

Autism Speaks Government Relations

*“People who work together will win, whether it be against a complex football defense, or the problems of modern society”
~ Vince Lombardi*

The Autism Speaks Government Relations Department is ready to help you put together an effective autism insurance reform initiative in your state.

In 2011, Autism Speaks worked with grassroots communities in 6 states to pass comprehensive autism insurance reform legislation.



SERVICES AVAILABLE

POLICY CONSULTANTS

- Assist in the preparation of draft legislation
- Provide strategic and policy guidance when dealing with members of your state legislature
- Write summaries and talking points for your legislation
- Provide written testimony for legislative hearings on the bill
- Develop a useful cost impact analysis specific to your state

GRASSROOTS ENGAGERS

- Provide petitions and sign-up sheets for the Autism Votes booth at your local walk or event
- Help you keep track of and increase grassroots involvement
- Help build a coalition of autism organizations in your state
- Host conference calls to promote coordination amongst grassroots leaders

COMMUNICATIONS MANAGERS

- House and update a webpage for your state on AutismVotes.org
- Create action items that allow the community to send emails directly to their legislators
- Keep the community informed and involved through press releases, e-Speaks, community newsletters, and the Autism Speaks and Autism Votes websites
- Assist with PR and media to promote the initiative