

Autism Society of Alabama Press Release

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Autism Conference helps autistic children look toward adulthood

TUSCALOOSA, Ala.- Did you know that one of 88 children is affected by autism? The Autism Society of Alabama, in partnership with the University of Alabama, will host the [12th Annual Alabama Autism Conference, “Looking towards Adulthood: Thoughtful Planning Using Today’s Interventions,”](#) in the Bryant Conference Center on March 1, 2013. Attendees will be able to discuss how to help children with ASD transition into adulthood with [nationally recognized speakers](#).

“The conference will be a wonderful opportunity for those who are aiding children with ASD shift into a beautiful adulthood,” said Melanie Jones, ASA executive director. “We hope to give the children an opportunity to be independent and included in the community.”

The Alabama Autism Conference will discuss a variety of topics, such as developing social skills and good behavior, creating successful preparations for adulthood and establishing a plan for life after school. Along with the presentations, the Conference will host a parent networking social at the Hotel Capstone from 5 to 7 p.m. on Feb. 28, 2013.

“The parent networking social is for parents to discuss ideas, strategies and stories with those who are also supporting their child,” Jones said. “It allows parents to create relationships with other attendees of the conference in order to create a strong community.”

The 12th Annual Alabama Autism Conference will take place on March 1 from 7 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. The registration fee to attend the full-day conference is \$150 per person. There is a 10 percent group discount for organizations sending three or more members. You can [register online](#), by phone or by mail. The conference fee will include handout materials, continental breakfast, refreshments and lunch. The conference fee does not include lodging; however, there is a discount for those staying at [Hotel Capstone](#). Additional lodging is available at the Hampton Inn, which is a mile away from the program site.

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[The Autism Society of Alabama](#) is a nonprofit organization founded to improve services for persons with autism spectrum disorders and their families through education and advocacy. ASA’s goal is to secure funds, promote awareness and serve as a powerful advocacy organization focused on changing the quality of life for individuals with autism and their families.

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