

Elevate The Spectrum, Inc.



We empower individuals on the Autism Spectrum and their families through inclusion, advocacy, and friendship

Founded in 2019, Elevate The Spectrum (ETS) is a volunteer-run non-profit supporting New Mexico's Autistic Community. Our members include self-advocates, parents, siblings, and professionals, working together to support the full spectrum of needs.



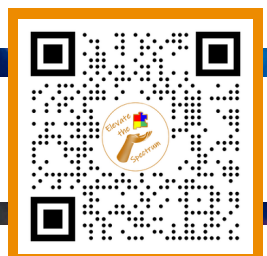
Elevate members are actively involved in New Mexico's autism community. We participate in state education taskforces and councils, partner with agencies and providers, and host Autism Day at the Legislature. ETS's mission lies in organizing free and inclusive events and programs year-round to support families and individuals with autism in New Mexico.

ETS is an all volunteer organization that is fully funded through community donations and grants

Over 95% of funds ETS receives are invested directly into our community through events and programs

ETS supplies first responder units in NM with FREE Hero Bags. To date, over 2,000 have been distributed

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Or contact us at Info@ElevateTheSpectrum.org**



Autism Quick Facts:

Autism is a neuro-developmental disability that can affect an individual's social skills, communication abilities, and behavior throughout the lifespan.

1 in 31 children are diagnosed with ASD according to the CDC.

***Common Characteristics:**

- Delay in or absence of speech
- Elopement
- Difficulty with changes/transitions in routine
- Repetitive movements (stimming)
- Difficulty with socializing and reading social queues
- Hyper or hypo sensitivity to sounds, textures, lighting, etc.

***This is not a complete list of characteristics.**

Individuals may display some or all of these characteristics to varying degrees.

EVENTS

ETS understands the additional cost many families caring for someone with autism face. That is why we host free and inclusive events including: movies, trampoline parks, pumpkin patch visits and our annual Inclusion In Play.

INCLUSION

PROGRAMS

Staying connected is key to one's mental health. ETS host monthly and quarterly to give individuals the chance to meet with others who understand. Groups include: moms, dads, teens, ASD adults, ASD teens, and siblings.

ADVOCACY

POLICY

Members of ETS are active in the state's policy platform. This includes the NM PED School Re-Entry and Special Education taskforces, the Developmental Disabilities Council, and lobbying for policies that affect NM's Autistic Community.

FRIENDSHIP

HERO BAGS

To date, ETS has donated over 2000 HERO Bags to departments around New Mexico. These bags contain specially designed communication boards, dry-erase boards, and fidgets to support individuals with ASD and other disabilities during an emergency.



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