

## Autism and the LGBTQIA+ Communities

LGBTQIA+ is an abbreviation for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex, asexual, plus more.

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Intersectionality recognizes that people's identities are shaped by multiple factors, like gender and sexuality; recognizing the additional inequities when overlapped with the Autism community is essential for creating inclusive environments and specialized supports.



A higher percentage of Autistic people identify as LGBTQIA+ than the general population.



Gender-diverse people are 3 to 6 times more likely to be Autistic than those who are cisgender.



Larger studies indicate that LGBTQIA+ Autistic adults have a higher rate of mental and physical healthcare needs being unmet.

• 35% were refused services by a medical provider.

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### **About the Autism Society**

### Mission

We create connections, empowering everyone in the Autism community with the resources needed to live fully.

### Vision

Creating a world where everyone in the Autism community is connected to the support they need, when they need it.

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Get connected to the support you need, when you need it.

The connection is you.™

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