

**American Academy of Pediatrics Autism Subcommittee  
Call for Applications: Family/Caregiver Member of the Autism Subcommittee**

[Apply Here by March 31, 2023](#)

Are you a family/caregiver who has a passion for improving the lives of children/youth on the autism spectrum in collaboration with pediatricians? The Autism Subcommittee, a group within the American Academy of Pediatrics, is looking for a family/caregiver to join the Subcommittee.

**What is the Autism Subcommittee?**

- The Autism Subcommittee, or ASC, is a volunteer group (about 12 people) within the [American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\)](#).
- The ASC includes pediatricians, pediatric specialists, an adult on the autism spectrum, a family/caregiver, and partners from organizations like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Maternal and Child Health Bureau.
- The ASC works to support children and young adults on the autism spectrum, their families/caregivers, and the clinicians who care for them.
- The ASC writes policies, answers media requests, develops educational resources, and advocates for the needs of these communities.
- The ASC is part of a larger volunteer group within the AAP called the Council on Children with Disabilities.

**An ideal candidate for this role is:**

- A parent, family member, and/or caregiver of a child/youth on the autism spectrum.
- Somebody who feels comfortable sharing their experiences and perspectives with clinicians and others.
- Somebody who is familiar with organizations, resources, and supports for families/caregivers of those on the autism spectrum.
- Somebody who is comfortable engaging with a diverse set of interdisciplinary team members.
- Somebody who could speak more broadly about issues relevant to families/caregivers of children on the autism spectrum, beyond personal experience.

**If appointed to this role, you would be asked to:**

- Serve in this role for a 3-year term starting July 1, 2023, with the option for re-appointment for a second and final 3-year term starting July 1, 2026 if desired and agreed upon with the Autism Subcommittee.
- Participate in quarterly virtual ASC meetings, which will last approximately 90 minutes.
- Communicating via email with ASC staff and members regularly.
- Actively engage in ASC activities through:
  - Reviewing and commenting on ASC activities
  - Writing or reviewing articles for families/caregivers
  - Sharing your perspective and expertise
- The time commitment is estimated at **1 hour per month**. In-person travel is not required for this role.

**Note:** We welcome all interested applicants, including those who may work with national organizations. However, the individual serving in this role will be representing themselves as an individual, not any organization or entity. This is a volunteer position with an annual stipend of \$500.

**Interested in Applying?**

If you are interested in this opportunity, [click here to complete the application](#). If you would prefer to complete the application via a Word document, email Alex Kuznetsov ([akuznetsov@aap.org](mailto:akuznetsov@aap.org)). Applications will be accepted through March 31, 2023.

As part of this application, the Autism Subcommittee requests a **letter of recommendation from a pediatrician or another colleague (i.e. family physician, psychiatrist, or any other colleague you have worked with who can speak to your experiences and work style)**. Please submit your letter of recommendation to Molly Hudson ([mhudson@aap.org](mailto:mhudson@aap.org)) by March 31, 2023. Applications will not be considered complete without a letter of recommendation.