

Our Story

The Pier Center for Autism is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit started in 2012, located at 709 Iowa Street in Sioux City. The size and accommodations at the current location can't meet the overwhelming need for the services provided. We currently have a waiting list of 60 families.

The Pier Center is the only clinic of its kind in the region and focuses on evidence-based treatment of autism providing compassionate care for individuals with an autism spectrum disorder. Individual and group services are available year-round at the center for children, teenagers, and adults. The focus is on socially-relevant behavior change with services that include applied behavior analysis (ABA), group social skills, parent training, and daily living skills training.

In the past seven years, the center has served over 350 individuals with life-changing services. We help lay a foundation to assist young people with skills to become contributing members of society.

Want to know more? Visit piercenter.org

What Is Autism?



Autism spectrum disorder is a developmental disability that can cause significant social, communication, and behavioral challenges. People with autism may communicate, interact, behave, and learn in ways that are different from most other people. The learning, thinking and problem-solving abilities of people with autism can range from gifted to severely challenged. One in 59 individuals have an autism spectrum disorder.

Testimonial



My oldest son Michael, who is now 8, was diagnosed with Autism when he was 3. He went to the Pier Center for Autism for two years beginning when he was 4. When he started going to the Pier Center, he was essentially nonverbal. We had a hard time communicating with him. He had frequent outbursts and meltdowns. My husband and I were struggling with the best way to help him, but nothing we were doing seemed to make a difference.

The Pier Center made an almost immediate difference in his life. They knew exactly how to interact with him from day one. He instantly thrived under their enthusiasm and high energy. Within 2 weeks, he could answer questions when asked and could tell me his name, address, names of people in our family, and more. I was completely blown away.

They also brought my husband and I in and trained us on the most effective ways to interact with Michael. This cut down on the outbursts we were having at home.

Over the course of 2 years, they worked on all sorts of things with him - from getting dressed and wearing a coat when he refused, to potty training. Today he is able to communicate his wants and needs and most of what he is thinking. I don't know what we would have done without The Pier Center for Autism. It is the best thing we have ever done. I can't say enough good things about them. Please consider supporting them so they can continue to help more children the way they have helped Michael.

-Michelle Clark



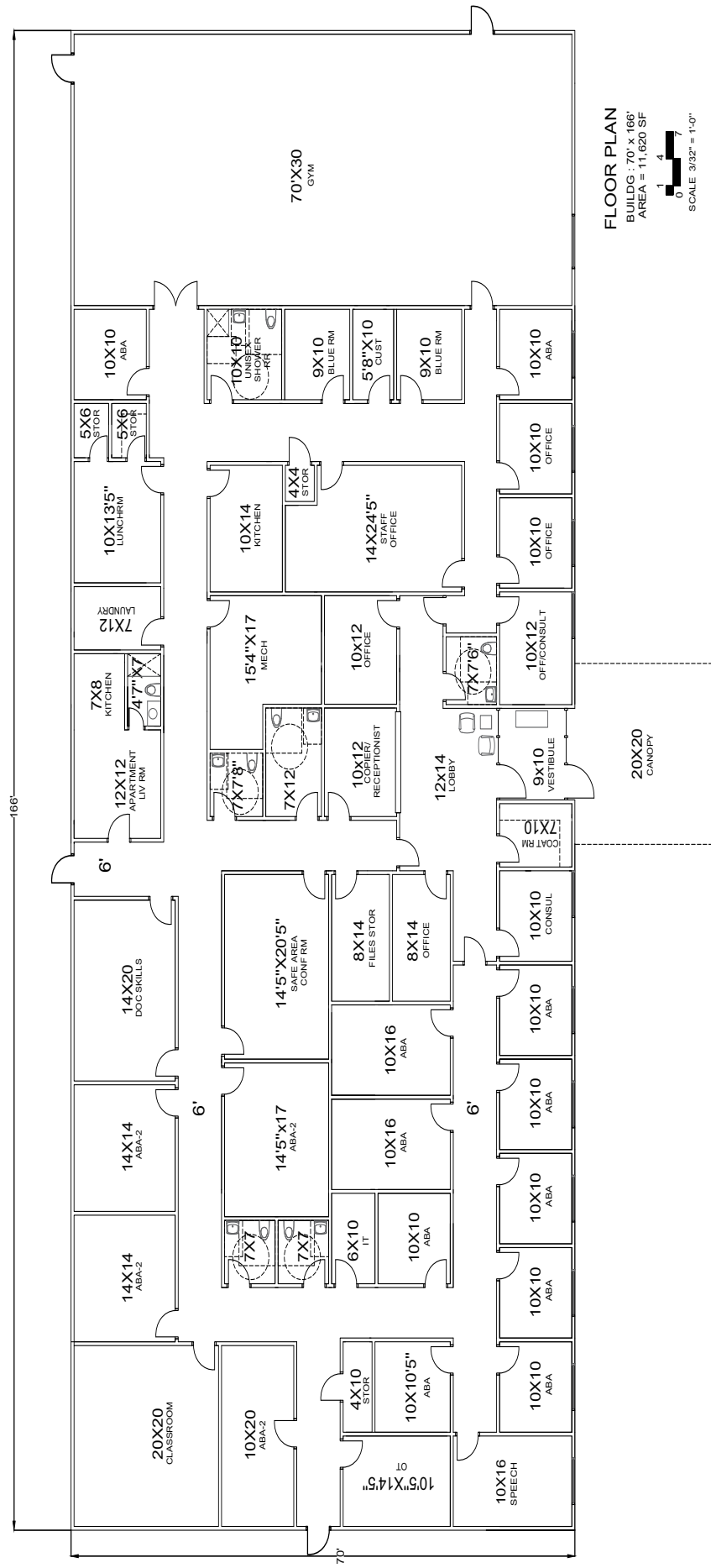
New Facility Campaign



Our mission is to deliver services using a compassionate and comprehensive approach to help increase positive outcomes for individuals and families living with autism.

*This testimonial was solicited and reflects the real-life experiences and opinions of this particular family in the Siouxland area.

The Pier Center For Autism New Facility



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The Campaign

We are launching a \$1.5 million fundraising campaign. The funds raised will build an 11,000 square foot center located at 4061 Stadium Dr. With your help we will be able to expand services for individuals with autism of all ages, in a state-of-the-art facility.

Our goal is to provide a comprehensive center of behavior health services that may include:

- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Diagnostic Evaluations
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Mental Health Services
- Mental Health Medical
- Educational/Day Behavioral Program
- Social Smarts
- Day Services for Adults

As The Pier Center for Autism embarks on this exciting endeavor there are several opportunities available to help with building of the new facility including naming rights and many other categories. All contributors will be recognized on the puzzle piece naming wall inside the lobby of the new facility.

NAMING RIGHTS:	\$500,000
PLATINUM:	\$250,000 & Above
GOLD:	\$100,000 & Above
SILVER:	\$50,000 & Above
BRONZE:	\$25,000 & Above
ADVOCATE:	\$10,000 & Above
LEADER:	\$5,000 & Above
SUPPORTER:	\$1,000 & Above

\$1,500,000 GOAL

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Autism affects all ethnic and socioeconomic groups

1 in 59 individuals are diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD)

1 IN 37 BOYS
 1 IN 151 GIRLS

Nearly 28 percent of 8 year-olds with ASD have self-injurious behaviors.

An estimated one-third of people with autism remain nonverbal.

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is the only comprehensive evidence based treatment for individuals with autism.