



In August of 2011, I attended the National Autism Conference as an exhibitor. Beth Brady completed a contact card. She was interested in a Parent Match.

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Beth's son was diagnosed at the age of 3 ½ with Autism. This diagnosis came just 2 months before the conference. Around 3 months of age her son started throwing up blood he was diagnosed with severe acid reflux because of this Beth limited tummy time. At about 9 months he was not crawling. Her pediatrician connected her with Early Intervention. They started physical therapy and occupational therapy right away. Around the age of 1 ½ he was not making sounds or talking yet. They added speech to his team.

At the time I matched Beth to her Peer Supporter, she was just trying to come to terms with the diagnosis. After speaking with her Peer Supporter, Beth stated she was over the moon. The match was wonderful and they plan to keep in further contact.

In February of 2012, I received a call from another parent whose two children also had an Autism diagnosis. This Mom wanted to speak to another parent who specifically lived in Delaware County. I searched the database. I connected this parent to another Peer Supporter. For whatever reason my caller was not able to connect with the Peer Supporter I matched her to. I then searched the caller database and found Beth Brady. I called Beth to see if she would be willing to become a Peer Supporter and call this other parent. She was more than willing. Since February Beth has supported 3 parents. Each caller that Beth has supported has raved about her. I am very lucky as the Southeast Regional Coordinator of Parent to Parent of PA to have Beth as a Peer Supporter.

