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POSITION STATEMENT REGARDING AUTISM AND ROBERT F KENNEDY, JR

As a registered charity led by parents supporting other parents in accessing science-based autism treatments, we feel compelled to join the growing chorus of concern surrounding Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s most recent unfounded and misleading claims.

We echo the powerful statement by Dr. Mitch Prinstein of the American Psychological Association, which deserves to be heard in full:

“Public health policy must be guided by rigorous research and scientific consensus. We are deeply troubled by the reckless promotion of unsupported research that unjustifiably blames mothers and fuels stigma against individuals with autism. Research shows that autism has complex, multifactorial origins—genetic, biological, and environmental—and represents a spectrum of neurodevelopmental differences, not a single condition with a single cause. We welcome new funding for autism research, but for this initiative to succeed, it must amplify valid scientific findings and support evidence-based, neurodiversity-affirming practices that help autistic people thrive across their lifespan.”

As an organization grounded in lived experience and evidence-based advocacy, we stand firmly against rhetoric that promotes stigma, misinformation, and outdated narratives. Autism is not caused by parental actions—it is a multifaceted neurodevelopmental condition that deserves understanding, respect, and support rooted in science.

We urge all public figures, particularly those seeking leadership roles, to engage meaningfully with both autistic self-advocates and caregivers, and to prioritize science, respect, and lived experience over stigma and misinformation.

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