



*A Unified Voice for Individuals with  
Autism Spectrum Disorder and Their Families*

**Advocates for Autism of Massachusetts (AFAM)** was formed in 2004 to address the need for public advocacy on behalf of individuals, families and professionals who have or deal with people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), which also encompasses Asperger's Syndrome and high-functioning Autism. The organization provides an important arena for mobilizing those of us who deal with ASD in our day-to-day lives as the most eloquent and persuasive spokespeople for our concerns. Our efforts are directed not only at the State House but at towns and city halls that also have responsibility for service delivery and funding.

**How We Help Families:** There is a direct connection between our advocacy and the actions taken by the legislature and government agencies that provide services to the autism community. Among the highlights of the past two years, we are proud to note:

- Passage of H 1123, An Act to Address the Special Educational Needs of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Establishment of the Autism Division within the Department of Mental Retardation
- Passage of H 4177, the Children's Autism Medicaid Waiver legislation, which directs the state to apply for a Medicaid waiver to maximize federal reimbursement for critical services, including intensive in-home intervention services, determined essential to support children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder in their homes and communities

**Why You Should Join AFAM:** AFAM is ***your voice*** on Beacon Hill, advocating for the services you and your family need: early intervention, special education, residential, transportation and employment services, flexible supports, respite care and so much more. By lending your voice to our efforts, you can help secure these things for children and adults with ASD. Use the convenient membership application on the reverse side of this page.

**How You Can Help:** Become involved! To learn more about Advocates for Autism of Massachusetts, please visit our Website at [www.afamaction.org](http://www.afamaction.org) or email us at [afam@arcmass.org](mailto:afam@arcmass.org) or call 781- 891-6270, ext. 102..

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## AFAM Member Organizations

Autism Support Center - Danvers  
Autism Resource Center of Central Massachusetts - W. Boylston  
Community Autism Resources - Swansea  
Autism Society of America, Massachusetts Chapter - Wellesley  
Community Resources for People with Autism - Easthampton  
Asperger's Association of New England - Watertown  
Family Autism Center - Westwood  
TILL/BFA Autism Services - Greater Boston  
Autism Alliance of Metrowest - Natick  
Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism - Framingham  
The Arc of Massachusetts - Waltham  
Massachusetts Advocates for Children  
Autism Speaks New England Chapter – Watertown

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### Yes I want to support AFAM and become a member!

- Annual Dues \$20.00  
 Additional Donation \_\_\_\_\_  
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Total: \_\_\_\_\_

- I am a person with ASD  
 I am a family member  
 I am a professional  
 I would like to volunteer for AFAM

How did you hear about AFAM? \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City : \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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- Check (enclosed)  
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