



Autism Services Waterloo Region (ASWR) is a group of families and agencies committed to building a stronger community for families of children with autism in the Waterloo Region. Members of this group include family advocates, as well as staff from Developmental Services agencies, Mental Health agencies, School Boards, the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, the Ministry of Community and Social Services and other community partners working together to support families to make informed decisions and promote inclusivity in the community.

## Mission Statement

Families, organizations and community collaborating to enhance the lives of people impacted by Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

## Objective

To support the priorities identified by families and agencies in relation to individuals impacted by ASD.

## Values

Relationship • Inclusion • Uniqueness of the Individual and Situation • Mutual Respect • Welcoming • Choice • Community • Collaboration • Safety

## Principles

- Commitment to Support
- Strength-based Approach
- Family/Person-Centered
- Holistic Approach
- Flexibility
- Connection

Our vision is for all families who have a child with an autism spectrum disorder to be able to find the support and direction they require for their unique situation.

We focus on building a stronger community for autism supports by strengthening community cohesion and enhancing Waterloo Region to be more inclusive and supportive for families. We are committed to understanding how we can better support you!

Families, with or without a diagnosis, are able to meet with the Systems Navigator to discuss what resources are available to them in the community and receive support in making informed decisions.

Visit

[www.autismspectrumconnection.com](http://www.autismspectrumconnection.com)  
to connect with families, information and resources!

If you, or a family you know, are facing challenges in the journey through autism or for more information on Autism Services Waterloo Region, please contact:

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Autism Ontario  
Waterloo Chapter

Developmental  
Services Resource  
Centre  
(D.S.R.C.)

ErinoakKids

Extend-A-Family  
Waterloo Region

Kerry's Place  
Autism Services

KidsAbility

KidsLINK

Lutherwood

Ministry of Community  
and Social Services  
(M.C.S.S.)

Ministry of Children and  
Youth Services  
(M.C.Y.S.)

Waterloo Catholic  
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