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## **Salus University Announces New Support Group for Parents of Autistic Children**

**Elkins Park, PA** – A series of support meetings for parents of children with autism have been scheduled on three Thursday evenings throughout the fall and winter. Parents and caregivers of children on the autism spectrum disorder are invited to the meetings, which will take place at the Speech-Language Institute of Salus University to share their experiences. There will be a new topic covered each week and snacks and refreshments will be provided to the group.

Salus University Speech-Language Pathology student, Amanda Kaufman created the Autism Parent Support Group for her capstone project. Under the supervision of Jennifer Downs, EdD, CCC-SLP and Speech Language Institute Director Robert Serianni, MS, CCC-SLP, Kaufman has facilitated the support group for the past five weeks.

Upcoming dates and times for the support group meetings are listed below. Those interested in joining the group can contact the Speech-Language Institute for more information: <http://www.salusuhealth.com/Speech-Language-Institute/Contact-Us/Join-a-Support-Group.aspx> .

### **Upcoming Meeting dates:**

Thursday, October 27 from 7:30-8:30  
Thursday, November 10 from 7:30-8:30  
Thursday, December 8 from 7:30-8:30

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