

Statewide Autism Resources and Training (S.T.A.R.T.)

Giving professionals and parents the knowledge and skills to support individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder in reaching their greatest potential.

Livingston County participates in the Statewide Autism Resources and Training (START) project, which is committed to creating a sustainable structure of support for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) within each region of Michigan by providing training and technical assistance to educators and families that support students on the autism spectrum. The START project is funded and supported by the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services. The rapid increase in the number of students with ASD entering public schools in Michigan has created a critical need for more in-depth training for educators in the use of evidence based practices. Additionally, the START Project has served a key role in meeting this need through innovative activities such as Regional Collaborative Networks (RCN), training and coaching models, and resource material development.