

# Autism Society

## VEI The connection is you.™

### Who We Are

The Autism Society is the largest and oldest grassroots Autism organization in the United States. Annually, through our nationwide network of affiliates, we support over half a million people in the Autism community through advocacy, education, resources, and community programming.

### Health Equity

**The Autism Society is dedicated to health equity, which is the foundation for a healthy life.** People with Autism experience higher rates of medical and mental health conditions, poor health outcomes, and premature mortality. In addition to social and economic barriers, the Autistic community faces sensory, communication, cognitive, and other unique barriers to accessible healthcare.

The Autism Society is working holistically to address health equity outcomes including healthcare, mental health, suicide prevention, employment, and home and community-based services.

*“The different tools used to distract my son made him feel as comfortable and relaxed as possible.” – Parent*



### The Vaccine Education Initiative

The Autism Society of America created the Vaccine Education Initiative (VEI) to address systemic barriers and promote vaccine education, confidence, and access. Through the VEI, we strive to improve patient and population health by ensuring children, adults, and seniors with disabilities are included and supported.

**Our model, with a 99% success rate, has proven to increase accessibility, reduce stress, and improve outcomes.** The Autism Society is rewriting the vaccine experience to increase accessibility, reduce trauma, and build connected, supportive, and inclusive communities.

#### We Provide:



Accessible Vaccine Clinics



Healthcare Professional Training



Advocacy



Accessible Vaccine Kits



Community Education, Resources, Outreach, and Support

#### Connect to our Affiliate Network

The Autism Society relies upon the tremendous work and support of our nationwide affiliate network. Get connected to **your local affiliate** today.

#### We Can Help

**For more information** on the Vaccine Education Initiative, please contact [vei@autism-society.org](mailto:vei@autism-society.org)