



2026  **APRIL 20 - 22 WASHINGTON, DC**

ADVOCACY FORUM & HILL DAY



Corporate partnerships help redefine what's possible for people with autism and the community that supports them.

The Autism Speaks Advocacy Forum & Hill Day began in 2018 with the goal to empower members of the autism community with the skills, knowledge, and opportunity to advocate for change. It is now Autism Speaks' annual, signature public policy and advocacy event, where volunteers from across the United States come together to strengthen their advocacy skills, learn from experts, build relationships, and meet with federal policymakers to advocate for policies that improve the lives of all individuals affected by autism.

2025 Hill Day in Review:

<https://bit.ly/2025AFHD>



What to expect in 2026: April 20-22 | YOTEL Washington DC

- CELEBRATING:** World Autism Month with a nationwide community
- ADVOCATING:** for autism research, supports and services
- ENGAGING:** congressional autism champions on Capitol Hill

DAY 1: ADVOCACY FORUM

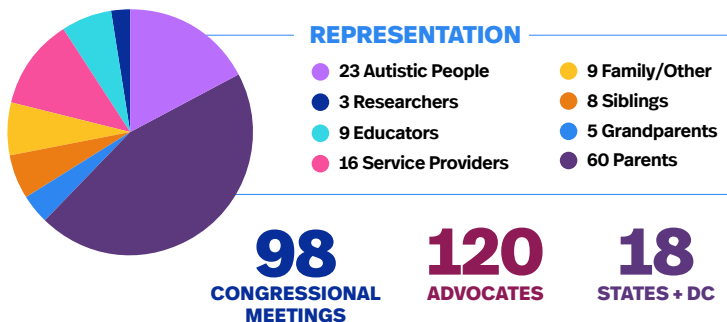
- Policy panels on federal legislation** affecting autism research, healthcare training, services and supports
- Sessions featuring autism** researchers, industry/policy experts, DC policymakers and community leaders
- Advocacy skills workshops** preparing for congressional meetings and networking with advocates/leaders from across the country

DAY 2: HILL DAY

- 100+ meetings with congressional offices across Capitol Hill**, sharing personal stories and legislative priorities with their elected officials
- Evening reception celebrating advocates**

DAY 3: TAKING ACTION HOME

- Reflections by attendees** on what they'll take home
- State policy discussion and advocacy training** with strategies for sustaining impact year-round



"I learned my story is not unique, and that's why I'm here. We are a vulnerable community, no matter what end of the spectrum we're on. We do not have enough support and we have talents and want to use them."
- Adrian Lindsay, autistic self-advocate

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Sponsoring the 2026 Autism Speaks Advocacy Forum & Hill Day is a powerful way to engage directly with over 125 autistic self-advocates, caregivers, providers, and policymakers. Sponsors gain visibility, recognition, and meaningful opportunities to support programming and attendees, while demonstrating leadership and advancing policy change. Sponsors also help fund financial assistance scholarships, and each year many applicants go unfunded. **Your support ensures more voices are heard.**

Champion Sponsor: \$50,000 *One available*

Leading the charge in redefining possible by powering access, visibility, and connection for every attendee.

Exclusive transportation sponsorship, funding travel within DC for all attendees.

Branded scholarship for autistic self-advocates, who receive a financial assistance scholarship to attend.

Speaking opportunity during conference to share your connection to the mission.

Premier recognition throughout conference materials and communications.

Exclusive networking access with speakers, VIP attendees and organizational leadership.

Optional exhibitor table with premier location at conference.

All Community Supporter benefits, plus additional social media recognition of Champion level sponsorship.

Gold Sponsor: \$25,000 *One available*

Celebrate autism community leaders for their outstanding advocacy at the peak of the event.

Co-host our invite-only Tuesday evening reception, celebrating the work of advocates and congressional champions.

Speaking opportunity to welcome attendees and share your connection to the mission, as well as invitation for personal/company guests to attend.

Additional app promotion highlighting your company's support.

Optional exhibitor table at conference.

All Community Supporter benefits, plus additional social media recognition of Gold level sponsorship.

Silver Sponsor: \$15,000 *One Two available*

Fuel advocates for powerful days of learning and networking.

Meal sponsor for either Monday's lunch or Wednesday's breakfast for all attendees.

Speaking opportunity to introduce keynote speaker for luncheon or breakfast.

Optional exhibitor table at conference.

All Community Supporter benefits, plus additional social media recognition of Silver level sponsorship.

Bronze Sponsor: \$10,000 *Four Six available*

Educate and empower by sponsoring key policy discussions and skill building sessions.

Sponsor of either conference session or panel discussion.

Recognition in session materials and remarks during one of six sessions on topics ranging from building advocacy skills, autism research and healthcare training, and autism services.

Optional exhibitor table at conference venue.

All Community Supporter benefits, plus additional social media recognition of Bronze level sponsorship.

Community Supporter: \$5,000 *Unlimited*

Join our community of supporters making this event accessible to advocates nationwide.

Powering attendee scholarships – directly impact participation as your contribution provides financial assistance for travel expenses of select scholarship recipients.

Logo displayed on event website, app, program and t-shirts worn by attendees.

Pre-event social media posting by Autism Speaks, recognizing all event sponsors.



“The Capitol Hill Day experience with Autism Speaks is really a testament in collaboration. We all share a common goal of advocating for what’s right for our community, for those that we love, and those that will come after us when we are no longer here.”

- Karen F., parent with son, positioned in center