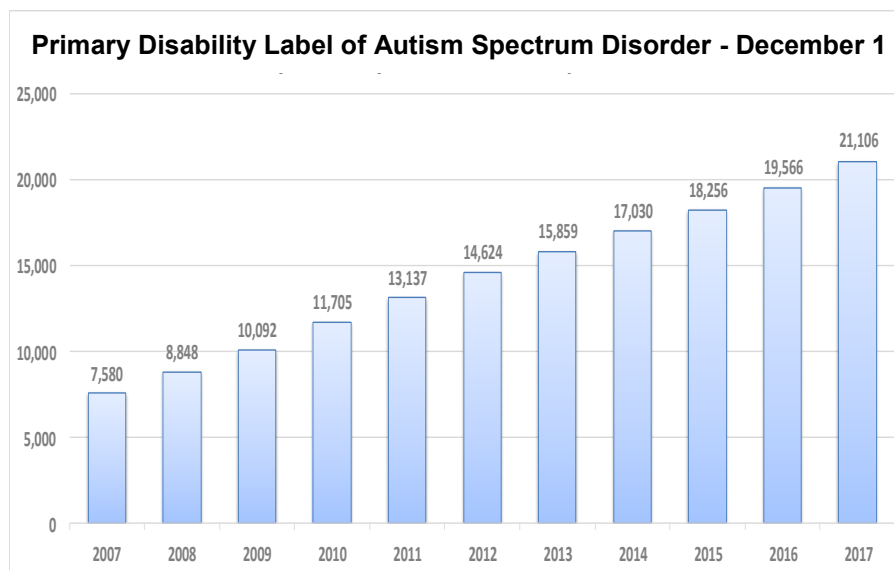




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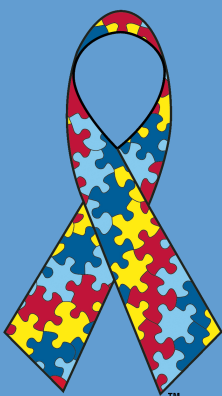
VDOE RELEASES DECEMBER 2017 CHILDCOUNT NUMBERS



As of December 1, 2017, the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) reports that over 21,000 students, ages 4-21, in public schools in Virginia were identified as having a primary IEP diagnosis of autism. Over 3,000 of these students are right here in the Central Virginia area. The VDOE numbers do not include young children not yet identified, individuals in private schools, individuals without IEPs, individuals with IEPs that list the primary diagnosis as something other than autism, or adults on the autism spectrum.

As the prevalence rate of autism has continued to increase over the past 10 years, so has the number of students with a primary diagnosis of autism in Virginia's public schools. Recent numbers released by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), show the prevalence rate of autism is now 1 in 59 children. The Commonwealth of Virginia public schools have seen an increase of 158% in autism prevalence from 2007-2017.

Theories vary on the cause for this increase in numbers, but what is known is that more and more individuals are living with autism today. Thus, there is an even greater need for appropriate services and supports in order for individuals to lead independent and self-sustaining lives. The Autism Society Central VA continues to share this and similar information in an effort to educate all in our community about the need for increased services and supports so that all individuals living with autism can lead a life full of dignity, value, and respect.



Mission

To improve the lives of all affected by autism by maximizing the self-sufficiency, independence, and quality of life for all living with autism.

Vision

We are the local voice and resource of the autism community in education, advocacy, services, and support, and are committed to meaningful participation and self-determination in all aspects of life for individuals on the autism spectrum and their families.
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ASCV Spotlight

Welcome to ASCV Spotlight, a new column that will feature individuals, families, events and organizations that are living the Autism Society Central Virginia's mission of improving the lives of all affected by autism by maximizing the self-sufficiency, independence, and quality of life for all living with autism. This month's column features ASCV member, Jennifer Barnum, mom of Eli and our 2018 5K Run/Walk for Autism top fundraiser. Special thanks to Jennifer and her family for contributing this article to the July/August Newsletter.

I recently read a quote by Joseph Campbell that reads, "We must be willing to let go of the life we have planned, so as to have the life that is waiting for us." I was deeply moved by this quote.

As many of you know, I LOVE to be organized and I love to plan my life as much as possible. My plan was to graduate college, get a job I enjoyed, marry the man of my dreams, buy a house with a white picket fence and have 2.5 kids. However, if there is anything that my son, Eli, has taught me in the last 13 years it is that the best things in life are never planned. As most of you know, Eli was born 2 months prematurely (this was not my plan) and we received the formal diagnosis of autism before his 3rd birthday (this was definitely not part of my plans). I quickly had to learn to adopt to a new way of life.

