

The Autism Project Family Support Team

Family Support at The Autism Project is a combination of **systems navigation, education, coaching, advocacy, and parent support.** Our Family Support Specialists (FSSs) provide information and resources to help families understand their child's diagnosis and learn evidence-based tools to **support their child's development.**

Our FSS staff are doubly qualified as Certified Community Health Workers (CCHW) and parents of a child or children with ASD or other Developmental Disability. They represent various cultural and educational backgrounds, and they have all experienced firsthand the joys and challenges of raising a child with special needs. They understand the feelings of fear, joy, helplessness, empowerment, and isolation that often follows a diagnosis.

TAP offers a program of support for family members raising a child with ASD, or a developmental delay. Participants get individual and/or group coaching, education, and assistance to navigate Rhode Island's system of care.

Our program, **Creating the Connections®** meets families where they are and supports and connects them with appropriate and timely education and interventions in four key areas.



Creating the Connections®

Parent Coaching

We know because we have been there. We combine our lived experience, Community Healthcare Worker certification, knowledge of, and hands-on experience in implementing evidence-based strategies and tools to help your child.



Peer Navigation

For a small state parents have a hard time identifying appropriate services. We have spent over 20 years collecting and learning about appropriate resources and services for children and can assist families to connect with appropriate resources and programs.

Parent Education

Education is intervention! Parent education and coaching allow parents to gain a solid understanding of ASD and related developmental disorders and how this impacts their child's development.

When parents understand how to support communication, cognition, and social-emotional regulation, they are better able to implement strategies to support and teach skills to their children at home and in the community.

Advocacy and Empowerment

We look forward to helping families set and achieve goals that are important to their family.



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Please call **401-785-2666** with any questions or to request referral information.

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