

Position: Autism Support Group Co-host, Part-time Volunteer

Location: ON – Durham Region

Autism Support Group meetings (known as CHAT, which stands for Challenging Autism Together) offer peer-to-peer support for parents/guardians and caregivers and an opportunity for them to get to know each other, share experiences, and discuss issues of common concern.

The Autism Support Group Co-host is required to be a member of Autism Ontario – Durham Region with all dues paid in full, and reports to the President, Autism Ontario – Durham Region. The successful candidate will have leadership qualities. He or she will also be articulate (but not verbose), a good listener, and will possess the ability to be compassionate and understanding.

Essential Functions:

- Host an Autism Support Group meeting in Durham Region one evening per month.
- Report to and receive regular guidance and supervision from the President of the chapter.
- Effectively represent Autism Ontario – Durham Region and its mission in the community in a professional manner.
- Familiarize him/herself with all aspects of the chapter's website on an on-going basis.

Qualifications:

- Knowledge of autism as a spectrum disorder is an essential requirement
- Must have knowledge of/experience with community services in Durham Region
- Must be interested/willing to expand knowledge of ASD as new research is developed
- Must have experience living or working with individual(s) with ASD
- Being the parent of a child with ASD is an asset, but not a requirement
- Must be familiar with the policies of Autism Ontario and willing to abide by them
- Previous experience as a moderator/support group leader is an asset
- Experience with Conflict Resolution is an asset
- Is able to provide information but not advice

**If you are interested in this volunteer position,
please contact our Volunteer Coordinator: autismdurham.volunteer@gmail.com**

We thank all applicants for their submissions. We will attempt to match all potential volunteers to meaningful and rewarding roles that are best suited to them.