This is what I have learned on my "unplanned" autism journey with Eli:

The autism diagnosis first brought me great sadness. But I have learned that when you arrive at your lowest point you are just at the starting line of your highest point for greater understanding, strength and joy.

I have learned that Eli hates loud unexpected noises yet he is one of the loudest kids I know.

I have learned that I am vulnerable. I'm not exempt from life-altering circumstances, nor am I excused from the lessons they teach us.

I have learned that Eli reciting every Disney movie line can be quite entertaining. "What do you have to say for yourself, Space Ranger?"

Autism has taught me that no matter how much I try, I can't control my life but I have learned that I am more than capable of handling challenging days.

I have learned that Eli's smile and crazy dance moves bring much joy and laughter to many.

I have learned that the thing I can't change ended up changing me. Changing me to a better more compassionate person!

I have learned that autism means something to me far beyond Eli. Yes, autism is part of my life, but I recognize it is part of many people's lives, too. Thank you all for your support not only to help Eli but to help all those in our community diagnosed with autism.

- Jennifer Barnum



ADVOCACY

UPDATE ON EXPANSION OF AUTISM INSURANCE BENEFIT

Article provided by Commonwealth Autism

The biennial budget bill that was signed into law by Governor Northam on Thursday, June 7th, provides for an expansion of the autism insurance benefit to age 18 in the state employees' health insurance plan.

The exact wording of the budget amendment is as follows:

8. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 38.2-3418.17 and any other provision of law, effective October 1, 2018, the Department of Human Resource Management shall provide coverage under the state employee health insurance program for the treatment of autism spectrum disorder through the age of eighteen.

During the 2018 General Assembly session, there was a lot of support for bills to expand coverage. Three house bills and one Senate bill were introduced. Three of these bills were identical and would have removed the age limit for coverage: Delegate Danika Roem served as patron of HB 1113; Delegates Collins, Filler-Corn, Bagby, Boysko, Davis, Krizek, Plum, Rasoul, and Simon served as patrons for HB 1311; and Delegates Plum, Bagby, Boysko, Bulova, Delaney, Gooditis, Hope, Krizek, Lopez, Rasoul, Simon, Turpin, and Tyler were patrons of HB 1369. All three bills died in committee.

Senator Jill Vogel carried SB 593, which passed the Senate and died in the House Appropriations Committee. Her bill was identical to the House bills but was amended in the Senate to put an age cap of 18 on coverage.

While the House and Senate bills failed, the budget does extend coverage to 18 as part of the state employees health plan. This could be considered a first step in extending coverage in general, because the state employees health plan does have a fiscal impact on the state. Commercial plans will not be required to extend coverage to 18, because no bill passed to provide for that. But having the state cover the autism benefit to 18 might serve as an incentive for the commercial plans to follow suit.

Back to School means SHOPPING!

Consider making your purchases through Amazon Smile and designating the ASCV to receive 5% from your purchase. There is no additional cost to you and you shop just like you would on Amazon.com. Just log into smile.amazon.com instead and choose "Autism Society Central Virginia" as your charity.





ASCV MEMBER NIGHT AT THE FLYING SQUIRRELS

Over 90 ASCV members joined us for some Richmond Flying Squirrels Baseball on Saturday, June 23, 2018. Members of all ages enjoyed their time at the Diamond, where the Squirrels played a double-header against the Bowie Bay Sox. Thanks to all who attended!



This July & August, the Autism Society Central VA will host or sponsor the following events. For information: 804-257-0192 or info@ascv.org.

07/04	5pm	Adults with Asperger's/HFA Interest Group Fourth of July Party: details & registration: https://tinyurl.com/yb7cahrv
07/06	5:30pm	Children's Museum Chesterfield – Meetup with the ASCV (free sensory special night for special needs); details & registration: https://cmorchesterfieldmeetup.eventbrite.com
07/11	5:30pm	Arc Park night – Meetup with ASCV; weather dependent; details & registration: https://julyarcpark.eventbrite.com
07/14	12:30pm	Support Group for Parents of Children with ASD Ages 0-8; details & registration: https://julyparentsupgroup.eventbrite.com
07/15	8:30am	Dave and Busters sensory friendly Sunday - ASCV Meetup; details & registration: https://dandbmeetup.eventbrite.com
07/15		Sibshop Pool Party hosted by ASCV; registration closes July 8th; https://ascv.org/meetings-events/sibshops/
07/16	5:30pm	Buz and Ned's BBQ (Broad Street location) Dinner Meetup with ASCV; details & registration: https://buznedmeetup.eventbrite.com
07/19	5:30pm	Positive Vibe Café Dinner Night benefiting the ASCV; details & registration: https://positivevibe.eventbrite.com
07/21		Asperger's/HFA Teen Social Club (grades 6 - 10) Robotics Opportunity – Invites sent to ASCV members via Eventbrite
07/21	2pm	Sensory Friendly Movie at the Byrd Theatre, Carytown
07/28	4:50pm	Adults with Asperger's/HFA Interest Group Flying Squirrels Game; details & registration: https://tinyurl.com/y99ql4ug
07/28	2pm	Strangeways Brewery - Meetup with ASCV; details & registration: https://strangewaysmeetup.eventbrite.com
07/30	7pm	Adults with Asperger's/HFA Interest Group (open only to adults with Asperger's/HFA)
07/30	7pm	Parents of Spectrum Adults Support Group

