



Community Events and Programs

Turning Pointe works collaboratively with autism families, individuals, and the wider community to provide education, resource navigation, social engagement opportunities, and training. Turning Pointe believes thriving individuals are supported by informed, inclusive communities.

OUR MISSION

Turning Pointe Autism Foundation creates opportunities and programs to educate individuals with autism through proven interventions to increase independence, encourage meaningful lifelong pursuits, and enrich the community at large.

Community Events

Engaging, sensory-friendly experiences for autism families and the broader community.

Annual Pumpkin Race

(October, Rotary Hill Park in Naperville)

A fun, family-friendly event with food, face painting, and vendors. Participants of all ages and abilities design and race colorfully decorated "Pumpkin Racers." All Pumpkin Race kits are assembled, packaged, and shipped by adult employees with autism.

Check out the latest fun, family, and sensory-friendly events at www.turningpointeautismfoundation.org/calendar
Updated monthly.

Autism Community Trainings

According to the CDC, 1 in 31 children and 1 in 45 adults in the U.S. is diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Families, educators, employers, and community members interact with autistic individuals every day, making foundational knowledge and skills increasingly important.

- **Student Consultations** - School districts need autism resources, training, and support to accommodate a diverse range of needs and supports. Turning Pointe is available to address student and school-specific challenges. Customized trainings combine special education, behavioral research, and clinical expertise to support students on the spectrum, honoring each child's unique strengths and needs.
- **School Educators and Staff Professionals** - Autism trainings for paraeducators and school staff are available for on-site visits at local schools. Topics include Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA), data collection and decision making, functional behavior assessments, and crisis management training.
- **First Responder and Law Enforcement** - Training on autism and its key characteristics, communication in emergencies, and de-escalation techniques. Turning Pointe is NMERT-certified to provide continuing education classes for law enforcement and first responders.
- **Autism in the Workplace** - Training and consultation for employers seeking to better support autistic employees. Topics include reducing miscommunication, practical accommodations, and recognizing stress.
- **Customized, setting-specific training sessions can be designed to meet the needs of any professional setting.**

Turning Pointe is an Authorized Continuing Education Provider (ACE) by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board and Advanced Autism Specialist-certified to provide high-quality, cost-effective training programs.

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