

Project Unlock PEACE

Providing Equitable Autistic Care Everywhere



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Through the work of the Autism Society's Health Equity arm and Autism Justice Center, Project Unlock PEACE, focuses on providing correctional healthcare professionals, administrators, and corrections officers with the resources to better serve this multiply marginalized community.

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.

Autistic individuals often face sensory sensitivities, communication difficulties, and co-occurring medical and mental health conditions. Within correctional facilities, there are limited resources for funding and personnel, leading to this population's needs being misunderstood or overlooked; delays and disparities in treatment typically lead to increased costs and poorer health outcomes.

Alongside local advocates, Project Unlock PEACE will pilot in North Carolina, providing:

- Community education, outreach, and resources
- Healthcare training:
 - Behavioral interventions and support strategies
 - Alternatives to solitary confinement
 - CalmCare Sensory Kits



Did You Know?

Approximately 5.4 million adults in the U.S. are Autistic, and an estimated 25% of incarcerated people have Autism and/or intellectual/developmental disabilities (IDD).



About the Autism Society

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.



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