



Autism Response Team (ART)



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- The Autism Response Team is trained to respond to **calls and emails**, providing a link to critical information, tools and, resources for all members of the autism community, who might otherwise not have access.
- In 2015, ART responded to **over 51,000** individuals with autism & their families.
- Over **75%** of contacts are seeking help accessing local service providers
- ART not only provides tools and resources, but also a **person centered response** to all requests for information and offers encouragement and support.
- **Navigating** the tangled web of autism resources is difficult. ART provides a reliable place for individuals and families to **start**.

HAVE A QUESTION? CONTACT ART TODAY!

Toll Free: 1-888-AUTISM 2

Toll Free en Español: 1-888-772-9050

Email : familyservices@autismspeaks.org



- Since 2007, ART has responded to **138,129 calls and emails**, including over **47,500** in 2014 alone!
- The Autism Response Team is spread around the country and now includes 2 bilingual coordinators and one specifically focused on adult services!
Meet the team below:



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Responding to Community Needs

- **ART Coordinators are located in all four geographic regions to develop understanding of local services providers and state access programs:**
 - West – *Los Angeles, CA*
 - Midwest – *Chicago, IL*
 - Northeast – *Boston, NYC, Central NJ*
 - Southeast Regions – *Georgia, Florida*
- **Personalized Responses to Meet Unique needs:**
 - Every email and phone call receives a one-to-one response within 24 hours
 - Dedicated Spanish language toll free line staffed by 2 bilingual ART Coordinators
 - Adult Services ART Coordinator
- **ART Provides both *immediate & long term* impact by sharing information/tools and connecting to local service providers for ongoing support.**



ART Testimonials

- “Thank you for listening to my family’s story and providing great resources. Now I know somewhere there is hope for my sons future, thank you for **giving me the hope back.**” – *Parent of a 24 year old with ASD, ART connected to Housing and Residential Tool Kit & local providers in state Resource Guide.*
 - “Thank you so much for this **lifesaving information!** I feel so lost and frustrated sometimes because we have been dealing with this on our own for so long without guidance. Your kind assistance has made a big difference.” – *Parent of a adolescent with autism, ART connected to Transition Tool Kit & local employment resources.*
- “Thank you very much for these resources! I am overjoyed to have **somewhere to start** in getting my child set, which gives me hope!” – *Parent of a newly diagnosed 2 yr. old, ART connected to 100 Day Kit & local Intervention providers.*



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Adult Services Initiatives

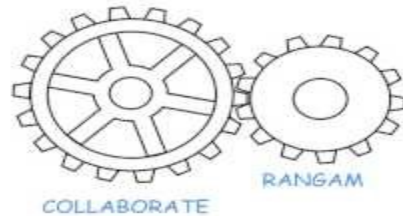
Employment

- The Spectrum Careers Job Portal

Housing

- HeroX

What is The Spectrum Careers?



Autism Speaks House to Home Prize (#H2Hprize)

