



Binghamton Regional Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders

Regional Advisory Group

The Binghamton Regional Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders Regional Advisory Group was established in 2017. This group is composed of stakeholders at various levels of service delivery who help identify key needs in the counties we serve, as well as ideas for how BRCASD can help address those needs through information dissemination and training. Headed by the BRCASD Director and Assistant Director, the Regional Advisory Group meets once or twice each year to determine the direction of the center's efforts for the active funding year.

Appointment to the Binghamton Regional Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders Regional Advisory Group (BRCASD RAG) entails agreeing to being a representative for a given county/region within our catchment area (Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Otsego, Tioga, Tompkins). The responsibilities of members of the RAG are as follows:

- Contributing ideas regarding needs of the county/region that each member represents
- Identifying solutions consistent with BRCASD's mission to provide evidence-based resources to those we serve (i.e., not making recommendations that are inconsistent with research literature or best practice recommendations)
- Helping to delineate annual goals and methods for assessing these goals during the funding year in which input is sought

BRCASD's mission is to serve as a university-affiliated resource center that brings research and practice together in community settings. Binghamton RCASD provides evidence-based training and support to families and professionals, and through ongoing research, contributes knowledge to the field of autism spectrum disorders.

Membership in the BRCASD RAG indicates that the participants agree not use the group meetings as platforms for personal advocacy, dissemination of materials or discussions related to membership in other organizations, or as means to promote non-evidence-based approaches.

As of January 2019, we are seeking representative stakeholders from **Chemung, Cortland, and Tompkins counties. We will consider nominations for our other counties given relative need over time. If you or someone you know is interested in being considered for the BRCASD Regional Advisory Group, please send an email to brcasd@binghamton.edu and specify the county in which you live and/or work and a statement about your interest in becoming a part of our team.*

