

About Dennis Debbaudt

Dennis Debbaudt is the father of a young man with autism, and has been a professional investigator and journalist for 28 years. Over the past 11 years he has trained and developed training materials for law enforcement, first response, and criminal justice professionals throughout the U.S., Canada, and the U.K.

He has authored numerous articles and books including *Autism, Advocates and Law Enforcement Professionals: Recognizing and Reducing Risk Situations for People with Autism Spectrum Disorders* (Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2002) and *Contact with Individuals with Autism: Effective Resolutions* with Darla Rothman for the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin (2001). Among many other accolades, his workshops have been certified for law enforcement credits in CA, GA, ID, IL, IN, MI, MO, NH, NM, OR, and TX. His Autism and Law Enforcement Video and Handout are in use by Dept. of Homeland Security, PA State Police, Philadelphia PD, Boston Police Academy, Portland Police Bureau, Cincinnati PD, Virginia Beach PD, Palm and many other agencies throughout the U.S. including the New Haven, CT PD.

Dennis is a lively, well informed, creative and passionate presenter. Debbaudt's training offers tips and options for communications, and responses designed to successfully resolve a call involving a person with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) – autism, PDD-NOS, and Asperger's syndrome. Everyone will come away with a good, practical understanding of the best approaches when they interact with children and adults who are affected by autism spectrum disorders.

Southbound Merritt Pkwy -

Route 15

Exit 48. Take right off ramp. Take a right at the light onto Edison Road. Take second right onto Williams Road. At the end; turn right onto Frenchtown Road. Entrance to the school will be on your left.

Northbound Merritt Pkwy -

Route 15

Exit 48. Take left off ramp. Take a right at the light onto Edison Road. Take second right onto Williams Road. At the end; turn right onto Frenchtown Road. Entrance to the school will be on your left.

From Hartford: Take I-91

South to Wilbur Cross Parkway South (Exit 17). Follow Wilbur Cross Parkway south. Wilbur Cross Parkway becomes the Merritt Parkway Then follow “ **South Bound Merritt Parkway - Route 15**” directions above.

South & North Bound I-95

Exit 27A (Route 25/8 connector). Stay on Route 25 (left) as road splits. Take exit 7 (White Plains Road/Route 127) off of Rt. 25. Stay in left lane of ramp and merge onto Merritt Parkway South. Then follow “ **South Bound Merritt Parkway - Route 15**” directions above.

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The CT Autism Spectrum Resource Center

ASRC is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization run by autism family members. ASRC provides a variety of services to individuals with ASD, their families, and interested professionals. Those services include family support, training, development of new resources, community awareness, and much more. Contact ASRC for more information, (203) 248-5222 or visit www.ct-asrc.org.

The Autism Spectrum Disorder Pilot Project

The Department Of Mental Retardation (DMR) is required under Section 37 of Public Act 06-188 to establish a small pilot program for individuals who have ASD and do not have mental retardation and are not receiving services from DMR. For more information on the program, call (860) 418-6078.



Autism and Safety Issues – What Parents and Caregivers Should Know

With Dennis Debbaudt

Do You Know All the Things You Need to Know to Keep Your Child or Adult with ASD Safe?

December 2, 2006
9:30-12:30
Registration begins 9:00

Frenchtown Elementary School
Frenchtown Road, Trumbull

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Safety risks to kids and adults with ASD:

- ✓ Not recognizing danger
- ✓ Wandering, bolting
- ✓ Special interest in water sources, trains, etc.
- ✓ Stranger danger – not recognizing inappropriate relationships/actions
- ✓ Caregiver becomes incapacitated
- ✓ Medical emergency, fire, natural disaster
- ✓ Aggressive behavior escalates
- ✓ Runs from first responders, police officers
- ✓ Internet or phone solicitations and scams
- ✓ Victims of crime

Legal risks to kids and adults with ASD (intentional and unintentional):

- ✓ Illegal entry, shoplifting
- ✓ Stalking, sexual harassment, sex-based offenses
- ✓ Acting as an accomplice or sidekick
- ✓ Violence
- ✓ School incidents – retaliation for bullying

Legal consequences for kids and adults with ASD:

- ✓ May not understand their rights
- ✓ May make false confessions, misleading statements in interrogation
- ✓ May be held, even temporarily, in unsafe conditions (among violent criminals)
- ✓ May act aggressively toward, or run from, armed police officers

Do You Know All the Things You Need to Know to Keep Your Child or Adult with ASD Safe?

Would your child or adult with ASD:

- ☞ Be able to call 911 without assistance?
- ☞ Run from a firefighter attempting a rescue?
- ☞ Be able to remain calm and follow directions if questioned or arrested by police?
- ☞ Act aggressively to anyone in private or public settings?
- ☞ Refuse treatment or struggle with emergency medical professionals?
- ☞ Be talked into committing a crime by streetwise companions?
- ☞ “Hold” drugs for an acquaintance?
- ☞ Enter a neighbor’s home without permission, or look through windows?
- ☞ Make inappropriate sexual comments?
- ☞ Be respectful to a judge, jury, and attorneys?
- ☞ Manage being held in a jail cell?

Children and adults with autism spectrum disorders are at risk in the community in a number of ways. Parents and other caregivers must prepare for unexpected medical emergencies, natural disasters, and fire, and notify appropriate professionals before an emergency happens. They must also teach their children skills to manage emergency situations, and how to establish positive relationships with emergency responders and law enforcement professionals.

Schedule and fees:

Held at:

Frenchtown Elementary School
Frenchtown Road, Trumbull, CT

Workshop:

Registration:

Begins at 9:00 AM

Presentation:

Begins 9:30 AM SHARP (*Please be on time – there is a lot of information to cover!*)
One break
Ends at 12:30 PM

Fees:

ASRC Members: \$35
Non-members: \$45
Fee includes continental breakfast

Registration deadline: November 24

(NO refunds for cancellations after November 15, 2006)

To register by phone with credit card:

Call ASRC (203) 248-5222

**Questions? Call ASRC
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I WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER FOR ‘AUTISM AND SAFETY ISSUES’

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\$45 non-members

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