

AUTISM PARENTING MAGAZINE

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

About Us

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?

Ideally, 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 Amy KD Tobik, Editor-in-Chief at editor@autismparentingmagazine.com. Please note: submission does not guarantee selection.

What does the editor look for in a submission?

Amy reviews all submissions for relevance, honesty, respectability, readability, and value to the autism community. She 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 variants of them are not a good fit for our readers. For more information, take a look at the [Autism Parenting Magazine](#) website.

Please note

Do not email the editor repeatedly (more than twice) asking about your article or contact her through other social media. You may email her a follow-up email to make sure that she did, in fact, receive your email but she is 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.

THE SUBMISSION PROCESS

Please follow these steps to ensure your submission is reviewed:

Email: Send your submission to Amy KD Tobik at editor@autismparentingmagazine.com.

Email subject line: Submission, last name

Example: Submission, Jones

Copy: Please use 11pt Calibri font. Save your article with your name and working title, attach it to the email, and send directly to Amy. If you are unable to submit in Word, contact the editor.

We prefer original content as a professional magazine. You may only send your blog post as a sample of your work. We ask you to avoid using slang or negative language. Please spell check your work (set your review language to English/American, if possible), and avoid the use of the ampersand (&) in a sentence. Please also be cognizant of singular and plural cases. For example, when talking about "a" child, you would use the term "he/she" instead of "they" or "them."

Your submission should be between 500-1500 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 approved by the editor. Please note, we may need to change the title of your piece to help improve marketability. Please cite your sources at the end of your article to avoid plagiarism.

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

Example: Jim Jones, MD

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

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

Images: If you wish to include additional images with the article, please attach them in jpg format and also paste them in the document (either at the beginning or the end). We cannot guarantee all photographs will be used. In addition to sending the photographs, a statement granting *Autism Parenting Magazine* permission to use the images must be included. If other people are in the frame, please confirm permission from them for publishing.

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.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

If you submit a previously-published piece (magazine, blog, etc.) as a sample of your work, or 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
- If I have MS Word, my article is in 11pt Calibri Font
- 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 to include, I put them at the top or the bottom of the Microsoft Word doc
- 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 given a free 12-month digital subscription to *Autism Parenting Magazine*. We currently do not pay for articles as we are a young, self-funded company. 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. Major changes and edits will be emailed to you for your review. Please send your approval or comments back to the editor as soon as possible. If only minor edits are made, then you **will not** receive an email for you to approve. Authors are given credit for their work by listing their name under the title, and at the end of the article in the biography.