

Autism Acceptance Month Roundtables on Leadership and Mentorship

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- *Getting Support: Navigating Community Resources for Autistic Living*

- Address the lack of accessibility of support for non-first language English speakers in school systems.
 - Effective interpretation services must be available for increased accessibility.
 - School staff members are not appropriate professional interpreters
- Create a more accessible curriculum for Autistic self-advocates.
 - Create an inclusion for all mentality.
 - Increasing access to plain language resources.
- We have to work within the broken system.
 - Insurance limits proper care provided in medical systems
 - Care networks for communities.
- Network members should take advantage of the AUCD community.

- *Applying Social Work Principles to Autism*

- Autism is most often treated with behavioral therapies.
 - Behavioral therapy is not the only solution.
 - Wholistic approaches are also options for care.
- Family systems as support for autistic family members.
 - Professionals should focus on bringing the family units together.
 - Supporting independence for transition-aged clients.
- Mental health and coping skills.
 - Anxiety is a normal emotion.
- There is no one size fits all solution to providing social work to autistic clients.