



Who am I? I am Shona Casola the new Community Event Coordinator for Central East Region at Autism Ontario. Previous to this, I was the Realize Community Potential Program Coordinator in Durham Region for 4 ½ years where I provided parent support, community support and coordinated social learning opportunities and speaker events. I am now back from maternity leave and in my new role. I work collaboratively with Tiffany MacDonald (our Family Support Coordinator) to provide you with the social learning and education opportunities you have come to love from our chapter!

What is my role? I take ideas from the community (parents, agencies, kids, etc.) and develop social programming and speaker events geared to what the community needs! There are Social Learning Opportunity Idea Forms available on our website and I encourage you to share any and all ideas with me so we can have as many opportunities for you and your family as possible! After receiving events, I will put them through our proposal and review process and upon approval I begin to plan, organize, advertise and manage registration for your events. Because I have such a big area now, I can't possibly be at all events, all the time, this is where you come in!

How can you get involved? We'd love to have you involved in a number of ways;

- By attending our events - check our website and e-news often for new opportunities in your area
- By volunteering at one of our events - we need help with set up, registration, clean up, and child-support at many of our events. Please check our website for information about current volunteer opportunities in your area
- By sharing your ideas – complete our Social Learning Opportunity Idea Forms with you and your family's great ideas for programs and speakers

How can you connect with me?

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Thank you so much for your interest in the Potential Programme! I look forward to working with you and your family to provide meaningful opportunities for inclusion and integration in your community!