

AANE is pleased to introduce the Asperger/Autism Professional Coaching Association - a professional development resource and support for professionals who coach, guide, and advise older teens and adults with Asperger/autism and similar neurodiverse profiles such as:

- high school & college counselors
- life coaches
- mental health therapists
- social workers
- vocational counselors
- similar professionals

The Association offers monthly clinical group sessions with fellow colleagues where members can confidentially review cases for expert guidance and support. Membership also provides opportunities for numerous one-on-one consultations with experienced AANE LifeMAP coaches.

Members of the Association will gain from almost 25 years of focused service and expertise that AANE brings as a national leader in supporting neurodiverse individuals, families, and the professionals who serve them. In 2008, AANE launched the client-centered, individualized, and strength-based LifeMAP coaching program to work with older teens and adults in our community. Since then, the LifeMAP program has helped 2,600 clients define and reach their personal goals, including finding and maintaining employment, living independently, successfully attending and completing college, and finding social connections. AANE LifeMAP coaches leading the monthly clinical session and participating in the one-to-one consults bring their knowledge and experience to association members.

This Association can help its members better serve their clients by providing:

- a community of professionals focused on working with older teens and adults with Asperger/autism and neurodiverse profiles to share advice and feedback
- relevant, expert guidance from professionals with proven success for individuals with Asperger/autism profiles
- access to up-to-date information and resources for individuals with Asperger/autism profiles
- association with AANE, a provider of employment and life skill programs for MA state agencies and public school districts

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