

## PCAA Social Event Access Guide

**Name of Place:** Pittsburgh Center for Autistic Advocacy

**Address of Place:** 606 Liberty Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15221

**Transit & Parking:** You can find transit and parking information at the bottom of [this webpage](#).



Image: the front of 606 Liberty Ave. It is a white building with large windows and the number 606 above the glass doors.

**Dress Code:** There is not a dress code. Most people wear the clothes that they feel most comfortable wearing. You should wear clothes that cover your chest, and you should wear shoes inside the building. Do not wear clothing that features hateful symbols or words.

**Things to bring with you:** Anything small you would like to share with our group. If you need a meal during the event, you may bring food with you. People often like to bring fidgets, games, noise-cancelling earphones, personal electronics.

**Things to leave at home:**

- Pets are not allowed in the building, but service animals are welcome.
- We do not allow firearms at our events.
- Please do not wear perfumes or strong scents.

- We ask that people wear headphones if they bring music devices or other devices that make sounds.
- Please do not bring items that make flashing lights, including flash photography.
- There is no smoking or vaping in our building.

**Fees:** There are no costs to attend social events.

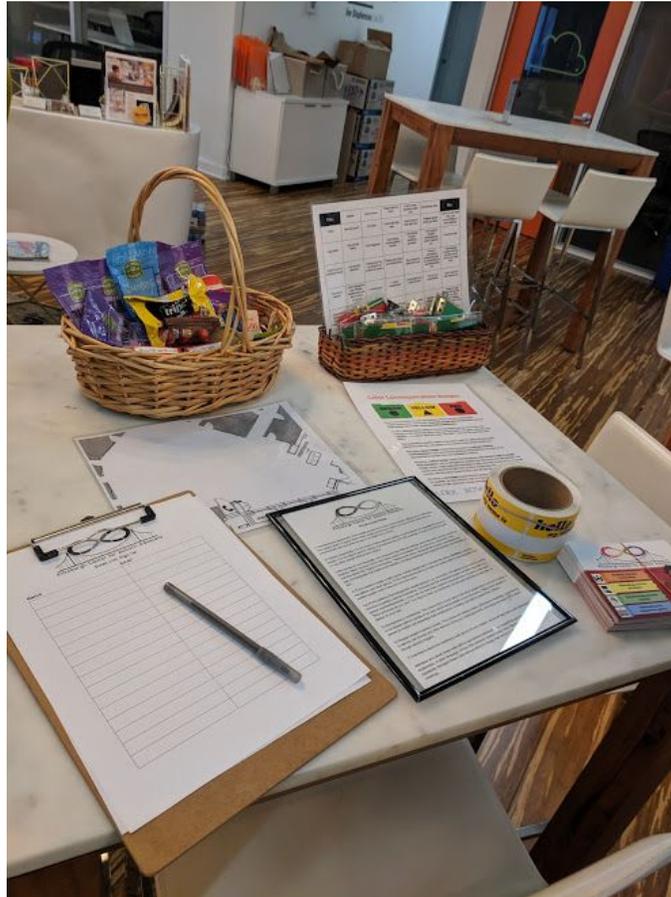


Image: PCAA's sign-in table, with sign-in sheet, name tags, color-coded communication badges, and snacks.

**Check-in:**

1. On weekends and after 5PM on weekdays, the building door is locked. Please text the person in the event description.
2. A PCAA staff or volunteer person will meet you at the door to let you in.
3. You will take the elevator or stairs to the third floor. The elevator opens up into a large space with a variety of tables, chairs, and desks.
4. On the third floor, you may sign in, take a name tag, and a color-coded communication badge.
5. Once you are done, you can participate in the activities as you like. These events are unstructured, and people enjoy them in a variety of ways and at their own pace.

Some common activities include:

- Coloring
- Games
- Conversation
- Trying out fidgets
- Social media



Image: Four people sit and stand around a table. One person makes a pattern with pattern blocks, another smiles at the camera while holding a plush character, a third looks through a coloring book, the fourth looks at the table.



Image: two people sit at a small table playing a card game.



Image: a door with a sensory break space sign hung on the handle

### What happens now?

- Social events usually have 3-12 participants.
- Sometimes, it seems like everyone knows each other, but this isn't always the case. New people are welcome to participate in ways that work for them.
- The space is very echoey and the HVAC makes a lot of noise. We are in communication with the building manager about this issue, but we don't know if

or when this will be fixed. We have earplugs available. If you don't see them, please ask a staff member or volunteer.

- There may be some individuals who aren't social event participants working in the coworking space.

**Are there specific social rules for this place?:**

See our event rules [at this link](#).

Also, ask before taking pictures of people.

**Accessibility**

**Who to talk to if you have questions or access needs:** You can email [info@autisticpgh.org](mailto:info@autisticpgh.org) or talk to someone wearing a staff or volunteer badge with questions or needs.

**Where are:**

**Running Water:** There is water available from the tap in the cafe and at the water fountains outside of the restrooms.

**Soap + Bathroom:** The restrooms are down the hall near the kitchenette. The restrooms are gendered. Please don't hesitate to use the restroom where you feel most comfortable.

**Adult Changing Table:** There are not changing tables in the building.

**Accessibility:** The building is wheelchair accessible, and there are accessible bathroom stalls available. There are not push buttons on many of the doors.

**Quieter Areas:** There is a designated phone booth repurposed as a quiet space. You may use

**Food Nearby:** There are many restaurants, drug stores, and convenience stores within a block of the building. We provide a basket of snacks for the event. ([More options at Yelp](#))

**Wifi:** There is wifi available. Please ask a staff member for the details.



Image: Men's and women's restroom doors, water fountains. There are gendered restrooms around the corner from the cafe area.

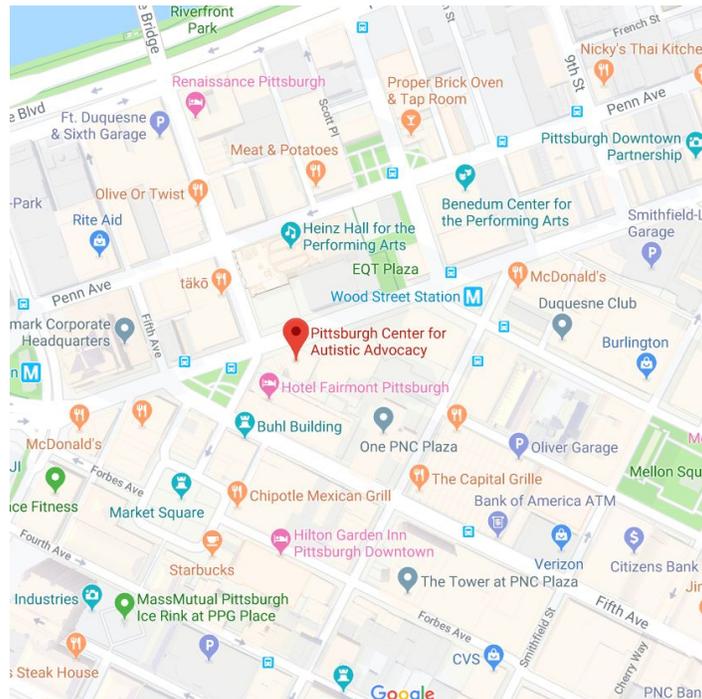


Image: A map of downtown Pittsburgh, showing PCAA's location.