

Paid Opportunity: Be Part of the PA Autism Needs Assessment Launch

The PA Autism Needs Assessment launches in 2027. We're looking for community members to film short videos announcing the launch and encouraging others to share it.

What we're doing

ASERT is filming four short outreach videos to share on social media, announcing the launch of the 2027 PA Autism Needs Assessment. We want to highlight the variety of Pennsylvania's autism community by featuring autistic self-advocates and families as they answer the question **“why it matters that autistic people and families in Pennsylvania are heard.”**

Each video will direct viewers to where they can take the survey.

Who we're looking for

- **Four community members total**, one per video, who together show the variety of Pennsylvania's autism community
- **Must live in Pennsylvania**
- Self-advocates must be 18 or older
- One person from each filming area: Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Northampton (suburban) and a rural area (Northumberland, Williamsport or Jim Thorpe)
- Ideally three self-advocates and one parent, though we're open to a different mix
- **One bilingual (Spanish and English) on featured community member**, either a self-advocate or a parent, for a video filmed entirely in Spanish; the other three videos will be translated into Spanish
- **Comfortable being filmed outdoors in their community**, with their choice of how they appear on camera (facing the camera or at an angle)
- Available to film between late October and early December 2026 (before the snow)

How to get involved

- Email us at kc3673@drexel.edu to share your interest
- Tell us your role in the community (self-advocate or parent) and a little about yourself; short and direct is perfect
- **We can't choose everyone.**
- If you aren't selected, you're welcome to join our Needs Assessment Working Group if you aren't already a member
- If you're selected, we'll connect you with the director, who has experience working with the community
- The team will come to you and take care of the rest

Good to know

This is a paid opportunity. Selected participants will be asked to sign a media release before filming. The videos will be shared publicly on our social media and with external media outlets.

Potential Shooting dates: Subject to change

- October 22
- October 27
- November 12–13
- November 17–20