

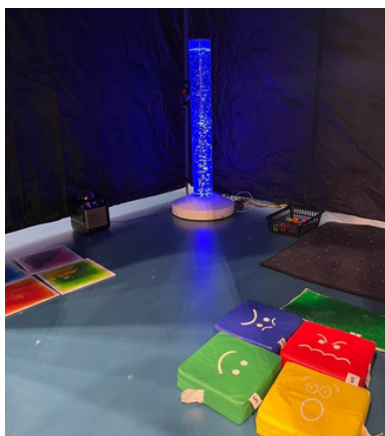
May, 2025

Society Newsletter

www.autismrmwb.org



Thank you to our community for a successful month of Autism Awareness, your support made a huge impact!



Thank you to those who participated in our annual Autism Awareness and Acceptance Sticker Campaign or raised funds through their school or businesses initiatives for our programming.



Sister Mary Phillips School



The District Yoga & Fitness Studio

Resource Connection

Connecting you to resources, organizations, workshops and events.

Highlighting different organizations and resources within our region or that help support our region. This month we are sharing Autism Alberta, and Autism Edmonton as these organizations hold online presentations, workshops and tool kits that can be accessed by anyone.



CAREGIVERS NETWORK

DISABILITY RESOURCE COORDINATOR
Providing one-to-one support for individuals, caregivers, and parents of those with disabilities or supporting their families with:

- Family Support for Children with Disabilities Applications
- Persons with Developmental Disabilities Applications
- Guardianship/Trusteeship Applications
- Registered Disability Savings Plan Information
- Disability Tax Credit Information
- Alberta Aids to Daily Living Information
- Monthly Caregivers Coffee
- Navigation of Resources

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drc@autismrmwb.org
5B-10019 MacDonald Ave

Caregivers Network and Education Inclusion Program are resources and supports that are accessed right here in the RMWB.



Education Inclusion Program

The Education Inclusion Program is a free, community-wide resource accessible to everyone. It was created to promote awareness and provide education about Autism and Neurodiversity, fostering a more inclusive and informed community.

This Program Offers:

- Autism and Neurodiversity Awareness Training Certificate
- Educational Inclusion Classroom Resource Bins
- Community Sensory Room Bookings
- Local Resources
- Sensory Family Events
- Professional Presentations
- Lending Shelf
- Sensory Store

For Inquiries Contact:

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In light of Mays Mental Health Awareness Month we have put together some links to resources.



Masking and Mental Health

Building Resilience, Self-Esteem and Well-Being

Supporting the Mental Health of Autistic People Living in Rural and Remote Communities - Autistics Edition

Supporting the Mental Health of Autistic People Living in Rural and Remote Communities - Community Professionals Edition

Supporting the Mental Health of Autistic People Living in Rural and Remote Communities - Caregivers Edition

Our Programming

Click on each poster for direct links to more information and registration

REGISTER NOW



Neurodiverse

ADULT SOCIAL GROUP

Social program for 16 years plus. The program focuses on building and maintaining friendship skills in group activities.



TUESDAYS
12:00-2:00 PM

LOWER LEVEL OF THE LOCAL 707A UNIFOR BUILDING
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Social-Respite Program

About the Program

Our Social Respite Program provides respite for families of neurodiverse children in our community. As well as respite, the program offers opportunities for children to learn and practice crucial social skills that are needed to make and maintain long-term friendships.



Program Groups

- KINDER**: This group is for children aged 3-5 years old. Sessions are 2hrs long and have 3-5 children in group. Activities include playing games that encourage social skills, drawing, coloring, and outdoor play (weather permitting).
- JUNIOR**: This group is for children aged 6-8 years old. Sessions are 2hrs long and have 3-5 children in group. Activities include playing games that encourage social skills, drawing, coloring, and outdoor play (weather permitting).
- SENIOR**: This group is for youth aged 9-12 years old. Sessions are 2hrs long and have 3-5 youth in group. Activities include playing games that encourage social skills, drawing, coloring, and outdoor play (weather permitting).

Why Choose Us As Your Family's Respite Provider?

- All our staff are fully screened (RCMP & FBI)
- Our Support Workers are supported by agency and liability insured
- Direct billing to FSCD available
- We take control of employment payroll (inc. WCB, CNA & etc.)
- Staff are required to complete mandatory training (eg. First Aid & NCVS)

For more details or to register: www.autismfmwb.org

INDEPENDENT Living Skills, Ages 16+

- Health and Self Care
- Personal Finance
- Household Management
- Relationships
- Community and Leisure

Our LifeSkills Program is open to any neurodiverse individuals and persons living with disabilities from the ages of 16+ to learn critical life skills and promote independent living.



For more information
community@autismrmwb.org



Autism and Neurodiversity Awareness Training



This is a 2 hour training session is facilitated by the Autism Society of the RMWB. During this 2 hour session you will learn how to support individuals of all ages living with disabilities throughout their life span. Training is appropriate for caregivers, professionals, family, friends, employers and coworkers, and anyone who supports someone living with a disability, or wants to expand their knowledge of neurodiverse individuals. This training will offer a certification upon completion.

EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Are you a neurodiverse individual or a person living with a disability and looking for employment?



ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
JUNE 25TH, AND 26TH, 2025

- ✓ Digital Training
- ✓ One to One Coaching
- ✓ Person-centered Tools
- ✓ Employability Skill Evaluations
- ✓ Develop Goals
- ✓ Build Healthy Working Relationships

REQUIREMENTS:
Neurodiverse individuals and persons living with disabilities from the ages of 16+

APPLY NOW

Seamless Support Project
Seamless Support Powered By **METICULON.**

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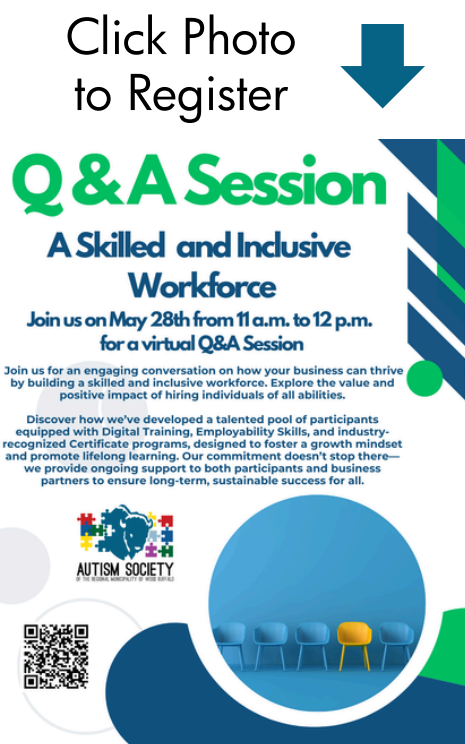

Contact: Autism Society of the RMWB
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Phone: 587-452-9334

Click a date to register for above training:

May 15, 2025

Please visit our website www.autismrmwb.org and follow us on social media to stay up to date on everything the Autism Society has to offer!

Upcoming Community Events



Become a Member

Join the growing number of families, professionals and community members that make up the Autism Society of the RMWB.

Together we can raise awareness and bring positive changes in our community!

For \$20 annually you have the opportunity to get involved, stay connected and help guide the strategic direction of the Autism Society of the RMWB by electing our board-level leadership at the annual general meeting. Join the growing number of families, professionals and community members that make our society.

Click link for more information:

<https://autismrmwb.org/become-a-member/>

Fundraising

As a Non profit we rely on fundraising to continue to provide out services, programs and support to our community. We thank you for your continued support.



INCLUSION
Burger
DAY
September 25th, 2025



In celebration of Canada's Autism Awareness Month in October, all A&W locations in Fort McMurray will donate \$1 to the Autism Society of the RMWB for every Teen Burger™ sold.

To pre-order OR any inquiries, please call: 780.531.0746

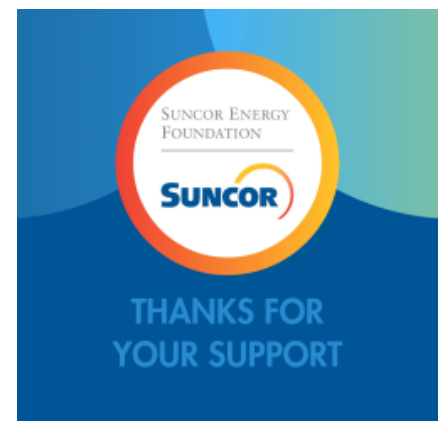
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**JULY 5TH & 6TH
10 AM TO 4 PM**



A special thank you to some of our recent funders!



Contribute to our Cause

If you are interested in helping support our organization, please consider our volunteer and or sponsorship opportunities.

Masonic Lodge 195 Annual Golf Tournament Sponsorship Opportunity



Fort McMurray Masonic Lodge 195 is proud to be supporting the Autism Society of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. The Autism Society of the RMWB is committed to creating an inclusive community through programs that support and understand autistic individuals in our region and ALL those living with neurodiversity and disabilities and supporting their families across their life span. Funds raised by Masonic Lodge 195 during this event will go towards supporting the success of the Autism Society.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RESERVE
YOUR SPONSORSHIP PLEASE CONTACT:
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(780) 972-9061



For volunteer opportunities
please follow the link below:

[Autism Society of the RMWB: Fort McMurray
Masonic Lodge 195 Golf Tournament](#)

Make a one time donation or become a monthly donor!

It is largely through the generous support of our donors that we are able to offer and grow our programs and services. By contributing today, you could make special events possible, provide equipment for programs and camp, support the continued growth through our acceptance and education resource, and most of all support individuals in our community have support to inclusive and supported opportunities in our region.



For direct link to donate please click on photo.

Vision

A region where autistic individuals and all those living with a disability, are valued and are participating members of the community. A region that recognizes that all citizens have the right to live, work, and play.

Mission

We are committed to creating an inclusive community through programming, supports, and understanding for autistic individuals in our region, and all those living with a disability and their families across the lifespan.

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