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Lynn has been working with Autism Society Canada for the past three and half years, providing communications services, research, web development, public education and referral on ASD issues.

Having worked as a self-employed writer and communications consultant for over twenty years, Lynn has had the opportunity to take part in a wide range of community development and health education initiatives at the national, provincial and municipal levels. She has written numerous public health documents, provided writing and policy support on technical health science and social research projects and has developed and delivered a number of adult training packages for professionals and volunteers. She enjoys working with diverse community and government stakeholders, especially on social, health, and disability issues which challenge public response and understanding.

Lynn began to establish her research, writing and communication skills while working with the Canadian Rights and Liberties Federation during the early 80s'. She was Director of the Ontario Public Interest Research Group at Carleton University, bringing educational programming and advocacy skills-development to students and faculty there. She worked on literacy and HIV/AIDS training projects during the 1980's for Family Service Canada and the AIDS Committee of Toronto. She spent many years as a Communications Consultant with Health Canada, working with the Great Lakes Health Effects Program research team to educate Canadians about current research and the state of science on human health and the environment.

Lynn has enjoyed providing communications direction, referral, writing, editing, research and web development for a growing national charitable organization and has learned a tremendous amount from the dedicated parents, family members and people with ASDs with whom she works. She is committed to continuing to bring her skills and energy to further educate Canadians about ASDs and looks forward to continuing the development of ASC's national website and information services over the coming year.