

Mission Statement

The National Stuttering Association (NSA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing hope and empowerment to children and adults who stutter, their families, and professionals, through support, education, advocacy, and research.

Our Tax ID number is **94-2420533**.

Vision

The vision of the National Stuttering Association is to build on our position as the preeminent organization for supporting people who stutter. We will take a leadership role in shaping the way stuttering is viewed and treated, and we will be a leading provider of education and information about stuttering. We will expand our support to people who stutter through local chapters, advocacy, educational training, family programs, and publications.

NSA BY THE NUMBERS

34	ANNUAL CONFERENCES
21	CONFERENCE CITIES
179	ACTIVE CHAPTERS
36	ANNUAL CEUS OFFERED
85	CONFERENCE ATTENDEES 1983
855	CONFERENCE ATTENDEES 2016
25	AVERAGE % FIRST TIMERS
56	RESEARCH PROJECTS APPROVED

40 YEARS

OF SUPPORT, EDUCATION, ADVOCACY, & FRIENDSHIP



Overview

The NSA provides information and support to the stuttering community, instilling the sense of self-worth so often missing in the lives of those who deal with stuttering. With more than 200 local support groups for children, adolescents and adults throughout the United States, the NSA:

- ✓ Provides information about stuttering
- ✓ Supports research into the causes and treatments of stuttering
- ✓ Increases public awareness of stuttering
- ✓ Supports speech and allied professionals who work with those who stutter
- ✓ Advocates for those who stutter and the needs of the stuttering community
- ✓ Is a referral organization for speech therapy resources throughout the United States.

Our support groups and meetings provide participants with the opportunity to:

- ✓ Practice therapeutic techniques (if they desire) in a safe and supportive environment

- ✓ Engage in speaking experiences they might shy away from in their daily lives
- ✓ Assist others in achieving these goals through mutual aid and support
- ✓ Gather with others who stutter who understand their experiences
- ✓ Share fears, frustrations, and triumphs as they seek to overcome the burden of stuttering

Through our programs, events, and extensive library of materials, our goal is to reach out to people who stutter of all ages across the United States and around the world. The NSA sponsors workshops for parents and children designed to educate families and professionals, including speech therapists and preschool teachers, about early diagnosis and effective intervention strategies for children who stutter. We also help individuals locate clinicians who specialize in stuttering treatment. Our workshops for adults who stutter help to educate, motivate, and inspire others, while providing opportunities to explore various aspects of stuttering. In addition, we offer complete line of brochures, books, and promotional materials for purchase and distribution, as well as a series of free, printable pamphlets, all available on our website.

With over three million Americans sharing the problems associated with stuttering, the NSA plays a vital role in letting people who stutter know that they are not alone.



Our Story

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National Stuttering Association (originally the National Stuttering Project, or NSP) was founded in California in January, 1977 by Bob Goldman & Michael Sugarman. Early efforts focused on community outreach programs. Through Public Service Announcements (PSAs), advertisements in local newspapers, and appearances on local radio and television shows, the first members worked to spread the word about stuttering and about the new organization for people who stutter.

One of the group's most important early projects was to establish local self-help groups across California. Today, the NSA has more than 200 local support group chapters nationwide. Following are just a few of our accomplishments:

- In 1988, thanks to the advocacy of a group of members and their local representatives, the President of the United States signed a proclamation establishing the second week of May as National Stuttering Awareness Week (NSAW). Each year during NSAW, the NSA partners with speech therapists and the media to reach the thousands of people who still feel alone and isolated because of their stuttering.
- The NSA declared 1996 the Year of the Child Who Stutters and hosted symposia around the country focusing on the diagnosis and treatment of young people who stutter.
- In 2001, the NSA hosted the first joint symposium for scientists and consumers: *Pioneering Stuttering Research in the 21st Century*. This event focused on building partnerships and fostering collaboration between researchers and clinicians.
- 2017 marked 40 years of bringing hope, support, and empowerment to people who stutter.

The NSA's rich history reflects an unwavering commitment to helping people who stutter, their families, and the clinicians who serve them. The organization's history of growth shows the success of our mission and outreach programs as we work to spread our message of hope, dignity, support, education and empowerment.

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