



NEVADA COMMISSION ON AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Five-Year Strategic Action Plan for Autism in Nevada

The Nevada Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders is developing a Five-Year Strategic Action Plan to address autism in the State of Nevada and we need the help of Self-Advocates, Parent Advocates, Subject Matter Experts, Educators, Service Providers, Agencies, Non-profits, Government, Disability Councils, Private Advocacy Groups, Businesses, and Key Stakeholders. The Action Plan will build on the findings and recommendations of the 2008 Autism Task Force.

Four Subcommittees have been created by the Commission to lead development of the Action Plan:

- Early Childhood Subcommittee** (*ages 0-6*)
- Youth and Transition Subcommittee** (*ages 6-18*)
- Adults and Aging Subcommittee** (*ages 18+*)
- Rural Nevada Subcommittee*** (*all ages*)

Areas to be addressed include, but are not limited to: diagnosis, early intervention, education, transition, housing, employment, insurance, funding, advocacy, and sexuality. The “**Five-Year Strategic Action Plan Development**” document can be downloaded at: http://dhhs.nv.gov/Autism_Commission.htm.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

- **Chairpersons** – *The Commission will appoint a Self-Advocate and/or Parent Advocate as chairperson of each Subcommittee.*
- **Committee Members (Voting)** – *Each Subcommittee will have a total of five (5) Voting Members (including the Chairperson), of which no less than 50% will be Self-Advocates and/or Parent Advocates. Voting Members are required to attend all scheduled meetings of the Subcommittee.*
- **Committee Members (Non-Voting)** – *No limit is placed on the number of Non-Voting Members who are encouraged, but not required, to attend all scheduled meetings.*

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED & PROVIDE INPUT

Contact the Commission (see below) if you want to be a member of one of the Committees and/or if you have information and experiences to contribute in Commission and Subcommittee meetings.

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Next Commission Meeting – June 10, 2014 @ 9:30 a.m.

*Rural Nevada Subcommittee will be comprised of members of the other three Subcommittees who are on those Subcommittees to represent Rural Nevada interests. Rural Nevada Subcommittee members will be required to attend meetings of both Subcommittees of which they are Members.