

# VFAAB

## Vietnamese Family Autism Advisory Board

**Join us for our meetings on the third Friday  
of each month from 6:00 PM 8:30 PM.**

VFAAB aims to be a resource that Vietnamese families can turn to in moments of need and be connected to supportive services. Our goal is that every diagnosis of developmental delay is followed by wrap around support. In this way, we can restore hope to families that their child can live "an enviable life." We need volunteers, parents, and adults with autism to help us with our mission.

### YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR TASK FORCE GROUPS:

**Logistics:** help with planning community events, connecting with other organizations

**Media Outreach:** help with TV, radio, video, print media projects

**Family Support:** help organize neighborhood-based focus groups, identify family needs and culturally appropriate services/interventions

**Training and Capacity Building:** help raise financial support to run autism trainings for the community, especially for families, child care providers, professionals and business owners

**Physician Training:** help evaluate the cultural appropriateness of screening tools and delivery of services

**Legislative initiatives:** help identify and pursue legislative opportunities to promote well-being of children with special health care needs

### A FEW AUTISM WARNING SIGNS

#### Social differences:

Doesn't keep eye contact or makes very little eye contact; Unable to make friends or uninterested in making friends

#### Communication differences:

Doesn't say single words by 16 months; Doesn't respond to name being called but does respond to other sounds

#### Behavioral differences:

Rocks, spins, sways, twirls fingers or flaps hands; Likes routines, order, and rituals, has difficulty with change

**To find out more about VFAAB or  
need help with autism services,  
please contact:**

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