

## MORE ABOUT OUR SERVICES:

The **School Based Autism Program** collaborates with local schools and service providers to support the needs of individuals ages 4 to 22 in the public school setting. This program serves individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and other developmental and intellectual disabilities. The program provides consultation and/or 1:1 supports from a behavior interventionist to increase prosocial skills and decrease maladaptive behaviors.

All programming and interventions are developed under the theory of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) which is an evidence based practice to implement programming to achieve individual goals. The School Based Autism Program values individualized programming and takes a family centered approach in helping these individuals learn skills that support them remaining in their local community.



## Sunday, May 19

**Registration at 12:30 PM**

**Walk begins at 1:00 PM**

Collins Perley Sports & Fitness Center  
890 Fairfax Road in St. Albans, VT



**Event Sponsor:**

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*In the event of inclement weather, this event will be moved indoors.*





## MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the 9TH ANNUAL AUTISM WALK

Autism is one of the fastest growing serious developmental disabilities in the U.S. The walk promotes the rights of individuals with autism and encourages respect for their differences.

### DETAILS

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#### Who: All are welcome!

Children, young adults and adults with autism, family members, friends, health-care professionals, corporate teams and members of the community.

## DONATE

Please make checks  
payable to:

**NCSS – Autism Walk**

You can also use the donate  
button on our website to pay  
with credit card!



### EVENT DAY SCHEDULE

- 12:30** Registration begins
- 12:55** Pre-walk announcements and meet us at the start line.
- 1:00** 9th Autism Walk
- 1:30** Post-walk activities plus, free food and beverage.
- All Day** Big Blue Trunk activities including, The Big Blue Express Train, and games. In addition Bouncy House and Sensory Toy Station.

## Children, age 8, identified with Autism Spectrum Disorder(ASD) during 2018



1 in 44 children  
were identified  
with ASD



4.2 boys for every girl were  
identified with ASD

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

## 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.

## WHAT IS THE AGE-RANGE WE SERVE?

We serve both children and adults with Autism. 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 PROGRAMS

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, 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)
- Shared Living Services
- and more!



**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 individuals diagnosed with ASD.