

# BEACON AUTISM QUARTERLY

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**LIFESTREAM OFFERS A NUMBER OF SUPPORT SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH AUTISM. SERVICE EXAMPLES ARE:**

**DESE (DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION) FOR CHILDREN 9 TO 22 YEARS OLD WITH AUTISM AND SEVERE BEHAVIORAL DIFFICULTIES. THE PRIMARY GOAL IS TO ASSIST THE CHILD TO BE SUCCESSFUL AT HOME, SCHOOL AND IN THE COMMUNITY WITHOUT REQUIRING RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT OUTSIDE THE HOME.**

**ADULT AUTISM SERVICES FOR ADULTS OVER THE AGE OF 22. SERVICES ARE HIGHLY INDIVIDUALIZED AND MAY INCLUDE ANY OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED SERVICES AS WELL AS SOCIAL SKILLS TRAINING.**

To learn more please go to our [website](#).

## ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

The Beacon Autism Quarterly is a newsletter designed with you and your loved one in mind! Reach out to Chris Cardaci ([ccardaci@lifestreaminc.com](mailto:ccardaci@lifestreaminc.com)) to be added to our USPS delivery, or Email lists. If you miss it, you can also check it out on the Lifestream website ([www.lifestreaminc.com](http://www.lifestreaminc.com))!

## NEWSLETTER FAQ

Have any questions? Send it to Chris Cardaci and we will include the question and answer in a future newsletter.

## LINKS TO RECENT ARTICLES ON AUTISM:

- [Congress includes relief for the autism community in the American Rescue Plan](#)
- [Kids With Autism Can Really Benefit From Exercise](#)
- [Arica Fact Sheet](#)

## Q: WHAT IS LIFESTREAM INC.?

A: Check out our mission statement in the Beacon Bulletin! LifeStream is a multi-faceted non-profit Human Services agency based in New Bedford, MA that focuses on working with individuals with developmental disabilities.

*"The world needs all types of minds." – Temple Grandin*

## WHAT'S TO COME?!

As our community begins to reopen after the pandemic future newsletters will include a calendar of upcoming events & trainings that you're welcomed to attend! We are hoping that in 2021 we will be able to get back to our roots of being able to go out into the community and experience new things.

## SPOTLIGHT!

In future editions of Beacon Autism Quarterly, we'll share stories and pictures of the great accomplishments that take place every day at the program. Want your loved one featured?! Get in touch with program manager Chris Cardaci or clinical case manager Christine Ras of the Beacon St. program at 508-984-3400 for more information!



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## CARF ACCREDITATION

As a provider of services to adults with a wide variety of developmental and physical disabilities, LifeStream's Day Habilitation programs are accredited through CARF. In addition to general accreditation, the program at 213 Beacon St. is seeking to renew their accreditation in ASD in May 2021. We're providing this newsletter, trainings & events to keep you more informed & involved in the process. It's a great honor and responsibility once accreditation is gained... it's truly more than just a certificate on the wall at the program, it means that the agency strives to excel in all areas of service delivery to service recipients! Stay tuned...

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