



# TIDEWATER AUTISM SUMMIT 2018

## MISSION





The Virginia Autism Foundation -VAF- is a Virginia based non-profit 501-C-3. We focus our efforts and resources on bettering the lives of individuals and families who have a loved one with Autism through education, awareness and advocacy in our communities and on a State and Federal level. Our core mission is to be a voice for those with Autism and provide direct resources assistance and support for those in our community whose lives are impacted by Autism.

## 2018 VAF INITIATIVES

Continue to host and facilitate our Autism Summits in our community and expand this concept to surrounding communities. Provide resources to those in our Autism community thru an interactive web and social media platform.

Provide funding for respite and summer camps for families in our Autism community Gain Statewide commitment across multiple channels to measurably improve earlier diagnosis for children with Autism.

Encourage and support Public and private cooperative efforts to develop residential, educational and occupational opportunities to promote independent living and self sufficiency. Create and implement training and awareness programs to assist our First Responders better understand and respond to interactions with our Autism community families.

-  Autism is a treatable neurological disorder
-  Autism affects 1 in every 56 Children in our Country
-  Autism rates are growing 15-18% annually
-  The societal cost of caring for a child with autism throughout their lifetime is \$3.2 million

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