



The National Autism Resource and Information Center is a national initiative of The Arc dedicated to be the central point of quality resources and information for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and other developmental disabilities, their families, and other targeted key stakeholders, including those who are underserved and unserved.

A major goal of the Autism NOW Center is to provide resources and information in core areas across the lifespan. Focus areas include Early Detection, Early Intervention and Early Education; Transition from High School into Early Adulthood; Community-based Employment; Advocacy for Families and Self-Advocates; Community Inclusion; Aging Issues; Policy; Implementation of Health Care Reform, including Long Term Care Services and Supports; Family and Sibling Support; and Networking in Local, State and National Arenas.



The National Autism Resource and Information Center is a national initiative of The Arc of The United States.



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2011 Autism NOW Midwest Regional Summit Indianapolis June 25-26

**A FREE Event
hosted by the
Autism NOW
Center in
partnership with
The Arc of Indiana**





The 2011 Autism NOW Midwest Regional Summit is a two-day event funded through a grant from the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) and is designed to:

- Promote relationship-building between families, people who identify as being on the autism spectrum, self-advocates, key stakeholders and professionals in the areas of autism or developmental disabilities studies
- Share information and resources related to autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Celebrate the local and regional autism and intellectual and developmental disability community

The Autism NOW Summit events are designed to be warm, open, accessible, culturally proficient and inclusive, allowing for discussions of autism-related issues as well as celebrations of autism and other developmental disabilities, and to raise awareness.

Conference Details

- Registration is **FREE**, but you must register to attend the conference
- **June 25**
8:00 AM — 6:00 PM
*Includes a continental breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack
- **June 26**
8:00 AM — 1:00 PM
*Includes breakfast
- Location: **Westin Hotel**, in the heart of downtown Indianapolis. Rooms are \$91 per night. Reservations can be made directly with the hotel at 317-262-8100 or by clicking on the hotel link at www.autismnow.org
- Parking is available at the hotel for \$15/day.
- There are a limited number of **FREE** childcare spots available. Please include the Childcare Form in your registration. Spots are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

For More Information and to Register:

Visit Autism NOW at
www.autismnow.org

Or The Arc of Indiana at
www.arcind.org

Or call or email Jennifer Schwab at
317-977-2375 or jschwab@arcind.org

What to Expect

Conference Highlights

This two-day, interactive conference is designed to allow individuals to come together to listen to professionals & families, ask questions, share experiences, and learn from each other.

Saturday, June 25

Participants will have the opportunity to engage in sessions discussing topics that include:

Behavioral Supports for Families
Education
Employment
Importance of Social Skills/Social Media

Attendees will participate in an **Information Gathering Session** where all thoughts and opinions may be recorded and sent back to the ADD.

The Summit will also present a “**Vision of the Future**”, featuring both professionals and individuals on the spectrum.

The conference will wrap up Saturday afternoon with an **Art Reception** featuring sensory-friendly exhibits from local and regional artists.

Sunday, June 26

The Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN) and Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) will present a **Panel Discussion on Core Values**.

ASAN & SABE will present a series of sessions discussing topics that include:

Education
Self-Advocacy
Community Based Employment
Relationships