

# Make a difference

## Volunteer

We are always in search of passionate and dedicated volunteers that can help individuals and families with developmental disabilities in Los Angeles and California.

## Donate

ASLA is mostly a volunteer-run organization that relies on donations to keep our programs and advocacy efforts continuing. Thank you for supporting our mission. All funds raised by ASLA stay in our community.

## Become a Member

Join our annual membership program, help support ASLA and receive benefits at Individual, Family or Business levels.

## Sponsor a Program

Contact us for details on how to support ASLA and promote your organization.

*ASLA is a 501(c)3*

*Every resource raised here stays here to help our local community.*



## WHAT does ASLA do for OUR community?

Our programs and services help families and individuals across all developmental disabilities develop advocacy skills and become educated on how to navigate the multiple support systems in California to improve their quality of life.

We are THE resource in the Los Angeles disability community and have trained thousands of family members, individuals with disabilities, and professionals. Most importantly, we have been the lead organization in passing laws in California that will have a profound impact on the thousands of individuals with disabilities.

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# Improving the lives of all affected by autism

**Mission** to improve the lives of all affected by autism. We help empower individuals with autism, their families, and professionals through advocacy, education, support and community collaboration.

**Vision** a future in which people across the autism spectrum can realize their potential and fully participate in their community, throughout their lifetimes.

## Values

We believe in: Options and choices in interventions, services, supports, and programs.  
Dignity, equality, and access for people with autism spectrum disorder.  
Maximizing the abilities and contributions of all persons with autism spectrum disorder.



## What we do

**Public Policy** Our Government Relations team was the lead in developing the Self-Determination Law, the only state in the nation to pass a comprehensive self-determination law, and we continue to be the leading organization in educating our community including parents, professionals, independent facilitators etc.

**Training of Medical Professionals** Through Project AutTrain, we are educating medical professionals on effective methods to care for adults with autism and other developmental disabilities who often face significant challenges in communication and sensory issues when trying to access health care. This will result in improved care and medical outcomes for all individuals with developmental disabilities.

**Trainings on Self-Determination** We have trained thousands of parents and individuals on the new Self-determination Law and have trained over 100 people to serve as Independent Facilitators in the program.

**Resource Warm-line** We provide phone and email support for families, self-advocates and other members of the community.

**Advocacy** We represent individuals with developmental disabilities in Sacramento through membership on various statewide commissions and committees and build relations with legislators and administrators.

**Monthly Speaker Series** We provide speakers on a range of topics to educate the community. Topics have included: fair hearings, SSI, IEP's, adult transition, employment and residential options.

**Training of Law Enforcement** Since 2006, we have trained over 4,500 officers and other 1<sup>st</sup> responders through ASLA safety initiatives. We maintain a bi-monthly education partnership with LAPD Mental Evaluation Unit to educate officers on interactions with autism community. We help to improve the outcomes for our community members.

**Annual Camp** We provide a residential camp for young adults with developmental disabilities, supporting independence and friendships.

**Conferences** We have conducted major conferences with thousands of attendees on issues of concern to the community, including adult housing and employment, education and self-determination, to increase education and advocacy skills.