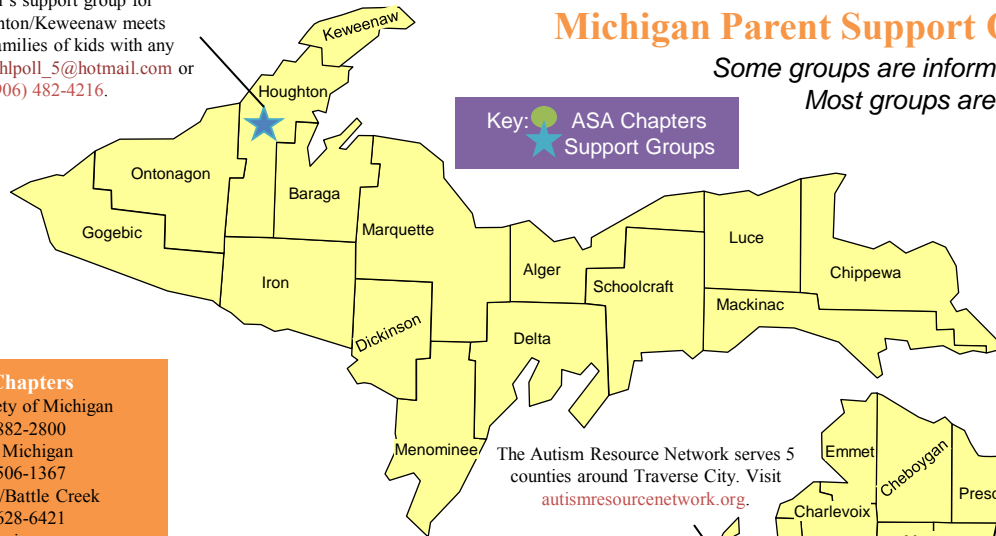


# Michigan Parent Support Options: Autism Spectrum Disorders

Some groups are informal while some are agency or organization sponsored.  
Most groups are autism-related but some contain a mix of disabilities.

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Heather Poll's support group for Baraga/Houghton/Keweenaw meets monthly; for families of kids with any disability. Email [hlpoll\\_5@hotmail.com](mailto:hlpoll_5@hotmail.com) or call (906) 482-4216.



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★ Support Groups

## ASA Chapters

Autism Society of Michigan  
(517) 882-2800  
Central Michigan  
(989) 506-1367  
Kalamazoo/Battle Creek  
(800) 628-6421  
Lansing  
(517) 420-3313  
Macomb/Saint Clair Counties  
(586) 447-2235  
Newaygo County  
(231) 834-0384  
Oakland County  
(248) 393-3131  
Southeast Wayne County  
(734) 287-8898  
Washtenaw County  
(734) 827-0814  
Wayne County  
(313) 541-1764  
West Shore  
(616) 395-3222

## Michigan Listservs

[Autism-Michigan@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Autism-Michigan@yahoogroups.com)  
[SpecialEdLawMichigan@yahoogroups.com](mailto:SpecialEdLawMichigan@yahoogroups.com)  
[Michigan-PAC@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Michigan-PAC@yahoogroups.com)  
[AutismAdvocacyinMichigan@yahoogroups.com](mailto:AutismAdvocacyinMichigan@yahoogroups.com)

Mecosta County: Autism Support Group - 1st Sunday; Children's support - 3rd Sunday; Community Education - 4th Sunday; held at Mecosta County Medical Center. Email [autismknowledge@yahoo.com](mailto:autismknowledge@yahoo.com).

Karen Hobart has a support group for parents in Ludington. Call (231) 757-9651.

Bob Steinkamp leads a life coaching group for young people on the spectrum ages 16-26 at Lansing Community College. Email [bsteinkamp@hotmail.com](mailto:bsteinkamp@hotmail.com).

Starfish Throwers (Lansing) has a mom's group that meets monthly and has a message board. Email [travid2@msu.edu](mailto:travid2@msu.edu) or call (517) 351-1339.

Autism Foundation of Ingham County's support group is on the 2nd Thurs of the month (except July) from 6-9 pm w/child care. Call 517-655-1895 or email [aficlori@hotmail.com](mailto:aficlori@hotmail.com).

Autism Network of Muskegon County offers various monthly support opportunities. Visit [muskegonautism.org](http://muskegonautism.org) or email [stacy@muskegonautism.org](mailto:stacy@muskegonautism.org).

The Gray Center holds several monthly groups for different ages in Grand Rapids. Visit [www.thegraycenter.org](http://www.thegraycenter.org).

**Email Jackie Igafo-Te'o at [igafoteo@yahoo.com](mailto:igafoteo@yahoo.com) with updates, additions, or changes.** For other support group information, contact *The Asperger Society of Michigan, The Autism Society of Michigan, Autism Speaks, Michigan Alliance for Families, The Arc Michigan, Everyone Together* or other disability groups.

The Autism Resource Network serves 5 counties around Traverse City. Visit [autismresourcenetwork.org](http://autismresourcenetwork.org).

Everyone Together Gratiot has a support group. Email [sheryledixon@yahoo.ca](mailto:sheryledixon@yahoo.ca).

Marion and Penny host an Asperger's Support Group on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Presbyterian Church in Ithaca from 7:00- 9:00 p.m. Contact Marion Nester at [resp8ww9@verizon.net](mailto:resp8ww9@verizon.net) or (989) 875-3144; or Penny Bearden at [pbearden@edzone.net](mailto:pbearden@edzone.net) or (989) 847-2704.

The Boxing Autism Club of Livingston County offers a monthly support group. Visit [www.workforautism.com](http://www.workforautism.com).

Autism Collaborative Center-EMU visit <http://www.emich.edu/acc/> The ACC offers individual, group, family and community services.

The Judson Center offers various support groups. Visit [www.judsoncenter.org](http://www.judsoncenter.org).

ASA/OCC offers many support group options in Oakland county. Visit [www.asaokland.org](http://www.asaokland.org).

The SE Michigan Asperger Support Group meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Hazel Park Public Library from 6:00-8:00 pm. Visit <http://www.meetup.com/SE-Michigan-AspergerSupportGroup/> for more information.

Autism H.O.P.E of Lenawee meets twice a month (1st Tuesday and 3rd Thursday of the month and has Soc. Events once a month.) Contact Millie Giegler for more information call (517) 918-9285 or email [millie@autismhopeoflenawee.org](mailto:millie@autismhopeoflenawee.org)

Jackie Martin-Sebell runs a support group in Port Huron. Meetings 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Port Huron Main Library. Email [mamaonamissionforautism@yahoo.com](mailto:mamaonamissionforautism@yahoo.com).

Loreine Wynne has a group that meets around Saline, as well as a listserv for parents of kids with special needs. Email [cherishnina1990@comcast.net](mailto:cherishnina1990@comcast.net).

A2FACES in Ann Arbor meets occasionally and has a listserv for family members. Contact Barb Byers at [babmay11@provide.net](mailto:babmay11@provide.net).

Autism Society of Washtenaw County meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 7-9 PM from Sept. - May. Email [babmay11@provide.net](mailto:babmay11@provide.net).

Jackson Autism Network support group at disAbility Connections. Call 517-782-6054.