



**Autism Society Ontario  
Halton Chapter**

**Membership - Survey 2006**  
**Results**

**Where do you live?**

Burlington	17
Oakville	14
Milton	3
Halton/Hill (Georgetown/Acton)	7
Outside of Halton	7

**How long have you been a member of the ASO? (any chapter)**

New member	7
>5 years	27
<5 years	12
Not yet a member	2

**What are the age ranges of family members/friends who have been diagnosed with ASD? (click all that apply)**

2-5	12
6-10	15
10-15	16
15-20	6
Adult	2

**What do you currently do for therapy for your ASD family member/friend? (Click all that apply)**

Speech Therapy	19
ABA/IBI	20
Biomedical	15
RDI	3
Sensory Integration	3
ASO programs	18

Medications	14
Can't afford therapies at this time	4
Other preschool integration, home worker, music therapy, mental health, private school Floortime, chiropractor, natural path, service dog	

**Please indicate which ASO Halton Programs/Services you currently use (Click all that apply)**

Parent support	7
Cycle for Autism	24
Toonies for Autism	6
Outdoor Recreation	8
Social Skills Group	15
Christmas Party (children's)	18
Christmas Party (adult)	7
Wannago Weekends	9
Fall Workshops	23
Summer Camp	10
March Break	5
Wet and Wonderful Wednesdays	5
Online Newsletter	29
Family Gym and Swim	9
Baseball	5
Soccer	5
Library	9
Website	23

**If you do not use are programs, what is the reason for not accessing them? Please explain**

- Too far away x 9
- cost is an issue for programs, we can afford to send our son but can not afford to provide a worker x2
- Soccer is more drills than game and it was too frustrating
- Wet and Wonderful Wednesday was just babysitting and thought I could do better
- Our daughter is too young for some of them
- Most programs for younger kids
- My family member with ASD is very high functioning and no longer fits into these programs
- Activities that can accommodate lower functioning kids
- Parent support is during the week and we are too busy x2

- Times includes Tuesday Fall workshop and social skills, wet and wonderful, baseball and soccer, wet and wonderful too early
- Soccer and baseball not used because there are not teams. Too chaotic for my son
- Our son is 27 and is living in a CLO group home.
- I am extremely uncomfortable about the subsidy system as it could lead to unfair treatment of members (want to read this comment entirely at meeting (40)
- Was denied social skills twice
- Camps (Summer and Spring) not designed for working parents- only 12-4

**What programs and services would you like to see that we are not providing?**

- Anything closer to Georgetown and Milton x8
- Resource list (online or print)of babysitters/caregivers/respice/therapists willing and enjoy taking care of ASD kids x3
- Teen group for outings not recreation more skill building
- Group discussion for siblings and their parents
- Clothing donation
- social opportunity that is not centered around Christmas
- more workshops
- out of home overnight respite
- independent teen program run by early 20 year old
- realistic prices for programs
- parent group for different ages of kids
- social group with more community trips
- RDI
- Girls social skills group and subsidizing it x2
- More support and info for biomedical interventions (ie a dietician familiar with GFCF diet, allergies etc to advise on nutrient issues, recipe exchanges, )Support for other than ABA
- Full day camps
- Saturday play group

**We have an office in Burlington in the Rotary Youth Center. To maximize access to our members when would you like to see the office open? (click all that apply)**

Mornings	7
Afternoons	5
Evenings	19
Weekends	17

**Volunteering has many rewards including subsidy in our programs. What skills do you have that could add to our organization?**

Fundraising/Marketing	6
Therapist	2
Office/Secretarial	6
Web designer	3
Carpenter	1
Accountant/Lawyer/Financial sector	1

One member not identified indicated they are in their last year of Masters program focusing on Human Rights laws