



# Autism Family Network

**February / March 2021**

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Upcoming Activities:

March 16<sup>th</sup> - AFN Educational Zoom Meeting: Tony Green Director Division of Development Disabilities

April 10<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> AFN Annual 5K Virtual Walk/Run



## AFN Annual 5K (Virtual Walk/Run) April 10<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>

Please help support the mission of the Autism Family Network by joining us for our biggest fundraiser of the year! We are making it virtual to keep it safe for everyone. So you can run or walk the 5K, record your time in your get me registered link, possibly win a medal!

Each child registrant receives a medal, free coupons to local restaurants and a free t-shirt. Each registrant gets a bag filled with AFN gear, a free t-shirt and the first 100 registrants get a free stainless tumbler.

[Register Online AFN 5K 2021](#)

OR

[Print Registration Form Here](#)

Also, there's a great deal from Marcus Theatres! Raise \$300 for AFN and get a \$100 gift card to Marcus Theatres! You can also sponsor the run and get the perks of a sponsorship package! Multiple ways to show support of this local nonprofit.

[Click Here For Marcus Theatre Information](#)

[AFN 2021 5K Walk Sponsorship](#)



**Please join AFN for an Educational Zoom Meeting:**

**Who: Tony Green Director Division of Development Disabilities**



**What: Educational Zoom Meeting**

**Topic Overview: Medicaid and DD Waiver: Tony Green will provide general information about the Division, Applying for Services and the different services available with the DD Waiver**

**When: March 16th 2021**

**6:00-7:30pm**

**Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88112752926>**

**Meeting ID: 881 1275 2926**

# Genesis Swimming on the Spectrum Pool Party

(This event provided by Genesis Health Club at Tara Plaza)

March 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:00p – 6:30p

The purpose of the event is to allow kids with autism to have some fun in the water and to feel comfortable while swimming. We will be playing water games and offering pizza at the end of the night. We also will be offering discounts on swim lessons for anyone who attends.

We have a sign up sheet online that parents can go to join us for this fun event! All they have to do is sign up and come in and have fun! It will be \$5 for the whole family so parents will sign up and put their last name.

[Register Genesis Swimming on the Spectrum Pool Party](#)

# THE DD WAIVER



The DD Waiver is a voluntary waiver. It is not a federally mandated program. Therefore, the Nebraska State legislature determines how to fund the waiver. One of the determining criteria for funding is the number of persons on the DD waiver waiting list. People on the waitlist have already met eligibility guidelines and are waiting for services. Eligibility for the DD waiver is not dependent on your family's income.

On behalf of Autism Family Network, I encourage you to apply for the DD waiver. The legislature needs to be aware of the number of people with developmental delays in our state in order to fund the waiver appropriately. There will be a few years of waiting once your name is placed on the list. Don't let this discourage you. Your loved one will have to wait a few years for services regardless if you sign up today or in 5 years from now. Get your loved one's name on the list immediately to decrease the number of years he/she has to wait for services. Some services provided under the waiver include respite, daycare, rehabilitative care, and chore services.

You may request an application by calling DD Services at 471-8501 or go on [AccessNebraska](#)

Contact the Autism Family Network with any questions you may have regarding the waiver at [Autism Family Network](#) or at 402-421-0874.