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Making the Skies Friendlier for Everyone

The Arc's Wings for Autism®/Wings for All® program gives families and aviation professionals the confidence to take to the skies with ease.

The Wings Program

Wings for Autism/Wings for All is an airport “rehearsal” program created to alleviate some of the stress individuals with autism or other intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families experience when traveling by air.

Created by the Charles River Center, a local chapter of The Arc in Massachusetts, Wings for Autism/Wings for All helps ease family’s concerns regarding how their loved one will react to different stimuli in the airport, such as bright lights, noises, TSA security screening, and crowds. This program aims to give solutions to these concerns to make air travel easier.

Wings for Autism/Wings for All also gives airport, airline, TSA professionals, and other personnel the opportunity to observe, interact, and deliver their services in a structured learning environment.



During a Wings for Autism®/Wings for All® event, participants:

- Check-in to receive their boarding passes,
- Pass through the TSA security checkpoint,
- Wait in the boarding area, and
- Board an aircraft (that does not take off).

The program also features a presentation on the aircraft’s features and in-flight safety protocols.



PARENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE RAVING ABOUT WINGS:

“We were able to take my 14-year-old son Nathaniel on an airplane for the first time in 9 years. It was a big family reunion, and many family members had not seen Nathaniel since he was a baby. The Wings for Autism program definitely eased our way. Thank you for this program!”



“My family took a flight in February. We would not have attempted it if it was not for the Wings for Autism program.”

“You have no idea what this event meant to us! It showed us, that YES, we do have a chance to make my daughter’s graduation in Connecticut next year! We have some work to do with boarding the plane, but at least we know that was the only issue my son had.”

