD, please email: wiconnections.asd.dd@gmail.com

To register for the meetings go to www.waisman.wisc.edu/connections and click on the Community of Practice tab.
### What Does a Community of Practice Do?

- Unites groups to problem solve, plan, and share experiences with a common set of challenges
- Learns together from experts and from each other
- Provides ways for people to communicate and interact
- Constructs a mindset about how people can accomplish large tasks by sharing work and coordinating resources
- Creates an inclusive framework to dialogue about what is known, as well as what people need to know

"Wisconsin is a state that has highly invested in understanding the needs of the autism families and the [CoP ASD/DD] is a great way to identify and inform about autism services in Wisconsin."

### Who Participates?

Anyone with an interest in improving the system of care around Autism Spectrum Disorders and Other Developmental Disabilities is welcome to participate.

**Our current membership includes:**
- Parents
- Self-Advocates
- Educators and School Personnel
- Health Care Providers
- Treatment/Therapy Providers
- Autism Society of SE WI
- Autism Society of Wisconsin
- Autism Society of South Central Wisconsin
- Regional Centers for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs
- Family Voices of WI
- Parent to Parent of WI
- WI FACETS
- WI Statewide Parent Educator Initiative
- WI Alliance for Infant Mental Health
- WI Dept. of Health Services
- WI Dept. of Public Instruction
- WI Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program
- Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin
- Marquette University
- UW-Madison Waisman Center
- UW-Milwaukee
- Independent Living Centers
- Non-profit organizations

### Ad Hoc Groups

Ad Hoc Groups are formed by people who share a common passion and interest in working on an issue. The Ad Hoc groups come together around emerging issues, cross-system integration, system change, and more. When the driving issue is resolved, the group dissolves.

If you are interested in forming an Ad Hoc Group, please send us an email and we can discuss how to share the idea with the larger group.

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