

AUTISM PARENTING MAGAZINE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Autism Parenting Magazine is the leading monthly magazine for parents of autistic children as well as professionals seeking to work with children on the spectrum. Established in 2012, our focus remains on objectively publishing autism-related topics, events, developments, treatments and news stories. We also cover a variety of inspiring real-life stories to help parents make informed decisions and keep them updated on the latest therapeutic and treatment options.

Autism Parenting Magazine strives to respect and value the opinions of people with autism, parents, and professionals. We try to remain unbiased on most issues to provide accurate and safe information/methods to parents so they can make the most informed decision about their unique circumstances.

What should I write about?

The topic needs to be relevant to the magazine. Any subject that is related to parenting a child with autism or being a person on the spectrum would be considered appropriate. We do ask that you submit a topic, title, or idea of the article to make sure that someone hasn't already covered the same subject in recent months by emailing the editor at editor@autismparentingmagazine.com.

What does the editor look for in a submission?

Please note that submission does not guarantee selection. Submissions are considered based on their relevance, honesty, respectability, readability, and value to the autism community. The editor will not select an article if the topic was recently covered, it is not in the best interest of the readers, or if it will cause the magazine legality issues. Consider your audience—always watch your autism spectrum disorder (ASD) language. Articles using words such as “cure,” “epidemic,” “devastating disease,” and similar negative terms are not a good fit for our readers. For more information, take a look at the [Autism Parenting Magazine](#) website.

HOW DO I SUBMIT AN IDEA OR ARTICLE?

Original content: We prefer content that has not been previously published or posted online. Please avoid slang or negative language and spell check your work (set your review language to English/American, if possible). Cite your sources at the end of your article to avoid plagiarism and please be aware of singular and plural cases. For example, when talking about "a child with autism," you would use "he/she." If referring to "children with autism," you would use plural terms such as "them or they."

The editor is happy to discuss ideas prior to submission and possibly assign a piece with a deadline.

Length: Your submission should be between 600-1,300 words. We look for a mix of longer and shorter articles in the magazine, and our readers seem to enjoy guidance written in list form (e.g., *Five Ways to Reduce the Effects of Sensory Overload*). Personal narratives should stay below 1,000 words, if possible. We do occasionally publish longer articles, however, exceptions must be preapproved by the editor. Please note, we may need to change the title of your piece and/or edit your content to help improve marketability and readability.

ARE YOU READY TO SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLE?

Email: Send your submission to our Magazine Editor at editor@autismparentingmagazine.com.

Email subject line: Submission, last name

Example: Submission, Jones

Copy: Please use 11pt Calibri font or another easily legible font. Save your article with your name and working title, attach it to the email, and send directly to the editor.

Biography: Please include a short bio written in the third person. Include a headshot, if you can.

Professional titles: Be sure to add your professional titles to the byline and the bio.

Example: Jim Jones, MD

Links: At the end of your article, include links to your website, products (if applicable), and your social networks (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter etc.), if you like. **Make sure your links are properly hyperlinked.**

Images: If you wish to include additional pictures with the article, please attach them in high-resolution jpg format and also paste them in the document (either at the beginning or the end). We cannot guarantee all photographs will be used.

IMPORTANT – IMAGE COPYRIGHT: Please ensure you submit photos which you have taken or created yourself or, if sourcing images from a third party or website, please ensure you have the creator's permission for *Autism Parenting Magazine* to publish their work. If other people are in the frame, particularly children, you must also have permission from them/their guardians for their image to be published. Please include a statement granting *Autism Parenting Magazine* permission to use your images.

Our graphic design team will handle arranging and sizing the images. If you don't have images, we have a terrific team that can find appropriate images to go with the article.

PLEASE NOTE—If you have sent the same article to more than one publisher, you need to provide that information to us during the submission process. We post our content on the Internet so more people affected by autism can be reached, but we don't want to double-post. We will let you know when your article is promoted on our blog.

By submitting an article, you are also confirming that article submission is bound by our [Submission Agreement](#).

Checklist

Please ensure you have completed the following steps:

- My article is an appropriate subject and length
- I am sending a Microsoft Word doc as an attachment to an email
- My article is in 11pt Calibri Font or another clear typeface
- I checked my spelling and grammar (please set your review language to American, if possible)

- ❑ I included a bio written in third-person at the end of the piece and included titles
- ❑ If I have photographs, I have attached them as high-res jpgs. These are my own images or I have obtained permission for these images to be published
- ❑ I sent my email to editor@autismparentingmagazine.com with “Submission” in the subject line along with my last name.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY WORK IS SELECTED?

If your piece is chosen, you will be notified by email and will receive a free 12-month digital subscription to *Autism Parenting Magazine*. Please note that *not all submissions* will be published.

Your work may be edited. These changes are to increase readability and to ensure that all language is as respectful as possible. Changes are made at the discretion of the Editor and, although significant changes might be emailed to you for your review or clarification, we do not guarantee this and we do not offer content approval. If only minor edits are made, then you **will not** receive an email. Authors are given credit for their work by listing their name under the title, and at the end of the article in the biography.

Please note

We kindly ask that you do not email the editor repeatedly (more than twice) asking about your article or chase the editor through social media. The editor is also not required to explain why your article was or was not chosen.

Please note the editor may save your article for an upcoming issue as we work several months in advance. We will let you know if your piece will be used and send you a free digital copy of the issue as soon as it is published. By submitting an article, you give *Autism Parenting Magazine* permission to use your work in an issue we see fit.