



AUTISME-FRANCE is in France the most representative national non-governmental organisation for the defence of people with autism or with pervasive development disorders. It benefits from a public utility status and represents with its local associations 8,000 to 9,000 families.

Autisme-France was founded in 1989. It is member of Autism-Europe and of the World Autism Organisation. Autisme-France defends and promotes the most advanced scientific approaches and the most adapted educational methods to help people with autism or with pervasive development disorders to be as best integrated as possible in society.

In order to assist people with autism or with pervasive development disorders and their families, Autisme-France offers the following services (accessible by calling the following phone number *numéro azur* 0810 179 179), (1) information and documentation on autism and on the most advanced scientific research, (2) information and orientation towards the most specialist professionals, (3) orientation towards adapted institutions and local organisations, (4) legal service, (5) orientation towards the adapted educational methods, and (6) creation of adapted institutions for children and adults.

Autisme-France creates and develops adapted structures for people with autism or with pervasive development disorders, in particular through Autisme-France Gestion, which is a specific organisation in charge of creating and managing specialised institutions, and through its local member associations.