



**A Program of HMEA Inc.
Mission Statement**

The Mission of the Autism Resource Center is to support families with children with Autism Spectrum Disorders, to empower families to raise their children to be full members of their communities and become responsively independent and effectively interdependent, so that they are valued as gifted people and protected from harm.

To be an unbiased source of information about the entire autism spectrum, educational and medical treatment modalities. To provide information to families regarding all aspects of family life impacted by autism (education, therapies, community inclusion, support groups etc.) in order to empower them to make informed choices.

To be responsive to concerns and desires of the family members serviced by the center, respecting the dignity, knowledge and expertise of the families.

To maintain contact with other agencies and organizations, recognizing their value as sources of information.

To enhance public awareness of the valuable roles persons with autism assume in society through the promotion of physical and social integration.

To organize trainings, so that families will be aware of their rights.

To operate in ways that promote positive, respectful images of children with autism and their families.