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AUGUST CALENDAR

- 08/02 5:30pm **Children's Museum Short Pump** – Meetup with ASCV (free sensory special night for special needs); details & registration: <https://cmorshortpumpmeetup.eventbrite.com>
- 08/08 5:30pm **Arc Park night** – Meetup with ASCV; weather dependent; details & registration: <https://augustarcpark.eventbrite.com>
- 08/11 11am **Adults with Asperger's/HFA Interest Group at Virginia Museum of Fine Arts**; details & registration: <https://tinyurl.com/yd6cfecb>
- 08/11 11am **Cross Bearers Ride 4 Autism 2018** benefiting the ASCV; see flyer on page 17
- 08/11 12:30pm **Support Group for Parents of Children with ASD Ages 0-8**; details & registration: <https://augparentsupport.eventbrite.com>
- 08/13 5:30pm **Chuy's Meetup** (Midlothian location) - Dinner with ASCV; details & registration: <https://chuysmeetup.eventbrite.com>
- 08/18 12pm **ASCV Members' Family Fun Day** – Registration/ Cancellation deadline August 10th
- 08/18 2pm **Sensory Friendly Movie** at the Byrd Theatre, Carytown
- 08/19 **Asperger's/HFA Teen Social Club (grades 6 - 10) Bowling Outing** – Invites sent to ASCV members via Eventbrite
- 08/24 5pm **Westchester Commons Concert Series – Benefiting the ASCV**; details & registration: <https://westchesterconcert.eventbrite.com>
- 08/27 7pm **Adults with Asperger's/HFA Interest Group** (open only to adults with Asperger's/HFA)
- 08/27 7pm **Parents of Spectrum Adults Support Group**



Be sure to check out the ASCV Summer Meetups listed in the calendar above! Details and registration for each event can be accessed through the included links. You can also view the events [here](#).



12th ANNUAL ASCV MEMBER FAMILY FUN DAY NEW DATE SATURDAY, AUGUST 18TH

Autism Society members are invited to join us for our rescheduled 12th Annual Spring Family Fun Day, Saturday, August 18th from 12:00pm-3:00pm.

As an Autism Society Central Virginia member, you and your IMMEDIATE household can enjoy:

- Free lunch for those registered
- Inflatables for the kids
- Games and activities – volleyball, soccer, bubbles, etc.
- A petting zoo with a variety of animals
- And much more

ASCV members check your e-mail for the Eventbrite registration soon. Registration closes August 11th! If you are not an ASCV member yet, it's easy to join. Find out more about ASCV membership here - <http://ascv.org/membership/membership/>

SAVE THE DATES! FALL ASCV WORKSHOPS



Friday, September 7, 2018
Accessing Services and Supports at Home
and in the Community with Medicaid Waivers
Presenter: Bradford Hulcher

Friday, October 5, 2018
Autism, Puberty and Sexuality:
What You Need to Know and How to Teach It!
Presenter: Staci Carr, Ph.D.

JULY & AUGUST COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

(Dates provided as published by sponsoring organizations; contact organizations for confirmation)

