Michigan Parent Support Options: Autism Spectrum Disorders

Some groups are informal while some are agency or organization sponsored.
Most groups are autism-related but some contain a mix of disabilities.

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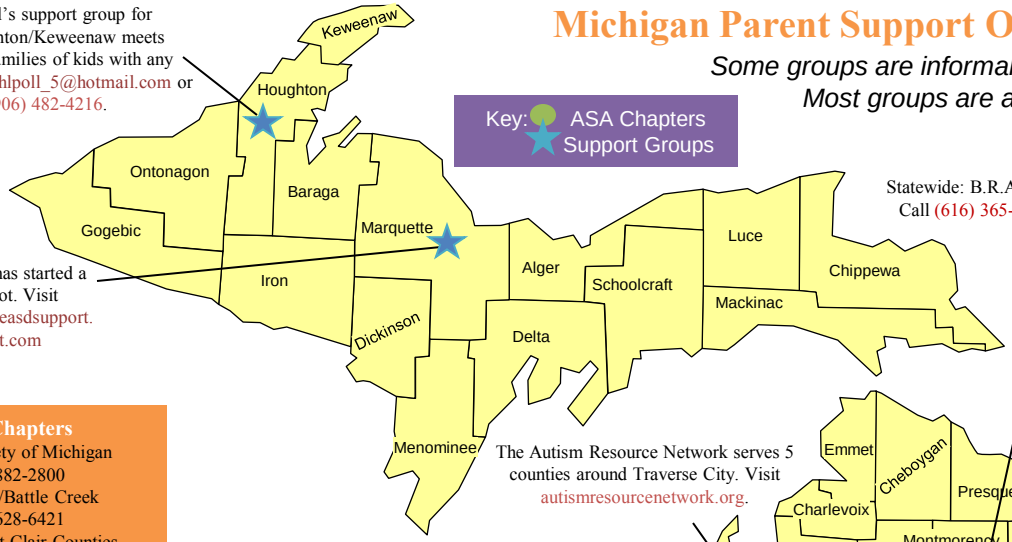
Key: ASA Chapters, Support Groups

Heather Poll's support group for Baraga/Houghton/Keweenaw meets monthly; for families of kids with any disability. Email hlpoll_5@hotmail.com or call (906) 482-4216.

Ellen Moore has started a support blot. Visit http://marquetteasdsupport.blogspot.com



Statewide: B.R.A.I.N.S., LLP, 3351 Eagle Run Dr. NE Ste. C, Grand Rapids, MI 49525. Call (616) 365-8920 or visit www.brainspotential.com . We offer free parent support groups the 2nd Saturday of every month.

Everyone Together Gratiot has a support group. Email sheryledixon@yahoo.ca.

Marion and Penny host an Asperger's Support Group on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Presbyterian Church in Ithaca from 7:00- 9:00 p.m. Contact Marion Nester at resp8ww9@verizon.net or (989) 875-3144; or Penny Bearden at pbearden@edzone.net or (989) 847-2704.

The Boxing Autism Club of Livingston County offers a monthly support group. Visit www.workforautism.com.

Autism Collaborative Center-EMU visit http://www.emich.edu/acc/ The ACC offers individual, group, family and community services.

The Judson Center offers various support groups. Visit www.judsoncenter.org.

ASA/OCC offers many support group options in Oakland county. Visit www.asaoakland.org.

The SE Michigan Asperger Support Group meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Hazel Park Public Library from 6:00-8:00 pm. Visit http://www.meetup.com/SE-Michigan-AspergerSupportGroup/ for more information.

Autism H.O.P.E of Lenawee meets twice a month (1st Tuesday and 3rd Thursday of the month and has Soc. Events once a month.) Contact Millie Giegler for more information call (517) 215-3887 or email millie@autismhopeoflenawee.org or on the web at autismhopeoflenawee.webs.com

A group meets once a month @ The Milton C. Porter Center. Call (517) 263-8905 or mpoore@LCMHA.org

Jackie Martin-Sebell runs a support group in Port Huron. Meetings 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Port Huron Main Library. Email mamaonamissionforautism@yahoo.com.

Autism Navigator Parent Peer Support sessions: Saturdays 10am-12pm on alternating weeks. Contact Carolyn Gammicchia at 586-703-3866 for information on meeting locations in Macomb/Oakland Counties.

Loreine Wynne has a group that meets around Saline, as well as a listserv for parents of kids with special needs. Email cherishnina1990@comcast.net.

