

# Autism Ontario Updates

## June 2024

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### **The David Conforti - Reach for the Stars Award**

***\*\* We are accepting online-only applications for this award from May 1- June 30, 2024. \*\****

David Conforti was a remarkable and caring young man who made a difference in his community and inspired others through his volunteer work in York Region, Ontario. In order to recognize the importance of volunteering in David's life, and to further encourage and recognize volunteerism with community impact among other people with autism, his family, together with the Autism Ontario – York Region Chapter, created The David Conforti - Reach for the Stars Award, as a lasting tribute and in memory of David Conforti's life. <https://www.autismontario.com/DavidConforti>

### **Building Brighter Futures Fund (BBFF)**

***\*\* We will accept applications for this year's Building Brighter Futures Fund in July 2024. \*\****

BBFF provides financial assistance directly to autistic adults in Ontario through a reimbursement of funds spent to access greater participation in their local communities. Program fees for recreation or skill development, respite, professional supports, tuition, or other creative solutions connected to building life plans for autistic adults will be considered for reimbursement.

<https://www.autismontario.com/BBFF>

### **Journey to Adulthood - An Overview**

This session is an introduction / overview of key topics in the transition from youth to adult. It will provide caregivers with a broad overview of adult services, funding, and supports along with key dates for applying for adult services.

Date: June 12, 2024

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Register: <https://www.autismontario.com/civicrm/event/info?id=9820>

## National Indigenous Peoples Day - Woodland Arts

Guided by Lucia Laford (Waawaaskone Qwe) artists of all ages and abilities are invited to learn how to draw in a Woodland Arts style. During this session we will learn about National Indigenous People's Day and create drawings that celebrate and honor Indigenous Peoples of this land.

Date: June 17, 2024  
Time: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
Register: <https://www.autismontario.com/civicrm/event/info?id=9736>

## Ausome Moms

**\*\* Registration opens June 6 at 12:00 pm. \*\***

Join us each month to meet with other moms, female caregivers, and transgender/non-binary folks. This casual setting allows you to socialize, share your experiences, or simply sit back and listen.

Date: June 20, 2024  
Time: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM  
Register: <https://www.autismontario.com/civicrm/event/info?id=9438>

## Rad Dads

**\*\* Registration opens on June 10 at 12:00 p.m. \*\***

Join us monthly to meet with other dads, male caregivers, and transgender/non-binary folks. This casual setting allows you to socialize, share your experiences, or sit back and listen.

Date: June 24, 2024  
Time: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM  
Register\*: <https://www.autismontario.com/civicrm/event/info?id=9450>

## How to Submit Your OAP Expenses Information Session

During this information session, an Autism Ontario Service Navigator will lead you through the Ontario Autism Program (OAP) reconciliation process.

Date: June 27, 2024  
Time: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM  
Register: <https://www.autismontario.com/civicrm/event/info?id=9444>

## Autism Ontario Weekend at the Zoo

**\*\* Registration opens Wednesday, June 5 at 12 pm \*\***

Autism Ontario weekend at the Toronto Zoo is June 29/30, 2024. The tickets will be good for Saturday and Sunday BUT you may only use your tickets for one of the days.

In addition, Autism Ontario families will have exclusive use of one of the Zoo picnic areas, and we will have access to two “Animal Encounters” on both days, at 11 am and 1 pm. We won’t know which animal will be featured until the day of.

**COST:** \$10 per person and children 2 and under free. Each family will receive a free caregiver ticket which you will register for. Maximum of 6 tickets per family. (No refunds.) Parking is \$15 and is the responsibility of the family.

Date: June 29 *or* 30, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Cost: \$10 per person

Register\*: <https://www.autismontario.com/civicrm/event/info?id=9750>

## Autism Ontario Updates July 2024

### Provincial -Mosaic of Turtle Island - Woodland Arts

Guided by Lucia Laford (Waawaaskone Qwe) artists of all ages and abilities are invited to learn how to draw in a Woodland Arts style. During this session, we will explore the diverse mosaic of people that make up our community living on Turtle Island, honoring the beautiful and diverse perspectives we hold.

Date: July 1, 2024

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Register: <https://www.autismontario.com/civicrm/event/info?id=9839>

### Ausome Moms

**\*\* Registration opens July 4 at 12:00 pm. \*\***

Join us each month to meet with other moms, female caregivers, and transgender/non-binary folks. This casual setting allows you to socialize, share your experiences, or simply sit back and listen.

Date: July 18, 2024

Time: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Register: <https://www.autismontario.com/civicrm/event/info?id=9858>

## Rad Dads

**\*\* Registration opens on July 15 at 12:00 p.m. \*\***

Join us monthly to meet with other dads, male caregivers, and transgender/non-binary folks. This casual setting allows you to socialize, share your experiences, or sit back and listen.

Date: July 29, 2024  
Time: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM  
Register\*: <https://www.autismontario.com/civicrm/event/info?id=9861>

# Autism Ontario Updates August 2024

## Ausome Moms

**\*\* Registration opens August 1 at 12:00 pm. \*\***

Join us each month to meet with other moms, female caregivers, and transgender/non-binary folks. This casual setting allows you to socialize, share your experiences, or simply sit back and listen.

Date: August 15, 2024  
Time: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM  
Register: <https://www.autismontario.com/civicrm/event/info?id=9860>

## Limoges – Calypso Water Park

**\*\* Registration opens on July 11 at 12:00 p.m. \*\***

Calypso Waterpark is the summertime place to be for children and thrill seekers alike! Calypso Waterpark features a wide variety of attractions for people of all ages. With so much to do and see, a day at Calypso Waterpark is simply unforgettable. A limited number of tickets are available. Max of 6 tickets per family.

**Cost:** \$10 per person. No refunds. Day Parking: \$20 plus tax. Credit or Debit only – no cash.

Date: August 21, 2024  
Time: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM  
Cost: \$10 per person  
Register\*: <https://www.autismontario.com/civicrm/event/info?id=9821>

## Rad Dads

**\*\* Registration opens on August 12 at 12:00 p.m. \*\***

Join us monthly to meet with other dads, male caregivers, and transgender/non-binary folks. This casual setting allows you to socialize, share your experiences, or sit back and listen.

Date: August 26, 2024

Time: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Register\*: <https://www.autismontario.com/civicrm/event/info?id=9863>