

News and Information from the

resource center

Occupant With Autism Decal Program

We are thankful to the Hospital Authority of Bulloch County for a second grant to continue our Autism Awareness training. Starting this summer we will focus on firefighters and EMS. We have also needed to purchase more decals for families with autism, distributing over 100 so far. If you know a family in need of an Occupant with Autism decal, they are available at the Bulloch County Sheriff's Office or Statesboro Police Department during business hours.



There's more news! With the help of the Bulloch County Sheriffs Department, Statesboro High School's AV Department, our Board of Directors member Jennifer Wynn and two amazing boys with autism we were able to create a video to advertise the Occupant with Autism Decals.

Statesboro Mayor McCollar Gives Proclamation Declaring April as Autism Awareness Month





Mayor McColllar, Michelle Zeanah, MD, Sharon Draeger, Project Manager, Council Members and 2 members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority pose with the proclamation.

During the City Council meeting on April 1, 2025, Statesboro Mayor Jonathan McCollar designated April as Autism Awareness Month in Statesboro, GA.

The proclamation was signed and presented to Michelle Zeanah, the CEO of the Resource Center, after she addressed the council and audience about autism. She emphasized the importance of understanding the disorder and empowering those who are on the autism spectrum.

The video is currently on our Facebook Page at https://www.facebook.com/BPRC.Statesboro/videos



Church Staff, Coaches, Childcare Providers and Volunteers Take Part in Free Autism Training

The Resource Center recently conducted free virtual training on autism, offering support and strategies for volunteers working with children. The first session had 25 participants, and the second had 32, including Vacation Bible School volunteers, scout leaders, childcare workers, PreK directors and teachers, a college student, and parents. The training was made possible by a grant from the United Way of the Coastal Empire.

Thank You

The following organizations helped us share information about autism:
 Statesboro City Council
 Statesboro Farmers Market
 Kiwanis Club of Statesboro
 Exchange Club
 Jaycees
 Rotary Club of Statesboro
 Pittman Park UMC
Eagle 94.9 and Foundry Broadcasting
 Grice Connect
Statesboro Herald/Moments Magazine



A person with autism can have sensory sensitivities?
For example, something as simple as a seam or tag inside clothing can cause discomfort, irritation or pain due to heightened sensitivity.

Resource Center Autism Bracelets at the Georgia State Senate



The Resource Center appreciated Senator and Mrs. Brian Strickland and Senator Kay Kirkpatrick for wearing our Autism Awareness Bracelets during a meeting at the Georgia State Senate. Senator Strickland highlighted the organization's work and the importance of autism awareness, offering bracelets to fellow senators. The Resource Center is thankful for the senators' support.

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I had the honor of meeting a mom who has two teenagers with autism. I was amazed by her incredible spirit and adaptability. I can't even imagine day to day life for her. Teenagers are hard enough to raise. Yet, she greeted me with a kind heart. Her love for her two teens was undeniable.

I often think about the many children I know or have known that have been touched by autism, but rarely do I think about the job given to the parent. Autism isn't just about the child. It is about the parent that has so much to take on and never loses their desire to be the best for their child. As we consider Autism Awareness, we should also be aware of those supporting individuals with autism.

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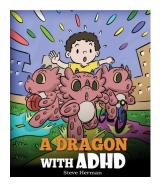


Want more information or help scheduling a training session? Email us at

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Books We Love





A Dragon with ADHD by Steve Herman

Drew and his dragon Diggory Doo navigate through Diggory's ADHD as Drew gives support and suggestions to his dragon friend. This cute book shares what it is like to have ADHD and how to get organized, become focused and help navigate the way to success, all through the eyes of a boy and his pet dragon.

This is an uplifting book with a great message. Be sure to check this one out!

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