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Town hall meeting on autism support set for Woodlawn High

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Rep. Mary
Moore, D-
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The National African American Autism Community Network will hold a town hall meeting Sept. 29 at Woodlawn High School in Birmingham, state Rep. Mary Moore, D-Birmingham announced.



Moore said the main purpose of the event is to help people find resources to support and assist family members with autism spectrum disorders.

"We need to raise public awareness about autism as well as help families find the support they need," Moore said in the press release. "This will also provide a forum for families to tell us what services are needed that aren't being provided now."

Last year, the Alabama Legislature passed a bill requiring some insurance plans to cover autism therapy for children up to age 18. The requirement applies to insurance programs for companies with at least 51 employees.

A second phase of the law requires some government insurance plans, including the Alabama Medicaid Agency and the Children's Health Insurance Plan (ALL Kids), to provide the same coverage. That phase takes effect Dec. 31, 2018.

Woodlawn High School is at 5620 1st Avenue North in Birmingham. The town hall meeting will be held from noon to 3 p.m.



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