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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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.

Autism Society of Los Angeles is a 501(c)3 Every resource raised here stays here to help our local community.
WHAT WE DO

ADVOCACY

Parent Empowerment Project
The Parent Empowerment Project (PEP) is a parent-led organization that provides parent-to-parent support. Our team will give hands-on support and guidance with:
- In-Home Support Services (IHSS),
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI),
- Special Education Related Services (IEPs),
- County Resources (Medi-Cal, Cal-Works, Childcare & Housing),
- Generic Resources such as transportation (i.e.: ACCESS and Metro), legal support referrals,
- and more.

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

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.

COMMUNITY

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.

Self Advocate Speakers Bureau
Provides the opportunity for adults with a disability to speak in front of audiences to create acceptance of differences. This diverse team includes all disabilities and modes of communication.

SELF-DETERMINATION

Self-Determination Services
By focusing on a person’s skills, gifts, and abilities we provide person-centered planning services that help people with other abilities achieve their goals and live a life based on their vision of how to live life.

Trainings on Self-Determination
We have trained thousands of parents and individuals on the new Self-Determination Law and have trained over 200 people to serve as Independent Facilitators in the program.

GOVERNMENT

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. We continue to be the leading organization in educating our community.

Training of Law Enforcement
Since 2006, we have trained over 6,000 officers and other 1st responders through ASLA safety initiatives. We maintain a bi-monthly education partnership with LAPD Mental Evaluation Unit to educate officers on interactions with the autism community. We help to improve the outcomes for our community members.

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.