



Autism Action Committee

The Autism Action Committee is a collaborative group comprised of representatives from Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania (Magellan), Lehigh and Northampton County Departments of Human Services, Autism services system stakeholders, and family members.

It is vitally important for the committee to expand on a regular basis and to attract those interested to make a difference. Family involvement is critical to provide their perspective and life experiences to help inform and shape the committee's work. **To learn more about joining the Autism Action Committee, reach out to John Lees at jglees@magellanhealth.com.**

The committee was formed in 2016 and its primary mission is to improve services offered to members and their families through the development of:

- New programs
- The enhancement of existing services
- The provision of trainings and
- The creation of supportive resources.

Since 2016, the committee has been successful in the creation of two separate Navigation Guides for families and individuals.



**Family Navigation
Guide (English)**



**Transition Age Navigation
Guide (English)**



**Family Navigation
Guide (Spanish)**



**Transition Age Navigation
Guide (Spanish)**

The committee has also developed and enhanced several specific services/programs, providing specific non-violent crisis intervention training for families and other caretakers, and more!



Committee meeting information

- Meeting agenda examples
 - Set priorities and establish project goals based on the identification of system gaps or needs (i.e.: creating Navigation Guides or program development/enhancement).
 - Agreement around intended outcomes and results.
 - Focus energy and resources on completing project.
 - Promotional planning to raise awareness about the resources or available program/services.
 - Assessment and monitoring the impact of resources or services.
- Meetings are held on a quarterly basis.
- Committee members are not required to attend every meeting.
- Meetings are held in person at the Lehigh County Government Center, with virtual options available for those unable to join in person.



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