- 07/01 **Chuck E. Cheese's Sensory Sensitive Sunday** 9am-11am; 10430 Midlothian Turnpike, 23235; for more information contact 804-330-9865
- 07/02 **Sensory Story Time** at Glen Allen Library; for more information visit: <https://tinyurl.com/y7zlqgkr>
- 07/02 **Sky Zone Special Needs Sensory Friendly Night** 5pm-6pm; for more information call 804-379-2500 or visit <http://www.skyzone.com/richmond>
- 07/03 **Jumpology Special Needs Night** 5pm-7pm; <http://www.jumpology.us/Pricing-Hours> for more information
- 07/03, 07/07 **Sensory Story Time** at Varina Area Library; for more information: <https://tinyurl.com/y7zlqgkr>
- 07/25 **Caminos Group** support group for Latino families with autism; meets at the Sacred Heart Center, 1400 Perry Street, Richmond, 23224 from 10am-12pm; RSVP at 804-646-0145
- 08/05 **Chuck E. Cheese's Sensory Sensitive Sunday** 9am-11am; 10430 Midlothian Turnpike, 23235; for more information contact 804-330-9865
- 08/06 **Sensory Story Time** at Glen Allen Library; for more information visit: <https://tinyurl.com/y7zlqgkr>
- 08/06 **Sky Zone Special Needs Sensory Friendly Night** 5pm-6pm; for more information call 804-379-2500 or visit <http://www.skyzone.com/richmond>
- 08/07 **Jumpology Special Needs Night** 5pm-7pm; <http://www.jumpology.us/Pricing-Hours> for more information
- 08/07, 08/11 **Sensory Story Time** at Varina Area Library; for more information: <https://tinyurl.com/y7zlqgkr>
- 08/18 **Comedy Sportz Sensory Friendly Show** at 3pm; <https://www.cszrichmond.com/>
- 08/29 **Caminos Group** support group for Latino families with autism; meets at the Sacred Heart Center, 1400 Perry Street, Richmond, 23224 from 10am-12pm; RSVP at 804-646-0145
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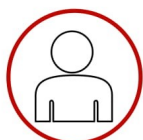


Thank you to Good Shepherd Baptist Church for hosting the 1st Annual Autism Walk in Petersburg on Saturday, June 23, 2018. 80+ attendees, including members of the local Sheriff's department and legislators, joined together for an autism awareness program followed by a 1-mile walk honoring individuals with autism. Attendees included Sam Parham, Mayor of Petersburg; Senator Rosalyn Dance; Delegate Lashrecse Aird; Deputy City Manager Darnetta Tyus; Sheriff Vanessa Crawford; and local radio host Cavell Phillips. Thank you to Keith & Glenda McEachern, Mark Peterson & Alfred Tucker for hosting and planning this inspiring event to benefit the Autism Society Central Virginia!



The ASCV is Launching a Junior Board

Networking, Social & Philanthropic
Opportunity for Young Professionals



Leadership



Advocacy



Volunteerism



Fundraising

Our goal is to unite those who have a passion for supporting individuals with autism, and to form a group to help further the mission of the ASCV!

If you're interested in joining the Junior Board, please reach out to Ann Flippin at ann.flippin@ascv.org and ask for an interest form.

WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES

- 07/11-12 **Region 4: Functional Behavioral Assessment and Behavior Intervention Plans: Two-Day Training Sessions** in Fredericksburg; details & registration: <https://tinyurl.com/y968d4oj>
- 07/11-13 **Parents as Collaborative Leaders Basic Training 2018**; at Virginia Crossings Hotel & Conference Center in Glen Allen; details & registration: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KJ2ZFMW>
- 07/24 **Are You Smarter than Your Child's Smart Phone? – Social Media tips, tricks and secrets**; HCPS Family Learning Series; 12-1:30pm; Tuckahoe Public Library; presented by Catava Burton, Educational Specialist, Professional Development & School Improvement, HCPS; details & registration: <http://henricoschools.us/family-learning-series-summer-sessions/>
- 07/25 **The Must Have Resource for Parenting in the Digital Age**; HCPS Family Learning Series; 6-7:30pm; Tuckahoe Public Library; presented by Jonathan D. Gregori, Instructional Technology Specialist, HCPS; details & registration: <http://henricoschools.us/family-learning-series-summer-sessions/>
- 07/27 **Proactively & Effectively Responding to Student Behaviors Using Evidence-based De-Escalation Strategies**; at Four Points by Sheraton Richmond; details & registration: <http://www.cvent.com/d/ngqwk3>
- 08/01 **Homework and Study Strategies for Students with Disabilities**; HCPS Family Learning Series; 6-7:30pm; New Bridge Learning Center; presented by Tracy Lee, Family Engagement Specialist/Special Projects Coordinator, VDOE; details & registration: <http://henricoschools.us/family-learning-series-summer-sessions/>
- 08/06-08 **ARC of Virginia State Convention**; at Hilton Norfolk; details & registration: <http://stateconvention.thearcofva.org/>
- 08/08 **Trauma Sensitive Strategies to Engage, Educate, & Empower Students to LEARN!** Workshop for teachers, administrators & paraprofessionals; at Doubletree by Hilton, Richmond; details & registration: <https://tinyurl.com/y8mp7trd>
- 08/15 **Parent's Voice in the Special Education Process**; HCPS Family Learning Series; 6-7:30pm; New Bridge Learning Center; presented by Henry J. Millward, Jr., Director, Office of Specialized Education Facilities and Family Engagement, VDOE; details & registration: <http://henricoschools.us/family-learning-series-summer-sessions/>

