



**“I am hopeful for the first time in a long time,
and grateful for people like yourself ...
That are making efforts to bring awareness
and true assistance to families dealing
with these issues.”**

- Parent

**“Students with Aspergers often have the
academic skills to succeed in college.**

**College Autism Spectrum staff are in a position
to help families, individuals and colleges to
ensure successful experiences for this student
population. I highly recommend them!”**

*- Lydia S. Block, Ph.D.
College Professional*

College Autism Spectrum (CAS) is an independent organization of professionals whose purpose is to assist students with autism spectrum disorders, and their families.

We help students with ASD explore and navigate college options before, during and through the college process.

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**College Autism Spectrum has served many institutions,
colleges and employers including:**

- Worcester Poly Tech
- Brown U
- University of Minnesota
- AHEAD
- CT AHEAD
- NE AHEAD
- NJ AHEAD
- MN AHEAD
- MOAHEAD
- INAHEAD
- ILAHEAD
- CAPED
- Autism Society of America
- AUTISM Society of MN
- California Community Colleges
- Hudson Valley Community College
- Ohio Wesleyan
- Columbus State Community College
- University of Tennessee
- State University of New York - New Paltz
- City University of New York
- Marist
- Culinary Institute of America
- Dutchess County Disability Services (Cornell, Ithaca, SUNY and TC3 area community colleges)
- Autism Spectrum Resource Center - CT
- Special Education Resource Center - CT
- PACER- MN
- Department of Education, MN. Regional Trainings 1-13
- New Canaan School District
- West Hartford School District
- College Board

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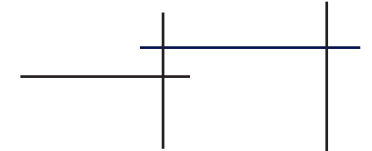
Providing Support for Students on the Autism Spectrum
and the Schools and Colleges They Attend





Autism Spectrum Disorders *on campus*

Services For: Students, Families, Administrators and Faculty.



Welcome to CAS

Getting admitted to college is often the easy part for students with autism spectrum disorders. Surviving and succeeding can be quite another. College Autism Spectrum (CAS) is an independent organization of professionals whose purpose is to assist students with autism spectrum disorders, and their families.

Help when you need it.

We help students with ASD explore and navigate college options before, during and through the college process. In addition, we provide campuses and professionals with the tools and training to work effectively with students on the spectrum and to understand the challenges as well as the talents they bring.

Trusted Leaders

Our team of Lisa King, M.Ed., Jane Thierfeld Brown, Ed.D and Lorraine Wolf, Ph.D. has over 75 years of combined experience in disability service provision in a variety of college environments, including 4 year, public, private and professional institutions of higher education as well as 2 year community college and technical schools.

For Students

CAS consultants can provide a link between the enrolled student and the system by:

- Acting as liaison to the Disability Services office on campus and meeting with the student more often than other campus resources are able, and introducing student to appropriate college resources
- On or off campus meetings and email and phone contacts
- Monthly written review of student's progress, goals met, challenges, etc.
- Addressing areas that colleges will not: hygiene, social norms, friendships, etc.
- Skills strategies and supported education targeting:
 - Transitioning from home to campus life
 - Managing time, scheduling skills and teaching self-advocacy
 - Fostering a social network, by assisting the student in club participation and leadership
 - Teaching stress management
 - Developing scripts and role-playing
 - Setting goals: academic and co-curricular issues
 - Providing parents with a campus point person

For Families

Students with ASD often have unique needs for support in areas that colleges are not mandated to provide. We will help you locate an appropriate college setting for your son or daughter with ASD in 4 year, public, private and professional institutions of higher education as well as 2 year community college and technical schools by:

- Guiding prospective students and families through the application and admission process
- Assessing services and accommodations needed by the student and determining college's abilities to provide needed services
- Serving as a liaison with the Disability Services office
- Consulting with student's faculty
- Reviewing student's past and current documentation
- Critiquing of college essay
- Assisting with application process
- Course advising

For Administrators

CAS professionals have extensive K12 experience and provide workshops for high school educators and administrators, vocational rehabilitation counselors, and other interagency support networks targeting:

- How to prepare students on the spectrum for the college option
- Developing self advocacy skills
- Understanding documentation requirements needed at the post-secondary level
- How to assist parents in supporting the transition process
- How to help individuals with ASD gain insight into their disability and the ways in which it affects areas of functioning in higher education settings
- Differences in legislation of IDEA and ADA

For Faculty

CAS provides training to professional staff and faculty on campus. Based on each college's unique environment, we provide:

- Individualized, advanced training for college campus personnel:
- Disability providers, administrators, academic and student affairs offices
- Modules on how to work with students with AS on college campuses
- Education on developing accommodations and support services
- Understanding academic and non-academic issues for students on the spectrum
- Assistance in working with challenging behaviors
- Understanding how to work with parents of students with AS
- Implementation of program: Strategic Education for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (Thierfeld Brown, Wolf 2003)