

The A-Team

Access

Achievement

Action

Autism

Awareness

Mission Statement

- Expanding potential for those with autism.



Vision Statement

- To educate and increase awareness of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders, by providing information and support to those with autism and people within their communities in order to assist each individual reach his or her full potential.

Services

- Community awareness presentations
- School/Classroom/Teacher/Parental consultations
- Resource lending library of videos and books
- Parent/Teacher Support Group

Betty Biggs

Betty Biggs - A
paraprofessional
working in the special
education
department of the
high school and
grandmother of a
young man with
Asperger's
Syndrome.



Amy Martin

- Amy Martin is very active in ASD organizations, including the Piedmont Autism Action Group. She is also the parent of a son with Asperger's Syndrome



Lisa Pluska

- Lisa Pluska – An elementary classroom teacher pursuing administrative certification.



Patrick County Virginia

- Where the Piedmont meets the Blue Ridge Mountains.
- About 483 square miles
- Home to about 19,700 people
- There are 2,653 students in our school system
- Of those 471 currently have IEPs
- Of those 17 have the primary diagnosis of Autism / ASD

Overview of Our Training

- Virginia Department of Education's Training and Technical Assistance Center (T/TAC)
- Autism Priority Project Train the Trainer
- Six days of intensive training on how to train others
- All team members had to have at least two years of experience working with students with ASD

The Team

- Comprised of four to five members
- Requirements - a parent and a special educator
- Also suggested was a related service provider, classroom teacher, and an administrator
- T/TAC mentors for our region including access to materials, books, videos and the expertise of the staff and networking with other teams
- Training kit of at least 25 tools

Your Support

- Now **you** know about us...
- Your attitude impacts the entire school division, and its population
- Let us work with the school division, our schools, our teachers, and most importantly, our students with Autism Spectrum Disorders