

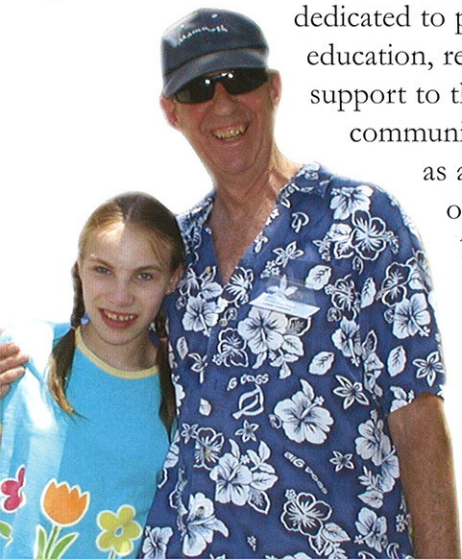
What is Autism?

Autism is a complex neurobiological disorder that impacts development in the areas of social interaction, verbal and non-verbal communication, and behavior. Autism typically appears in early childhood and affects each individual differently with symptoms ranging from mild to severe. According to the Centers for Disease Control, 1 in 150 children is diagnosed with autism. Currently, we know very little about what causes autism, but there are treatments and educational approaches that may be beneficial in reducing the challenges associated with this disorder. Autism knows no racial, ethnic or social boundaries. It can affect any family and child anywhere in the world.



What is Foothill Autism Alliance?

Foothill Autism Alliance, Inc. (FAA) is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization of parents, professionals, adults with autism, and care-givers, dedicated to providing education, resources, and support to the autism community. Founded as a grassroots organization in 1998, the FAA has grown into a major autism resource in the Greater Los Angeles area.



Our Vision:

A world in which individuals and families affected by autism are empowered to fulfill their individual potential and participate in society to the fullest extent possible.

Our Goals:

- ❖ **To educate families** about autism by providing information on treatments, educational options, scientific research, and legal issues and to empower them with the knowledge to obtain essential services.
- ❖ **To provide social opportunities** for families in a safe, non-judgmental environment designed to meet the special needs of individuals with autism.
- ❖ **To increase public awareness** and acceptance of individuals with autism within our community.
- ❖ **To reach out to the various ethnic groups** in our area and to provide support in several languages, including Spanish and Armenian.



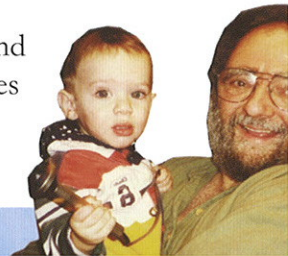
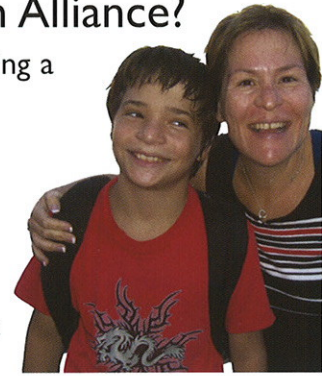
Now we know that the autism spectrum is as wide as it is long. Each of our children, as unique as snowflakes, manifests the disorder in different ways.

*Robert Schneider,
Founder FAA, June 2001*

Why should we join the Foothill Autism Alliance?

Advantages of becoming a member of FAA:

- ❖ **Monthly mailings** about our **Family Resource meetings** and other events. Join us each month for enlightening presentations led by noted professionals in the field. Our speakers bring the latest information on medical, educational, and legal issues concerning autism.
- ❖ **Free admission to all FAA social events.** Bring the whole family to our Spring Picnic, Summer Pool Party, and annual Holiday Celebration — fun-filled events where parents relax and kids of all kinds have a great time!
- ❖ **Peer support from others who have “been there, done that!”** Networking is an integral part of FAA and time is dedicated to meeting peers and exchanging information at each of our events.
- ❖ **Opportunity to serve on committees, the board of directors and as an officer of FAA.** Help us plan our future. Make an important contribution to the autism community.
- ❖ **Most importantly, FAA depends on memberships and corporate sponsorships to survive.** Help us continue to educate and assist the many families affected by autism.





Yes! We would like to become a part of the Foothill Autism Alliance.

Name _____

Company (if applicable) _____

House's name (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Email _____

I am:
 Parents
 Friends
 Professional
 Other (specify) _____

Annual Membership Fees

Basic Membership	\$50
Adult with Autism	\$30
Professional Membership	\$250

We wish to make a tax deductible donation of: _____

Corporate and agency sponsorships are also available. Please contact the FAA for details.

Please make checks payable to:
Foothill Autism Alliance, Inc.
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