

AuSM helps you address the needs of your students with autism.

The Autism Society of Minnesota (AuSM) education team provides you with strategies to help you understand the needs of individuals with autism, allowing you to offer a positive, supportive environment that promotes growth and acceptance.

Topics for Educators

Minnesota Department of  Education AuSM's trainings were developed with the approval of the Minnesota Department of Education to fit the needs of educators across the state of Minnesota.

Classroom Support of Learners with Autism

Obtain an in-depth understanding of the characteristics of youth with autism and apply practical, evidence-based strategies to address communication, executive function, behavior, social skills, and general engagement.

Who should participate: Educational assistants, paraprofessionals, general education staff, and administrators.

Engaging Positive Behavior Strategies for Students with Autism

Learn how to integrate best practices in instruction for students with autism and individual or school wide initiatives for positive behavior support.

Who should participate: Educational assistants, service providers, general education staff, special education staff, and administrators.

Autism in Early Childhood and Early Intervention

Learn the best practices for identifying and supporting students with autism in early childhood settings as well as program development and delivery for young children with autism. Obtain resources for families in need of early intervention guidance.

Who should participate: Daycare and early child care providers, preschool and kindergarten staff and teachers.

Adolescents and Transition

Teens with autism face new challenges as they grow physically and emotionally into young adults. Topics include strategies for addressing mental health, social learning, puberty, hygiene and sexuality, internet safety, and transition planning.

Who should participate: Educational assistants, paraprofessionals, general education staff, and administrators.

Beyond Sex Ed

A course available as direct instruction to students or as training for educators. Through a series of specific, planned modules, students on the autism spectrum will gain an understanding of bodies, boundaries, and sexual health in a setting that emphasizes skill building and meets their needs.

Who should participate: Educational assistants, paraprofessionals, general education staff, special education staff, administrators, and service providers.

Mental Health

This course covers the crossroads of mental health and autism. Look at potential misdiagnoses and comorbid conditions and how you can change your approach in instruction and behavior management.

Who should participate: Educational assistants, paraprofessionals, service providers, general education staff, and administrators.



Topics for Caregivers and Students

Topical Training for Parents

AuSM can host trainings for parents at your school. Many topics are available, including legislative updates, student centeredness and advocacy, transition planning, bullying, cultural influence, and more.

Who should participate: Parents, educators, and administrators.

Autism Awareness for Students

Help elementary, middle, and high school students understand the needs and strengths of their peers on the spectrum.

Who should participate: Students, educators.

For more information about AuSM's autism training for educators, caregivers, or students, contact AuSM's Education Department at education@ausm.org or call 651.647.1083.