

What We Do and Who We Serve

Neurodivergent Friends is a 100% volunteer-run 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded and led by neurodivergent individuals, which includes a wide range of developmental, cognitive, learning, psychiatric, and neurological differences.

Our Mission and Vision

Neurodivergent Friends exists to create identity-centered, psychologically safe spaces built by and for neurodivergent individuals. Through consistent, accessible programs, we aim to reduce isolation, improve skills, and build lasting peer connections, envisioning a world where neurodivergent people are not expected to mask or conform but are celebrated, supported, and empowered to thrive.

What We Offer

- Social Events—We host at least three free monthly events in Bell County and are expanding into Williamson, McLennan, Travis Counties, and the San Antonio region. Events include Dungeons & Dragons, cosplay dinners, silent discos, playgroups, picnics, pool parties, and sensory-friendly hangouts.
- Community Support—We build connections through peer-led activities that support executive functioning and reduce social isolation. Meals are always included to remove barriers. All events are free, except one annual pool tournament fundraiser.
- Resource Hub We help families and individuals understand and access complex systems, including Medicaid, SSI, special needs trusts, STAR Kids, and other relevant programs.
- Advocacy We advocate for the needs of our members by building relationships, connecting individuals and organizations with relevant resources, and ensuring decision–makers remember who we are and who we serve. We encourage and empower others to become advocates within their circles. We attend meetings like Safe CTX, HOTROSC, CRCGs, and the Bell County Committee for People with Disabilities.
- Training & Classes—We offer training and workshops on Medicaid navigation, obtaining nursing care, appealing a decision regarding a loved one's level of care, setting up trusts, IEP basics, and neurodivergent communication needs.

Built By and For Neurodivergent People

Neurodivergent Friends is designed exclusively for neurodivergent individuals and their families and loved ones, providing a space to connect, support one another, and thrive without judgment or pressure to perform.

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Please reach out to collaborate on an event or to volunteer; we have no fixed physical location.



What Is Neurodivergence?

We chose the name Neurodivergent Friends instead of Autistic Friends because our community includes people with autism, ADHD, IDD, learning disabilities, mental health conditions, sensory differences, and more. Many disabilities—unless purely physical—involve some form of neurodivergence.

Examples of Neurodivergent Conditions (not an exhaustive list)

Neurodevelopmental

- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- · ADHD
- Intellectual Disability (ID)
- Global Developmental Delay (GDD)
- · Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, Dyscalculia
- Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD)
- · Communication Disorders
- Auditory Processing Disorder (APD)
- Nonverbal Learning Disorder (NVLD)

Neurological and Genetic

- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
- Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders
- · Cerebral Palsy (with cognitive impact)
- · Hydrocephalus
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD)
- · Down Syndrome
- · Fragile X, Rett, Angelman Syndromes
- Williams Syndrome
- · Prader-Willi Syndrome
- Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC)

Mental Health and Emotional Regulation

- Bipolar Disorder
- Major Depressive Disorder
- Persistent Depressive Disorder
- · Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD)
- PTSD / Complex PTSD

- · Panic Disorder
- Social Anxiety Disorder
- Schizoaffective Disorder
- Schizophrenia
- Borderline Personality Disorder
 - Dissociative Identity Disorder
- Selective Mutism

Sensory and Processing Differences

- Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD)
- Misophonia
- Synesthesia
- Tactile Defensiveness
- Proprioceptive / Vestibular Dysfunction
- Visual or Auditory Processing Differences

Other Recognized Forms

- · Executive Dysfunction
- · Working Memory Impairment
- Slow Processing Speed
- Hyperlexia
- Twice-Exceptional (2e)
- Highly Sensitive Person (HSP)
- Extreme Demand Avoidance (PDA)
- Cognitive Processing Disorder
- Neurodivergent by Trauma
- Theory of Mind Differences
- Lagging Skill Development
- Plural/Multiple Systems

Being neurodivergent is not a problem to fix. It is a difference to understand and respect. We do not require formal diagnoses to welcome someone into our space. People who think and process differently and seek support or community belong here.

What We Offer

- Help navigating Medicaid, waivers, and disability systems
- One-on-one consultations— Assistance applying for SSI, online, by phone, and in person

Medicaid, and MBIC

- Support with diagnosis pathways accommodations for school and workplace
- Workshops & Trainings
- Medicaid Waiver Navigation
- Understanding Form 1746-A
- Webinars presented by the Social Security Administration (SSA)
- and providers—virtual and in-Training for families, caregivers,
- Activities and events that form a connection. opportunities for friendship and our loved ones by creating circle of support around us and

Who We Are

connections are a bonus. outcomes and lives. Resource support that improve our us. Connections lead to lasting there is nothing about us without friendships and form circles of With Neurodivergent Founders



Building Services In:

- Bell County
- McLennan County
- Travis County
- Tri-Counties (San Antonio area)
- Williamson County
- And Everywhere Virtually and by

With a few local volunteers, we can Coming to Your Community Soon build it together.



Get Involved

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Our Mission

neurodivergent individuals understanding, and equal To promote acceptance, opportunities for

Our Vision

the lives of neurodivergent opportunities to improve workshops, and Creating spaces individuals.

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Acceessible Anywhere

consultations are offered by phone virtual platforms, and individual sessions run partly online using or video, meeting you where you are. register. Dungeons & Dragons Our webinars are open to all who



area we serve. This collaborative borrow and share spaces in every spaces in the future, we currently While we hope to secure dedicated but we do not have a physical space model keeps costs low and impact We were founded in Harker Heights



Our Values

diversity. natural, valid part of human We believe neurodivergence is a

accommodations, and systemic We commit to psychologically safe exclusion—not our neurotypes misunderstanding, lack of The greatest barriers we face are

✓ Accepted

individuals are:

✓ Supported **✓** Understood

Through:

- Building community among neurodivergent people and families
- Advocating for services that improve quality of life
- Ensuring access to tools, respect, and connection for all. regardless of support needs

Activities That Build Belonging

- Picnics & Pool Parties
- Playgroups for Neurodivergent Kids & Caregivers
- Support Groups for Teens, Adults & Caregivers
- Dungeons & Dragons (In-Person & Online)
- Special Interest Nights Game Nights (Video & Board)
- Sensory-Friendly Movies

spaces where neurodivergent

- Silent Discos
- Cosplay Dinners & Costume **Events**
- Art Activities & Creative Workshops
- Restaurant Meetups
- Latino Support & Social Gatherings
- Alternative Communication Groups (ie AAC)

Driven by You

us what you want, and we will try, program. better yet, volunteer to lead the community shape our events. Tell The needs and interests of our