



**West Ohio Conference
Persons with Disabilities Team
and Camps Team
In consultation with OCALI**

1 in 110 children are diagnosed with Autism. Families in every community yearn for a church where they will be welcomed, accepted and offered opportunities to grow in faith. We want to help you learn how to Create Space for those living with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their families.

Autism and the Church?

Learn how you can make space for children with Autism and their families.

www.westohioumc.org/autism



Interactive Workshop: September 19-21, 2010

An additional Hands-on Experience Training is offered October 1-3, 2010

The September Training Event will help you :

- Understand and interpret characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Design and implement practical intervention strategies
- Practice adapting curriculum and activities for children and youth
- Create intentionally inclusive settings in all ministry areas
- Learn to build community around affected persons and their families
- Develop "Back-at-Church Plan"

The Hands-On Experience will provide you with:

- A hands-on experience with children ages 5-17 with ASD and their family in a fun, interactive, retreat weekend.
- Implement what you learned in training
- Receive guidance from professional staff

(Limited to 15 people. The September training event is a prerequisite for the Hands-on Experience.)



Trainer: Jill Hudson, M.S., CCLS, currently works at the The Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence with National, State and Community Partnerships. Hudson received her Masters degree in autism/Asperger Syndrome from the University of Kansas. She presents and consults internationally and is the author of several books on ASD.

Cost: September Training: \$150 (includes lodging and meals)
October Hands-On Experience: \$50 (includes lodging and meals)

Location: Widewater Retreat & Ministry Center

Register: Go to www.westohioumc.org/autism and click on the Register Now link.

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When we Create Space, Faith Can Grow