



# Firefly Autism

## February Newsletter

### 2026

### Welcome to the February Newsletter!

As February unfolds, we are embracing this season as a time to celebrate connection, progress, and the meaningful relationships that support our learners every day. At Firefly Autism, we continue to see incredible growth as our learners strengthen skills, build confidence, and shine in their own unique ways. This month is a wonderful reminder that growth happens through patience, consistency, and care.



### **Firefly Autism and the Colorado Department of Education**

It's been a busy month at Firefly. We just secured a landmark partnership with the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) to provide autism training, consultation and support to educators all over the state of Colorado at no cost to districts thanks to the CDE Technical Assistance Center. This is monumental for those experiencing barriers to access the support and training they need to ensure that children can reach their highest potential in school. While

Firefly is already providing support across 16 Colorado counties, this partnership has the potential to significantly increase access for those who need it the most.

This is just the start of a powerful movement towards systems changes that we feel so passionately about. We have children, teens, and adults who constantly try to access everyday education and care that is supposed to be available to them. They are faced with barrier after barrier. These individuals and their families have to climb mountains just to get basic needs met. We are here to change that, with the help of every supporter who believes in this mission. Thank You!



Dr. Amanda Kelly  
President & CEO of Firefly Autism



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Firefly Autism & Colorado Department of Education

## Free Behavior Consultation Resource for School Districts

Provided by CDE Technical Assistance Center and Firefly Autism, this resource is empowering schools to better support autistic students and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, especially in rural Colorado communities.

### What We Provide:

- **Expert Consultation**
  - Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) deliver individualized consultation and coaching to teachers, support staff, administrators, and other personnel.
- **Customized Staff Training**
  - Targeted professional development aligned with identified needs, priorities, and systems improvement goals.
- **Systems Development & Support**
  - Guidance on strengthening schoolwide frameworks to promote values-driven and person-centered support.

### How it Works & Our Impact:

- School staff complete the Behavior Consult Request form (scan QR code below).
- A virtual consultation meeting is scheduled.
- Coaching, resource development, and support are provided as needed.
- Open to all Colorado school districts.
  - Focused on support for rural communities.
- Contact us for more information or with any questions.



Scan here for the Firefly/CDE Behavior Consult Request Form



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Interested in learning more about training and education through Firefly? Follow the link below!

Visit our Website to Learn More!

# Upcoming Events



You are invited to the...

## 15th Annual Firefly Autism Luminescent Gala!

Firefly Autism is excited to announce the 15th Annual Firefly Luminescent Gala. Back with a fresh new energy and dazzling new look that will light up the evening in every way!

 Thursday, April 23, 2026

 5:00 PM – 8:30 PM

 Seawell Ballroom at the DCPA

This year's celebration will feature an exclusive live performance by Kodi Lee, the extraordinary America's Got Talent winner, whose inspiring voice and story will make this night truly unforgettable. Guests will enjoy live and silent auctions, a paddle raise, and more, all in support of Firefly's mission to illuminate the path for individuals with autism.

✨ Don't miss this magical evening of inspiration, connection, and celebration. Buy your tickets now!



*Firefly Presents...*



April 23, 2026

Seawell Ballroom

*Kodi Lee*

AMERICA'S GOT TALENT SEASON 14 WINNER!

[Buy Your Tickets Here!](#)



## Get Involved

Every person deserves the chance to thrive and at Firefly, we're committed to making that possible through donor support. Many of our learners face up to a \$2,000 monthly gap between the cost of care and what insurance covers. Thanks to generous donors, children who arrived nonverbal and overwhelmed are now communicating, regulating emotions, and engaging with the world.

Monthly gifts of \$50, \$100, or \$250 help us continue delivering this life-changing care, regardless of a family's financial situation. Your support powers programs like Transition to Work, our sensory garden, and community-based adult services. Help turn barriers into breakthroughs one learner at a time. Donate to Firefly today by following the link below:



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from our  
**amazon** Wishlist

## MAKE A WISH COME TRUE!

You can support Firefly Autism by helping to provide our center with niche items our regular funding does not provide. Curious about what we need? Check out our newly curated wish list.

[WISHLIST](#)

## HAVE A GREAT MONTH!

Thanks for being part of our community. We truly value our supporters, our readers, our staff, and our community.

We hope you have a great month and we will check in again with you in March.

As always, you can make a one-time or recurring donation to Firefly through our giving partner, [ColoradoGives](#), anytime. Thanks for everything!

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