

AAoM's Education pillar drives initiatives that address systemic barriers to education, focuses on student-centered advocacy, and educates families on related topics – working towards its goal to make Michigan a **top 10 state in preparing students with autism for the most independent life possible, through an accessible, high-quality, and inclusive education.**

We are advancing an equitable education agenda for children and youth with special education needs by centering a Whole Child vision for Michigan.

The Autism Alliance Education pillar serves as a resource hub for families, partner organizations and state leaders in cultivating understanding of core barriers related to equity and access in the education system. At the intersection of race and disability, AAoM will catalyze stakeholders to drive transparency efforts toward system-level transformation in key areas:

Building Community Engagement & Advocacy

Increase & influence community engagement and advocacy efforts to raise awareness of and reduce barriers to quality, accessible education for students with disabilities (SwD) - leading AAoM's statewide coalition activities (Special Education Coalition and MiPAAC) and partnering with other organizations on shared priorities.

Transforming Learning Environments

Increase Inclusion and Quality of Learning Environments for students with disabilities - leading policy reform efforts to increase behavioral support / ABA in School; build awareness of discipline disparities for SwD in the over-/misuse of seclusion & restraint; promote 'Literacy For All' legislation; influence special education workforce efforts via OPTIMISE coalition participation.

Investing Resources Equitably & Effectively

Equitable & Effective Special Education Funding Efforts – spearheading research and expert analysis toward building a path toward comprehensive special education finance reform.

Redefining Accountability Systems

Influence Special Education Accountability Systems through Grassroots Efforts – launching public awareness campaigns connected to AAoM's Education Stakeholder Analysis; Special Education Experience Survey, and State Complaint Accountability Project.



Scan the QR Code to access our
Education Stakeholder Analysis