

Autism Friendly Communities in Central Virginia

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WHY BECOME AN AUTISM FRIENDLY COMMUNITY?

Autism Friendly Communities are places where individuals with autism and their families feel understood and accepted, and free of misperceptions and judgement about differences related to their diagnosis. By becoming an Autism Friendly Community, individuals with autism and their families will know your organization understands that individuals with autism experience the world differently. They will also see you are committed to evaluating and adapting aspects of your organization to ensure all community members have access to the opportunities and experiences you provide to the community. Establishing and promoting a welcoming environment will help maximize the self-sufficiency, independence and quality of life for all living with autism here in Central Virginia!

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Through this program, the ASCV will work collaboratively with you and your team to develop a customized plan to best support individuals with autism and their families in our community. Our Autism Friendly Communities program includes:

- **Education about autism** for your team
- **Individualized consultation** to assess your space, programs and procedures
- **Specialized training** specific to your organization and the work you do in the community
- **Personalized resources, tools, and supports** to support your organization
- **Ongoing feedback, technical assistance and support** as needed

WHAT DOES IT COST?

Fees are based upon the size and scope of each organization to cover the costs associated with program development and implementation. The ASCV will take in-kind contributions, fundraising campaigns, and other collaborative opportunities into account when determining the fee for participation.

- **Small Organization with <25 people:** \$1,000
- **Medium Organization with 25-50 people:** \$1,500
- **Large Organization with >50 people:** \$2,000

*If your organization has more than 200 people, the price will be determined through individual consultation.

HOW DO WE GET STARTED?

Contact the ASCV today at info@ascv.org to begin the application process. We appreciate your leadership, community citizenship, and commitment to creating a more accepting and inclusive community here in Central Virginia! We look forward to collaborating with you!