

## COMMISSION MEMBER PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

OCASD's membership is designed to bring together individuals who have a wide range of experiences regarding autism spectrum disorder. These include autistic adults, parents raising autistic children, parents caring for autistic adults, professionals who regularly provide services to them, agency staff, and legislators. The reason for having a diverse membership is to bring a 360° view to any issue before the Commission. Many of the challenges faced by those with ASD and their families arise from the way services and supports are split across health care, education, and social services. This makes it difficult to see each individual as a unique whole and to respond to their needs in a coordinated manner. Deep and lasting improvements require a full understanding of what must be changed, why current services and supports are structured the way they are, the barriers to change, and the sequence of steps needed to reach the desired goal. In other words, they require multiple perspectives and resources working together.

OCASD has set a number of membership slots, some appointed by the governor and others appointed by the legislature and agencies serving autistic individuals.

### Current Open Positions

- Parent of an autistic child younger than 18
- Health care provider (other than a physician) serving individuals with ASD
- Mental health professional serving individuals with ASD
- Health insurance professional
- Professor teaching a subject related to ASD or higher education administrator serving students with ASD

These positions will be filled by appointment of the governor.

[The Commission Member Position Description](#) provides details about Commission membership.

If you wish to apply for Commission membership, please contact us at

[staff@orcommissionasd.org](mailto:staff@orcommissionasd.org) An interview with the commission chair is part of the application process.