

Project Unlock PEACE: FAQ

What is Project Unlock PEACE?

Providing Equitable Autistic Care Everywhere

Thanks to the efforts of the Autism Society's Health Equity division and the Autism Justice Center, Project Unlock PEACE focuses on providing correctional healthcare professionals, administrators, and corrections officers with the resources to better serve Autistic people.

Through targeted training, the project aims to improve physical and mental health outcomes through Autism and IDD education, providing support strategies, and effective behavioral interventions.

What are the key components of the healthcare provider trainings?

In the pilot phase, there will be two training modules. Module One will cover physical healthcare needs and supports, including topics such as gastrointestinal issues, chronic pain, dental concerns, and barriers to communicate symptoms. Module Two will cover mental healthcare needs and supports, focusing on managing sensory overload, addressing anxiety and depression, and providing sensory friendly accommodations in correctional settings.

Are trainings live or online?

Both! Trainings will be available in person and online.

What resources are included in the CalmKits?

Resources include communication boards, visual schedules, social stories, and sensory tools such as noise reducing headphones, fidgets, sunglasses, and light filters.

Who is involved in the project?

Supported by the WITH Foundation, the Autism Society of America leads this project with a coalition of community leaders, healthcare providers, criminal justice professionals, and disability advocates.

How can I get involved?

If you are a healthcare provider, advocate, or have experience with the prison system we invite you to join our coalition. For more information or to express interest, please email us at peace@autismsociety.org

When does the project end?

After the pilot project in North Carolina concludes in September 2025, we will release a final report summarizing outcomes and recommendations. We also hope to expand the training program to more states and correctional institutions nationwide.