

Autism Council Member Representation Guidance



The following guidance is offered for current Autism Council members and Autism Council applicants to assist in understanding the role of members upon appointment to the council and throughout their tenure on the council.

Representatives of Michigan's Autism Council will:

1. Attend bimonthly council meetings in-person (minimum of 5 per year). Virtual attendance is available under extenuating circumstances such as health and safety reasons. Members must be present to vote.
2. Demonstrate foundational knowledge about autism spectrum disorder (ASD), including evidence-based practice, individual and family support services, and best practices in listening to and supporting the voices of individuals with disabilities.
3. Demonstrate a foundational understanding of state level structures for service provision such as healthcare, community mental health, education, advocacy, foster care/child welfare, family supports, and/or workforce development and contribute to the council based on this knowledge.
4. Participate in the work of the Autism Council to address the primary tasks of the council as listed in the Executive Order, such as collaborating to implement the ASD State Plan recommendations, reporting on progress to the MDHHS director, and updating progress and recommendations.
5. Demonstrate a direct connection to at least one state or community agency/organization or stakeholder group focused on ASD policy, programming, services, and/or advocacy and contribute to the council based on those connections.
6. Engage in regular outreach, bi-directional communication, and coordination with stakeholder groups within each member's appointed position to support the work of the Autism Council.
7. Review and provide feedback on applicable legislation, policies, programs, and resources related to services and practices that benefit individuals with ASD in Michigan.
8. Participate annually in at least one committee, workgroup, or other organized activity that supports the work of the Autism Council.