

## Resources

Announcing the **NEW** BAS  
Training Systems Entry Page

[www.bastrainings.org](http://www.bastrainings.org)

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**You can now access all of the BAS  
training systems from one easy  
entry point.**

### RESOURCE CENTER (VTC)

*A free resource for  
Adult Autism Waiver providers,  
other professionals, and  
individuals/families with ASD*

### COURSEWHERE REGISTRATION SYSTEM

*To register for live trainings and  
conferences, including the PA  
Autism Training Conference (PATC)*

### SPeCTRUM

*An online training course designed  
for providers working in the BAS  
Adult Autism Programs.*

Visit [www.bastrainings.org](http://www.bastrainings.org) and  
follow the prompts to create a  
master login account, and then get  
connected to the BAS training sites  
you would like to use!

**Registration is now open:**

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania  
Autism Training Conference (PATC)**

**June 12 – 14, 2012  
Lancaster, PA**

### Keynote Speakers

Tuesday, 6/12:

Adult Autism Program Providers Day:  
Not open to the general public

Wednesday, 6/13:

Peter Gerhardt, Ed.D., Community  
Integration & Employment Transitions

Thursday, 6/14:

Dennis Debbaudt, Autism Risk  
& Safety Management



### Bureau of Autism Services

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## Bureau of Autism Services



### BAS Mission

Our mission is to develop and manage services and supports to enhance the quality of life for Pennsylvanians living with Autism Spectrum Disorders and to support their families and caregivers. The Bureau of Autism Services, BAS, will carry out its mission through the creation and administration of adult service delivery models, through the development of resources to support individuals with autism and their families, and through collaboration with other DPW offices and government agencies.

# BUREAU OF AUTISM SERVICES

## ASERT Collaboratives

### Autism Services, Education, Resources, and Training

The **ASERT** (Autism Services, Education, Resources, and Training) collaboratives are a key component of the Bureau of Autism's strategy for supporting individuals with autism and their families throughout the Commonwealth.

Each ASERT collaborative is a partnership of medical centers, centers of autism research and services, universities and other providers of services involved in the treatment and care of adults and children with autism. The ASERT mission is to enhance the lives of Pennsylvanians with autism of all ages and abilities by bringing together resources locally, regionally, and statewide.

**Eastern Region:** [www.paautism.org/asert](http://www.paautism.org/asert)  
1-877-408-0154

**Central Region:** [www.autismcentralpa.org](http://www.autismcentralpa.org)  
1-877-231-4244

**Western Region:** [www.asert.pitt.edu](http://www.asert.pitt.edu)  
1-412-235-5408

**Coming Soon! A new statewide ASERT Website & Toll-Free Number.**



## Adult Programs

### ✧ Adult Autism Waiver

The **Adult Autism Waiver (AAW)** is a traditional HCBS Medicaid waiver designed to provide long-term services and supports for community living, tailored to the specific needs of adults age 21 or older with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Waiver services are available statewide.

### ✧ Adult Community Autism Program

The **Adult Community Autism Program (ACAP)** is like a managed care program that includes some innovative approaches to service provision. It provides physician, behavioral, and community services through an integrated approach to create a coordinated system of supports. ACAP is currently offered in Dauphin, Lancaster, Chester and Cumberland counties.

**Both programs** are serving their maximum number of participants and will not be able to enroll additional participants. However, we are continuing to accept requests for applications.

Applications will not be sent until the capacity to support additional participants is available. Once either program is able to begin accepting additional applications, requests for applications for that program will be processed in the order they were received.

**To request an application, please call:  
1-866-539-7689**

## PA Autism Needs Assessment Reports



As part of our effort to improve care and quality of life for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) living in Pennsylvania, the Bureau of Autism Services sponsored an in-depth assessment of the extent to which current public systems are meeting the service needs of these individuals and their families.

**Eight new reports** detailing the findings and recommendations from the *Pennsylvania Autism Needs Assessment* survey have recently been published. Each of these reports includes an in-depth analysis of the data, as well as a set of recommendations pertinent to the topic of the report.

The information collected from the survey is intended as a roadmap for policymakers, service providers, community organizations, and advocacy groups, to guide the development and implementation of effective services and the efficient use of resources.

**Find more information** about the *Pennsylvania Autism Needs Assessment* survey, and view the complete set of reports by visiting:

<http://www.paautism.org/asert>