



**MISSION: Our mission is to promote understanding, acceptance and full community inclusion for people with autism in British Columbia.**

### **History:**

ASBC was founded in 1974 by a group of parents. We are a non-profit, registered charity. We have branch offices in Prince George and Nanaimo. Our funding comes from government, membership fees and community supported fundraising.

### **Family Support:**

- ASBC supports a network of over thirty community groups throughout British Columbia, facilitated by volunteers who are usually the parents of children or adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Information and Referral for Parents and Professionals
- Some Crisis Counseling and Advocacy

### **Summer Program:**

ASBC provides funding for families who are members of the Society to support children and adults in summer programs. Requests can be made for reimbursement for one to one workers or camp and recreational fees.

### **Community Education and Awareness:**

Increasing community awareness of autism is an essential role of ASBC. Staff, Board members and Community Volunteers are available for presentations on autism related topics. ASBC also represents family concerns to government and service providers.

### **Autism Resource Library:**

A.S.B.C. maintains a comprehensive library on Autism Spectrum Disorder included journals, books and videos on diagnosis, early intervention, education, employment and related topics. The library is open during working hours and will mail out materials to members across the province free of charge.

### **Newsletter:**

The Autism BC Newsletter is published 4 times per year.

### **Website:**

ASBC offers a wide range of downloadable information as well as an opportunity to connect with other parents throughout the province through its Discussion Forum.

### **Workshops and Seminars:**

Several times a year ASBC conducts workshops featuring internationally renowned speakers in the field of autism.