

Autism Society

Newfoundland & Labrador



Today's Presentation

An overview of:

- Programs
- Supports
- Navigation
- Engagement

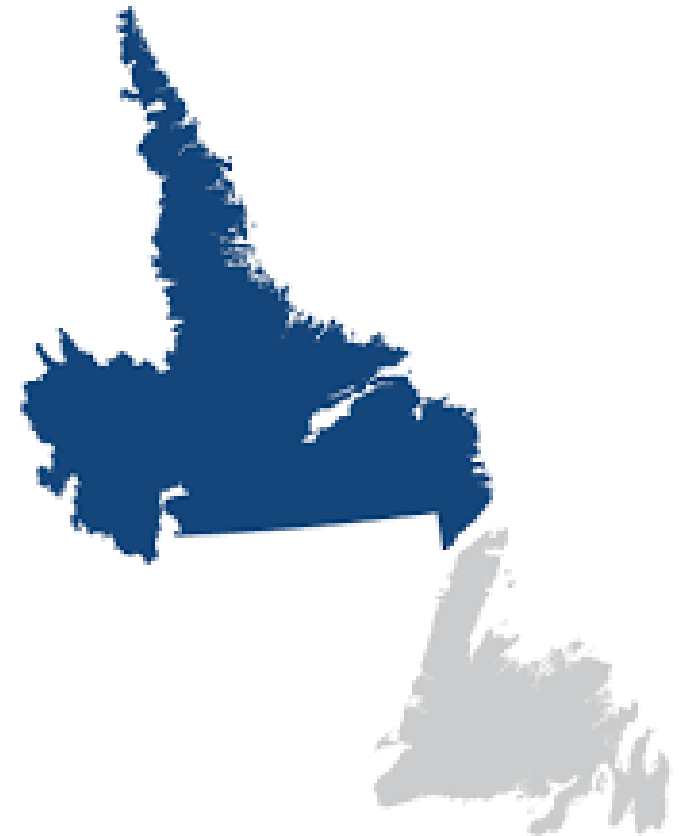
Offered across the province



Our Mandate

To be a leader in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador by

- engaging with public policymakers and advocating to improve the lives of those affected by ASD
- empowering people to more effectively advocate and obtain supports, through connections with ASNL staff and trained volunteers
- providing easy to understand, practical information related to ASD, for a broad audience on a wide range of educational topics, through all phases of an individual's lifespan
- creating connections and navigational supports for individuals, families, and professionals to access other community partners and public services
- partnering with researchers to investigate ASD; and
- providing learning and employment opportunities through engagement in social enterprises



ASNL Programs

- Are designed to be flexible to meet the unique needs of individuals on the spectrum
- Offerings vary according to interest, enrolment, and funding opportunities
- Continue to evolve to meet the needs of the community
- Offered in the following areas: Life Skills, Pre-Employment & Career Services, and Community Inclusion



Life Skills Offering

Healthy Relationships and Sexuality for Adults with Autism (HRSA)

- Evidence-based comprehensive sexual education program
- Designed specifically for adults with ASD
- Virtual offering



Pre-Employment

- **STEP** (Students Transitioning into Employment Program)
 - Additional transition support and guidance for students currently attending high school (Level 2 & 3)
- **Transitions**
 - Full year pre-employment program with classroom instruction, community volunteerism, and onsite summer work experience (18+)
- **EmploymentWorks® Canada**
 - 24 weeks of employment preparation focusing on self-understanding, job shadowing, and workplace expectations (15 – 29 yrs)



Career Services

- Job search support
- Resume building
- Interview practice
- Connections with Employment Agencies and trainings
- Employer Education



Community Inclusion

- ASNL partners with several community organizations to offer programs for individuals on the spectrum
- Families shape our offerings
- Builds community awareness and promotes inclusive recreation opportunities for everyone



Engagement Services

- Classroom Awareness presentations
- Professional Development & Training
- Barbra Hopkins Library



Navigational Support

- ASNL has three Navigators across the province and one Navigation Manager
- The role of the Navigator is to assist families, individuals and organizations in working with the systems available to them



Navigational Support

- Provide one on one support to community
- Offer support groups and information sessions as deemed appropriate
- Identify key advocacy issues present in the community



Advocacy

- ASNL provides systemic advocacy support
- Targets the larger issue to create and implement large scale change to the demographic.



How can you get involved?



Become a member

<https://www.autism.nf.net/product/asnl-membership/>



Follow us on Social Media

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Connect with our team

<https://www.autism.nf.net/who-we-are/>



Register for programs

<https://www.autism.nf.net/program-registration-2020-2021/>



Request a ASD Awareness Session

<https://www.autism.nf.net/request-an-autism-awareness-session/>

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