



# The **ASPERGER'S** **CONNECTION**

A web site for  
parents,  
consumers,  
policy makers  
and legislators

**Come visit our site!**

## [www.ddleadership.org/aspergers](http://www.ddleadership.org/aspergers)

The Shriver Center at the University of Massachusetts Medical School is pleased to announce a new, interactive web site.

The **Asperger's Connection** can be accessed by logging on to [www.ddleadership.org/aspergers](http://www.ddleadership.org/aspergers).

This interactive website is intended to facilitate discussion among consumers, family members, professionals and legislators/policy makers interested in and concerned with issues that individuals with Asperger's Syndrome and High Functioning Autism face on a day to day basis.

In addition to the discussion pages, the site provides an opportunity to **ask questions of various experts** regarding a number of topics such as:

- education,
- treatment interventions,
- vocational issues,
- sensory integration,
- diagnosis,
- social issues and others.

Experts who will be available over the next few months to answer questions include a clinical social worker, parent, educational consultant, and an occupational therapist.

In the Fall, two additional new experts will be available; a speech pathologist and a physician.

Also provided on this web site is the opportunity to **participate in short, on-line courses**. Courses currently available are: 1) A Life Apart: Parent Perspective on Living with a Child with Asperger's 2) Asperger's Syndrome: Emotional and Social Implications 3) Sensory and Mobility Issues in Individuals with Asperger's Syndrome, and 4) Perspectives from My Mind: Perspectives of Asperger's Syndrome.

In the Fall, two new courses will be added: The Neurobiological Basis of Asperger's Syndrome and Pragmatic Language Issues.

We invite you and the members of your organization to visit this new web site. We welcome your feedback and hope you will find the site helpful and interesting.

**Please direct any questions to:**

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