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NEWS FROM THE AUTISM SOCIETY CENTRAL VIRGINIA BOARD

In June the Autism Society Central Virginia worked to fulfill our mission to "improve the lives of all affected by autism" in the following ways:

Education

- Presented Autism 101 to Manchester YMCA Staff

Services and Supports

- Sponsored a Sensory Friendly Movie in collaboration with the Byrd Theatre
- Sponsored Support Group for Parents of Young Children with ASD
- Sponsored Adults with Asperger's/HFA Interest Group
- Sponsored Parents of Adults with ASD Support Group
- Sponsored Inclusive Lego & Game Club
- Sponsored an ASCV member night out at the Richmond Flying Squirrels

Awareness

- Exhibited at Minds of All Kinds at Science Museum of Virginia
- Hosted ASCV Junior Board Happy Hour
- Exhibited at Good Shepherd Baptist Church 1st Annual Autism Walk



**Join us on Thursday, July 19th from 5:30-7:30pm
at Positive Vibe Cafe**

This meet up gives families an opportunity to dine out in an accepting, disability friendly environment and network with fellow autism families.

RSVP: <https://positivevibe.eventbrite.com>

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TGI FRIDAYS

TGIFridays Midlothian presents a check to the ASCV from their annual Bartender Flair show & event in April.

TGIFridays Midlothian raises \$4,000 for the ASCV!





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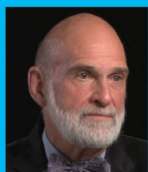
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Are you interested in working in the Community?

Would you like to talk to someone about having a job or career?

If you answered yes, then we want to meet with you!!!!

Virginia Commonwealth University's Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (VCU-RRTC) is collaborating with the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services and educational systems in the Richmond metropolitan area on a research study that will assist transition-age youth to find jobs. Individuals included in the study must be between the ages of 18-24, have an intellectual disability or autism spectrum disorder, and want to work at least part-time. If you decide to participate, you will receive individually designed employment services and supports to find a job of your choice. Services will be provided to you at no cost.

If you are interested in participating, staff from the VCU-RRTC would like to talk with you and your family. A time will be scheduled at your convenience at a location of your choice. By signing below, you are giving your permission for staff from the research study to contact you and your parent / guardian.

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Phone No.: _____ Email: _____

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VCU-RRTC Contact Information:

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The National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR grant number #90DP0085) funds this study on customized employment. NIDILRR is a Center within the Administration for Community Living (ACL), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). This study has been reviewed and approved by the Virginia Commonwealth University Institutional Review Board (#HM20008986). VCU-RRTC is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution providing access to education and employment without regard to age, race, color, national origin, gender, religion, sexual orientation, veteran's status, political affiliation, or disability. If special accommodations are needed, please contact Katherine Inge at (804) 828-1851 VOICE or (804) 828-2494 TTY.



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Date: August 11, 2018



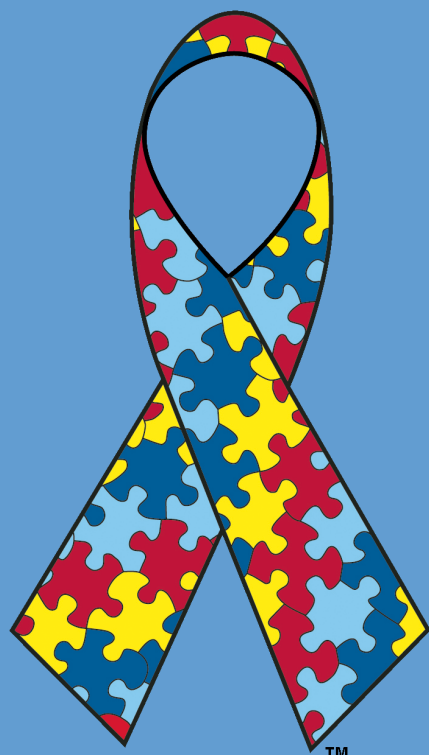
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Membership in the Autism Society Central Virginia provides the following benefits:

- Free monthly bowling outings for children, youth, or adults with ASD
- Discounted workshops and conferences
- Free ASCV sponsored social/recreational activities including our annual family fun day, holiday party, and much more
- Free childcare at ASCV monthly program meetings

Membership Levels:

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