

This is a much-needed and welcomed initiative in our community. If you or your organization works with people with ASD or developmental disabilities please consider submitting a paragraph or two in support of this initiative. Or, if you work with families, please encourage them to "put pen to paper" as their stories will be most effective.

It is important to note that specialized medical services are particularly limited in the case of adults with AS and higher functioning autism because they are typically excluded from services for those with developmental disabilities. While I have not been in contact with the doctors so don't know their intentions with respect to including those with higher functioning ASD, it is important to show the Ministries involved that the need for specialized medical care does not stop at a particular IQ level.

Please send any submissions to francois.groulxja@sympatico.ca by **June 25**.