A2FACES in Ann Arbor meets occasionally and has a listserv for family members. Contact Barb Byers at babmay11@provide.net.

The Autism Resource Network serves 5 counties around Traverse City. Visit autismresourcenetwork.org.

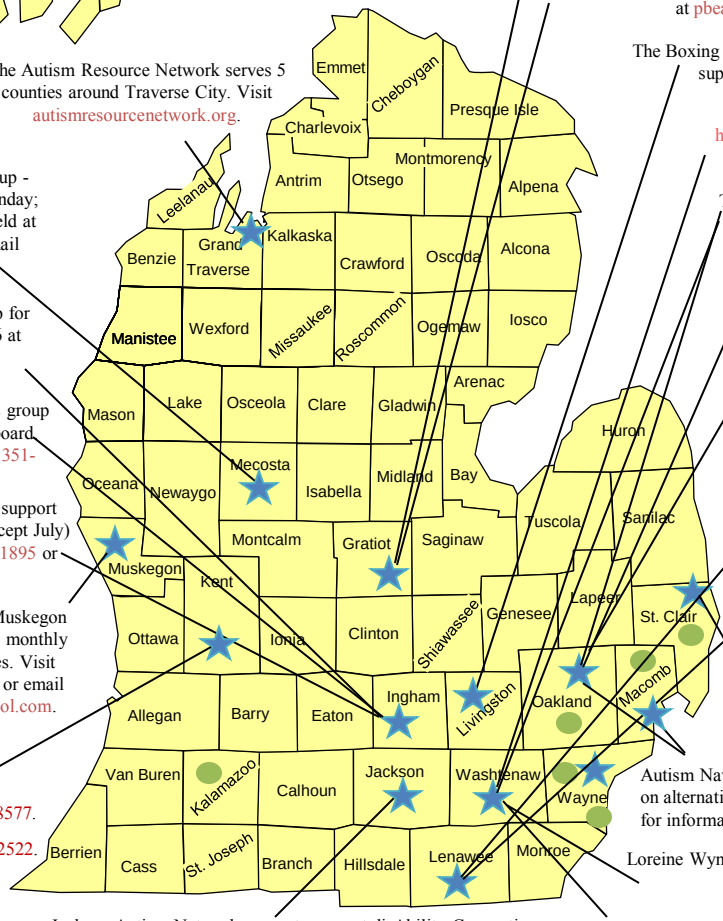
Mecosta County: Autism Support Group - 1st Sunday; Children's support - 3rd Sunday; Community Education - 4th Sunday; held at Mecosta County Medical Center. Email autismknowledge @yahoo.com.

Bob Steinkamp leads a life coaching group for young people on the spectrum ages 16-26 at Lansing Community College. Email bsteinkamp@hotmail.com.

Starfish Throwers (Lansing) has a mom's group that meets monthly and has a message board. Email travisd2 @msu.edu or call (517) 351-1339.

Autism Foundation of Ingham County's support group is on the 2nd Thurs of the month (except July) from 6-9 pm w/child care. Call 517-655-1895 or email aficlori@hotmail.com.

Autism Network of Muskegon County offers various monthly support opportunities. Visit muskegonautism.org or email muskegonautism@aol.com.



Jackson Autism Network support group at disAbility Connections. Call 517-782-6054.

The Gray Center holds groups for different ages in Grand Rapids. Visit www.thegraycenter.org.

Autism Support of Kent County at www.autismsupportofkentcounty.org or (616) 752-8577.

The Center for Autism provides support in Grand Rapids. For more info, call 616-942-2522.

Email Jackie Igafo-Te'o at igafoteo@yahoo.com with updates, additions, or changes. *For other support group information, contact other disability groups in your area.*

ASA Chapters

Autism Society of Michigan
(517) 882-2800
Kalamazoo/Battle Creek
(800) 628-6421
Macomb/Saint Clair Counties
(586) 445-4915
Oakland County
(248) 393-3131
Southeast Wayne County
(734) 287-8898
Wayne County
(734) 259-8942
West Shore
(616) 395-3222

Arc Michigan Chapters

The Arc Michigan has chapters across the state of Michigan. To locate a chapter near you for support and information, visit http://arcmi.org/chapters/chapter.locator.htm or call (800) 292-7851.

Michigan Listservs

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SpecialEdLawMichigan@yahoogroups.com
Michigan-PAC@yahoogroups.com
AutismAdvocacyinMichigan@yahoogroups.com