

My son, Michael, was diagnosed with autism at age 3. He's 14 now, and he's my best friend. I'm his voice in Albany and for all those with disabilities."



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# Local 'action plan' gives new opportunities to people with Autism

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"The 'Autism Action' plan will develop new resources and opportunities for people with autism from childhood through adulthood."

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## Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara a voice for New Yorkers with disabilities



Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara and his son, Michael, celebrate World Autism Day.

### We'll be coming to a neighborhood near you!

Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara, chair of the subcommittee on autism, will kick off a series of local hearings in the district. Interested in participating?

Complete the form below or online at bit.ly/AutismActionNY

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A 5-point plan that can make a difference for thousands of families.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

Communication support in addition to vocational rehabilitation services to improve employment outcomes for job-seekers with autism spectrum disorder.

## EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

A new, first-of-its kind optional Autism I.D. Card to assist in interactions with law enforcement and first responders.

## COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

An Autism Advisory Board to create, implement and update a statewide Autism Action Plan that monitors and incorporates new information as it becomes available.

#### HOUSING

An Autism Home Loan program that keeps people connected to their community - available to family members for the construction of long-term, need-specific housing.

## ACCESS TO INFORMATION

A Communication & Technology Bill of Rights that would give people with disabilities better access to technology and information.