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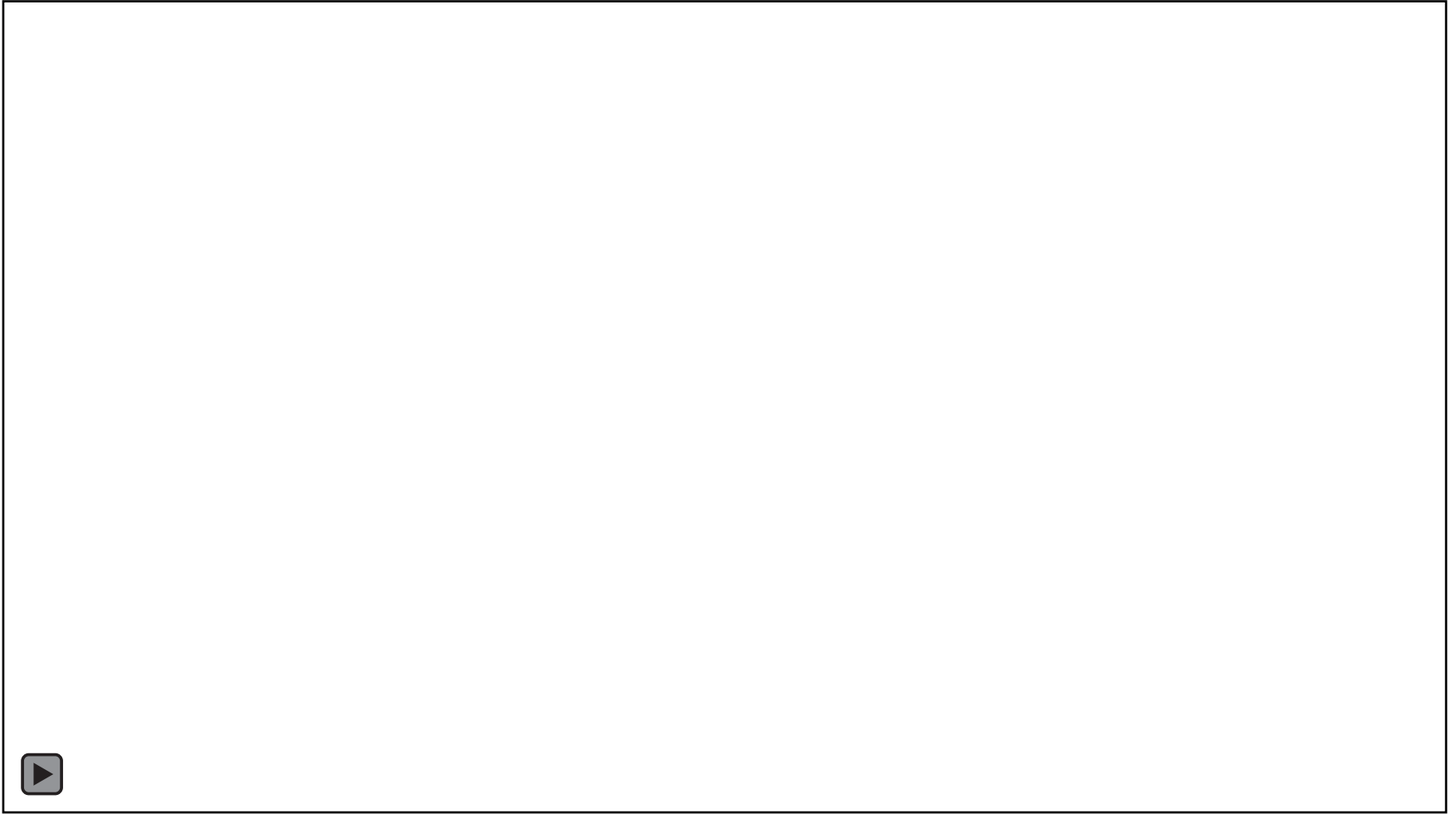
Autism Speaks is offering \$150,000 in prizes for belief-busting breakthroughs in housing and residential supports for adults with autism.
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House to Home Prize





Autism Speaks is offering three prizes for home and residential support solutions in three categories:

- for individuals who require **24/7 support**
- for individuals who require **daily support**
- for individuals who require **weekly support** (*support needed a few times per week, but not every day*)

The best solution in each of these categories will receive a \$50,000 USD prize. The total prize purse is \$150,000 USD.



- Housing “solutions” encompass more than a physical place to live.
- Housing and support services that meet the needs of each individual with autism can be powerful enablers of employability, integration with the local community, and the ability to carry out productive daily activities. This is the foundation for an individual’s wellbeing, safety, fulfillment, and means to thrive.

- We're looking for belief-busting ideas that are resourceful, inspiring, simple, collaborative, and transformative.
- The breakthrough must include the supports necessary to safely live outside of the family home.
- It may come in the form of technology, architecture design, strategic partnerships, community services, new business models, or any combination of these or countless other ideas.

- Go to: herox.com/HouseToHomePrize
- Submissions deadline: March 1, 2016
- Winners announced: April 19, 2016

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