

Autism Spectrum Disorders Petition Instructions

Thank you for agreeing to collect signatures for the Saskatchewan Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) petition!

You can print off as many copies of the petition as you wish. Each copy of the petition must have **at least three signatures at the bottom**. There is space for the date, signature and city/town/R.M. of each signer. You can have as many pages of additional signatures as you wish on separate pieces of paper attached to the petition page. Each signature must also indicate the date and place where the signer lives. There is one additional signature page set up with the petition document in electronic form.

This petition is worded to for residents of Saskatchewan. Please do not have people from outside Saskatchewan sign this petition. If you have at least three folks from outside the province who would like to participate, please contact SaskFEAT (Saskatchewan Families for Effective Autism Treatment saskfeat@hotmail.com or 306-862-4768) and we will send you a revised version worded to enable people from outside Saskatchewan to sign.

Please encourage your friends, relatives, neighbours, colleagues at work, and businesses where you shop or with whom you associate to sign and also to assist in collecting signatures. Bring the petition with you so that when you talk to folks at school, the library, post office, and bank, you can ask for signatures. Every signature counts! Autism Spectrum Disorders affect every community and almost every school in our province, so there are many people who already have some understanding of the challenges faced by individuals with ASD, their families, and their communities. We are all affected by autism in this way.

When you have completed collecting signatures please contact your own MLA and ask if he/she would present the petition to the Legislative Assembly. For a list of MLA's and their contact information, please see <http://www.legassembly.sk.ca/members/default.htm> or call the Legislative Assembly at 306-787-2376. Please let SaskFEAT know the name of the MLA to whom you have given your petitions, and about how many signatures you were able to collect (contact information is in paragraphs 3 and 6 and at the bottom of this page). We are going to try to keep a tally of the number of people supporting improved treatment, services and research for ASD.

If getting your own MLA to present the petition is not possible, please mail the petition and signatures to SaskFEAT (Box 2545 Tisdale SK S0E 1T0). Only original petitions can be accepted in the Legislative Assembly, so faxed or scanned versions can not be accepted. SaskFEAT will then arrange for an MLA to present the petition to the Legislative Assembly.

If you would like to be notified about the day(s) on which the petition will be presented in the Legislative Assembly, please let SaskFEAT know your name, phone and e-mail. We are planning to have a press conference at the Legislative Building on the first day of presentations, and would also be interested to know if you and your family member(s) with ASD would be interested in being present for the press conference and sitting as a guest in the Legislative Assembly to hear the presentations of the petition. A gathering of families and individuals with ASD to seek the Government following through with its own recommendation to improve ASD treatment and services would be a most newsworthy event!

Again, thank you for your assistance toward improving the lives of people with ASD, their families and their communities.