



## OAR Launches New Autism Education Grant Program

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ARLINGTON, VA – Since 2012, OAR has helped educate more than 135,000 children in grades K-8 learn more about their peers with autism through the *Kit for Kids* Peer Education Program. OAR is pleased to announce it is expanding its commitment to peer education by launching a new autism education grant program that builds on the success of the *Kit for Kids* program.

OAR will award grants ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 to support projects that promote autism awareness and acceptance among children in grades K-8 using the *Kit for Kids* program. Teachers, youth group organizers, parents, and autism professionals are eligible to apply. Applicants with projects that impact low-income communities are also highly encouraged to apply.

The grant funds will cover the costs of OAR's peer education materials, as well as associated costs including but not limited to honorariums, travel expenses for guest speakers, venue rentals, and refreshments. Example projects include autism awareness campaign, workshops, and presentations.

The first rolling application deadline is July 30, 2020 for projects starting as early as September 1, 2020. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply online:

<https://researchautism.org/education/teachers-corner/autism-education-grant/>.

For questions or comments, please contact Kimberly Ha, research and programs director at (703) 243-9762 or e-mail [kha @ researchautism.org](mailto:kha@researchautism.org).

**About OAR:** The Organization for Autism Research (OAR) is a national non-profit organization formed and led by relatives of children and adults with autism. OAR is dedicated to promoting research that can be applied to help families, educators, caregivers, and individuals with autism find much-needed answers to their immediate and urgent questions. Learn more at their website: [www.researchautism.org](http://www.researchautism.org).

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