



AUTISM SOCIETY
Improving the Lives of All Affected by Autism
 Macomb/Saint Clair

**AUTISM RISK & SAFETY MANAGEMENT
 AUTISM RECOGNITION, RESPONSE &
 RISK MANAGEMENT
 FOR FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS
 FEBRUARY 8, 2012
 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

The **Autism Alliance of Michigan (AAoM)** is hosting the national author and autism advocate, Dennis Debbaudt to provide autism safety training to parents, educators, and autism professionals on “preparing for an emergency with autism”. Partnering with law enforcement and first response agencies are key elements of a community supporting persons with autism and Dennis has authored over 30 articles, reports and books on how to have good outcomes when interacting with persons with autism. The parent of a young man with autism, Dennis is recognized for his knowledge, dedication, insight, and passion. Dennis is one of most sought after speakers internationally in the autism community. Everyone will walk away with ideas and plans designed to lower risk and increase safety for every child or adult living in the spectrum.

Autism recognition, response and risk management training sessions will help law enforcement, fire-rescue and emergency medical response, and criminal/juvenile justice professionals recognize the behavioral symptoms and characteristics of a child or adult who has autism, learn basic response techniques, learn about the high risks associated with autism, and will offer suggestions, options and specialized tactics about how to address those risks, increase officer and citizen safety, and avoid litigation. The training can be tailored to meet the needs of local communities and agencies.

Topics include:



- Common autism behaviors and characteristics
- Public safety issues
- Criminal justice issues
- Wandering, search and rescue
- Initial contact options
- Establishing communications
- Behavioral de-escalation techniques
- Restraint and arrest options
- Offender and victim trends
- Fire-Rescue and emergency medical response
- Dilemmas and tips in interrogation and interview settings
- Working proactively with families, advocacy organizations and school systems
- Model programs
- Cross educational opportunities



Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2012
 Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon - Webcast Format - Room 202 - Live presentation at DTE Headquarters
 Location: Macomb Intermediate School District Building 44001 Garfield Rd. Clinton Township, MI. 48038
 Cost: Free - Sponsored by AAoM, Macomb/St. Clair County Chapter/Autism Society & MISD
 Register: Contact Theresa Gabalis - tgabalis@comcast.net or Chapter voice mail @ 586-445-4915
 Provide name, agency, and contact email when you call or email.

Questions: Theresa Gabalis, Chairperson, 586-445-4915 and leave a message.

This presentation is being offered via webcast throughout Michigan. Partnering agencies have set up locations where training can be attended and interactive communication take place directly with Dennis! This is an unprecedented training in the area of ASD, and we are excited so many agencies and individuals will benefit from this very important training even!

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Thank you to DTE for allowing the use of their facility for this vital training!