

NCSS' new Applied Behavior Center has officially opened and is located at 12 Houghton Street in St. Albans. The Applied Behavior Services team provides Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) programming for children of all ages diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Developmental Delay, and/or Intellectual Disabilities, as well as any child who would benefit from ABA. Initial response from children and families has been overwhelmingly positive. Parents have reported feeling very fortunate to have a space dedicated to Applied Behavior Analysis here in our own community.



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Autism Walk of Northwestern Vermont



Sunday, May 21, 2017

Registration begins at 12:30 pm

Walk begins at 1:00 pm

Collins Perley Sports & Fitness Center
St. Albans, Vermont

Organized by
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Event will be held inside the Collins Perley Sports & Fitness Center.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE 4TH ANNUAL AUTISM WALK

Save the date for the 4th annual Autism Walk of Northwestern Vermont, organized by Northwestern Counseling & Support Services (NCSS) on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at the Collins Perley Sports & Fitness Center - 890 Fairfax Road in St. Albans, VT.

The Autism Walk of Northwestern Vermont is a walk in which anyone can participate including, children, young adults and adults diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), family members, friends, healthcare professionals, corporate teams and members of the community – all are welcome!

The walk promotes the rights of individuals with autism and encourages respect for their differences. Today, one in 68 children and one in 42 boys, are diagnosed with ASD, according to

the Centers for Disease Control. Autism is the fastest growing serious developmental disability in the U.S.

DAY OF EVENT SCHEDULE

- 12:30 pm** Registration begins
- 12:55 pm** Pre-walk announcements and meet us at the start line.
- 1:00 pm** 4th Annual Autism Walk
- 1:30 pm** Post-walk activities plus, complimentary food and beverage.
- All Day** Free face painting, bouncy house, sensory toy station, bowling station, music, information about NCSS' Autism Programming and other community supports.

WHAT IS AUTISM?

The CDC defines ASDs as a group of developmental disabilities that can cause significant social, communication and behavioral challenges. Children with autism may have a serious lifelong disability. However, with appropriate treatment and training, some children with autism can develop independence in their lives. Parents support their children with autism in developing skills that use their strengths so they will feel good about themselves.

NCSS SERVES CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

Given the sharp increase in ASDs and increased needs in the community, NCSS provides wrap around services to accommodate the entire spectrum.

ARRAY OF AUTISM PROGRAMMING

The Children Youth & Family Services and Developmental Services (DS) Divisions collaborate to provide supports for children and families from birth to 22 years old through an array of programs. After age 22 years, the adult with autism will transition to other strengths based programs within the DS Division, where the unique needs of each individual are met.

The Developmental Services staff assists individuals to exercise their citizenship in a number of ways, and NCSS has several programs for adults with autism as they transition from school-aged to adulthood, including Adult Services, Employment Services, Program for Adaptive & Expressive Arts (PAEA) and Shared Living Services to name a few.

2017 AUTISM WALK

WHEN: Sunday, May 21, 2017.
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WHERE: Collins Perley Sports & Fitness Center - 890 Fairfax Road in St. Albans, VT.

WHO: Children, young adults and adults with Autism, family members, friends, healthcare professionals, corporate teams and members of the community – all are welcome!

WHY: The Autism Walk is a walk in which anyone can participate.

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Please make checks payable to:

NCSS – Autism Walk
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Create a team!

Bring your family, friends, co-workers, class members, etc. and give back to your community. Enjoy the beauty of a Vermont spring day while raising awareness and promoting the acceptance and inclusion of people with ASD.