

About Us ...

Autism SA is the leading provider of specialised services to people with an Autism Spectrum Disorder in South Australia. Our national networks ensure an ongoing commitment to specialised services and resources across Australia.

Our Beginnings ...

In 1964 a group of parents joined together to found the Autistic Children's Association of South Australia Inc. It was the first organisation of its kind in Australia and established only one year after the National Autistic Society in the United Kingdom. In August 1967 the first Australian Conference was held in Adelaide.

Our Core Values...

Quality Service

- We value the delivery of proactive, timely, responsive services that are of high quality

Expertise

- We value the specialist knowledge and understanding that we have about Autism Spectrum Disorders

Collaboration

- We value partnerships with clients, service providers and supporters

Leadership

- We value our reputation as a leader and our commitment to high values and standards

Teamwork

- We value a respectful, co-operative, organised and positive work environment

Diversity

- We value the talents, strengths and diversity of all people that are part of the Autism Spectrum Community

Professionalism

- We value professionalism in all aspects of work duties as well as in our representation of our organisation



Strategic Plan 2009 - 2013

Creating Pathways to Build Potential

The Autism SA Strategic Plan sets out our Vision and Mission and outlines our goals and intended achievements over 2009-2013. The plan recognises the importance of clients, our staff, partnerships, sustainability and being valued as a leader striving for excellence in service delivery.

Our Vision ...

Leading the way through knowledge, understanding and acceptance.

Our Mission ...

To deliver specialised services and promote community awareness to facilitate an inclusive community that values individuals and families living with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Our Strategic Direction ...

By the year 2013, Autism SA will be recognised for responding to clients and for leading collaboration with stakeholders to promote a service improvement framework that addresses the unique needs of people living with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Our Goals and Objectives ...

PEOPLE	SERVICES	LEADERSHIP	SUSTAINABILITY	PARTNERSHIP AND INNOVATION
<p>Goal: Be a desirable employer that provides a supportive workplace culture, focusing on professional development, recognising commitment and celebrating success.</p>	<p>Goal: Provide effective and sustainable programs that facilitate individuals to reach their potential and improve quality of life.</p>	<p>Goal: Be the leader in the Autism Spectrum community that is professional and committed to its core values.</p>	<p>Goal: Establish a financial model that is stable and supports growth to ensure long term viability.</p>	<p>Goal: Develop pathways, locally and nationally, for strategic partnerships and innovation to enhance services.</p>
<p>Objective 1: Attract and retain a committed and motivated team.</p>	<p>Objective 1: Provide innovative and effective client-focussed services.</p>	<p>Objective 1: Develop and sustain leadership within management.</p>	<p>Objective 1: Build a sustainable model for service provision.</p>	<p>Objective 1: Explore and establish partnership opportunities that contribute to long term capacity.</p>
<p>Objective 2: Develop and integrate the core values of the organisation.</p>	<p>Objective 2: Provide consistent level of service quality to clients that is responsive and supportive.</p>	<p>Objective 2: Consistently apply the principles of good governance.</p>	<p>Objective 2: Improve and maintain strategies that provide independent income.</p>	<p>Objective 2: Continue to develop networks that position Autism SA as a leader.</p>
<p>Objective 3: Review department operational requirements to sustain service excellence.</p>	<p>Objective 3: Facilitate access to service pathways to enable families and individuals to make informed choices.</p>	<p>Objective 3: Work together with other key stakeholders to create and share a service improvement framework.</p>		<p>Objective 3: Identify and implement business improvement and IT infrastructure necessary to support service delivery.</p>