



Mission Statement:

The mission of Autism Action Groups is to provide leadership in the implementation of a regional system of services and resources to maximize the potential and quality of life of each individual with autism spectrum disorders, and their families, across the lifespan.

You're Invited!

To make a difference in the life of an individual with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Commonwealth Autism Service is partnering with local agencies and families in the Rappahannock-Rapidan Area in the development of the **Rappahannock-Rapidan Autism Action Group (RRAGG)**. We are very excited to be able to support your community in this endeavor.

You are invited to attend our meeting because you are either a parent, provider of services, or interested party in the Rappahannock-Rapidan Area. This Autism Action Group brings together representatives from the counties of Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange, and Rappahannock.

**Meetings are held at the Rappahannock-Rapidan Community Services Board Office,
15361 Bradford Road, Culpeper, VA 22701
on the 1st Tuesday of each month from 10am -12noon.**

What are Autism Action Groups?

Developed to help maximize "value added" autism services by bringing together local stakeholders, Autism Action Groups meet monthly and consist of members from local communities who have a desire to actively and collaboratively work toward providing quality services and resources for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Group participants include self-advocates, parents, educators, private and public service providers, and other concerned individuals. Currently, there are 9 Autism Action Groups in Virginia, including the RRAGG.

What activities do Autism Action Groups sponsor?

Some of the activities sponsored include:

- Autism Safety and Awareness Events in partnership with local emergency personnel
- Creation of local Transition Councils – to focus on local needs for adults with autism
- Partnerships with local public schools and colleges to provide training on autism spectrum disorders, biomedical interventions, effective strategies, social skills training, Virginia Medicaid Waiver training, etc. for parents, educators, students, private providers, FAPT members and CPMT members
- Training for parents and service providers, including public and private organizations
- Support in development of a Parent Support Group
- Community awareness, collaboration with local businesses, and first responder training

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