



## **Milestones Autism Resources to Merge with Lifeworks Autism Services to Strengthen Support for Autism Community**

Effective October 2, 2025, Milestones Autism Resources will merge with Lifeworks Autism Services (Lifeworks) to expand and strengthen services for autistic individuals, their families, caregivers, and the professionals who support them.

This strategic merger brings together two trusted, mission-driven organizations, each with unique and complementary strengths, shared values, and a deep commitment to empowering individuals with autism across the lifespan. The unified organization will enhance access to vital resources, expand professional training opportunities, and drive innovation that will positively impact the autism community.

“When Ilana Hoffer Skoff (z’l) and I founded Milestones, our vision was to create a resource that would empower individuals with autism and their families throughout every stage of life. Seeing that vision come to life — through the lives we’ve touched, the professionals we’ve trained, and the systems we’ve helped shape - has been one of the greatest honors of my life. This merger with Lifeworks represents the next chapter in that journey. It ensures that the work we began will not only continue, but grow stronger, more sustainable, and hopefully even more impactful in the years to come. — Mia Buchwald Gelles, Co-Founder, Milestones Autism Resources

As the prevalence of autism diagnoses continues to rise, the need for comprehensive, accessible support services has never been more urgent. By combining the expertise, networks, and capabilities of both organizations, the merged entity will be positioned to serve more individuals and families—delivering relevant education, resources, and services that make a meaningful difference.

The decision to merge follows a thoughtful and deliberate planning process, guided by the leadership teams of both organizations. Milestones is deeply grateful to its staff, board, and community of supporters for their continued commitment during this exciting time of growth.

Founded in 2013 Lifeworks is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping individuals with autism lead more independent, enriched lives. Through its comprehensive model of lifelong services and mental health support, Lifeworks has become a leader in the field of autism services.

“We are excited about this next chapter,” said Nikki Jaras, Executive Director of Lifeworks. “Together, we will continue to drive positive change and deliver meaningful impact for the individuals and families we serve.”

Milestones thanks its supporters for their continued dedication and looks forward to embarking on this new journey together with Lifeworks.

