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## >Local support group

Posted by bkfree - 2008/04/27 23:21

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Hi,

I have a 9 year old son who is PDD. He is verbal and doing well. I was wondering if there is a local support group for mothers of ASD children. I am interested in joining one.

My son also plays baseball with the Miracle League in Moody. He is very athletic and is really craving more outlets in this area. He is very good and quite obsessed with basketball. Can anyone guide me to facilities in the Bham area that have programs in athletics or in music for special needs kids? Thanks, Kim:cheer:

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## Re:>Local support group

Posted by Lyra - 2008/04/29 11:45

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Montgomery has one - meets at First Baptist Church - 6pm first tuesday of the month rm 401

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## Re:>Local support group

Posted by bkfree - 2008/04/29 13:11

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Thanks, I should have included in the Birmingham area. We live in Springville.

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## Re:>Local support group

Posted by jennypm - 2008/05/07 19:54

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There is a very active group that meets in Shelby County, they actually have a meeting this Friday. If you would like more information, please call Anna Bloom, ASA's Program Manager. I am sure the group would love to have you.

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## Re:>Local support group

Posted by draber - 2008/05/26 13:02

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I have a 7 year old son who is AS and also very highly functional. He actually plays on a regular city league team. We signed him up before his diagnosis! I told the coach about his diagnosis, and my husband helps coach, and we have had no problems at all. He is in fact one of the better players. I know at age 9 some of the social differences are more obvious, but just a thought. I also don't want my son to feel different, because he is more like his peers than he is different. Since he is able to play on a regular league, I felt it was better for him emotionally. If your son is athletically comparable to other 9 year olds and emotionally able, i'd consider a regular league. Good luck!

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## Re:>Local support group

Posted by anna\_asa - 2008/06/09 13:40

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If you are interested in the Shelby Co support group, they typically meet the 2nd Friday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Over the summer, they are having more activities than support group speakers--you can view the schedule on the ASA's homepage under 'support groups'. Also, the Hoover Rec has a lot of recreation opportunities for children with special needs.

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## Re:>Local support group

Posted by Voltare - 2008/06/12 11:52

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What happens when these children grow up? Will they just "grow out" of it? Does Autism go away as an adult?

Let me tell you now...it doesn't. This does not disappear at 20, 30 or even 40. It is a lifelong problem.

I think it's great that something is being done for autistic children now. When I was growing up, you had to be almost totally retarded for anyone to even think you had a developmental problem.

My problem is...I seem almost normal. I go to work. I can have a conversation with anyone on any subject. I am extremely intelligent (i.q. measured between 140-170). But I have no friends outside of my wife and kids. I don't get body language. I can't tell the difference between someone joking with me and someone being serious. I'm not good in social situations. There is nothing out there that deals with adults with asd's. Are we just supposed to fade away as we get older? Think about your kids future.

I guarantee you, if you tested homeless people for asd's you'd find most of them are on the spectrum.

Is this what you want for your kids when they grow up?

My life, while I am married and such, got a job etc. is not what it could be if I could find some resources for adults with asd's. I could be a better father. A better husband. I could understand what friends want from me. I would not be the guy standing in the back of the room anymore. I could go to my daughter's parent-teacher conferences without fear of the crowd. I could learn to manage my tics better.

Maybe someone needs to start an adult asd support group. Cause when your kids grow up....they're gonna need it.

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**Re:>Local support group**

Posted by Bpharo - 2008/07/18 13:22

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Hi I am new to all of this but my son was just diagnosed with moderate ASD and I am also looking for support. I live in the Trussville area.

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**Re:>Local support group**

Posted by reshariggins - 2008/07/20 02:34

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I too live in Trussville and have a son with aspergers syndrome. He is 8 years old. Are there any support groups in this area??

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**Re:>Local support group**

Posted by Bpharo - 2008/07/21 08:00

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Not that I know of. I wish we could get something together if there were enough people interested.

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**Re:>Local support group**

Posted by bkfree - 2008/07/21 23:13

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I live in the Springville area. I have a 9 year old son, ASD-PDD. I would also love to be in a group in our area.  
Kim

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**Re:>Local support group**

Posted by Bpharo - 2008/07/22 19:13

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Ok well we should all try to get together sometime and put something together.

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**Re:>Local support group**

Posted by bert - 2008/07/28 05:10

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It totally depends on the parents, how they nourish their children. The parents should contribute their valuable time to make their child a better person to the society.

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Bert

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**Re:>Local support group**

Posted by Mommybutterfly - 2008/08/03 07:14

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Can I get the link to this I would love to be able to join thank you

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