

**Danielle Hall, Program Manager, Vaccine Education Initiative**

Danielle Hall is the National Program Manager for the Vaccine Education Initiative at the Autism Society. Danielle has a Master's Degree in Social Work with an emphasis on Public Health. She brings more than 20 years of experience in planning, designing, evaluating, and managing programs to promote health, equity, and access. Danielle lives in New Jersey with her husband, two girls, and Cocker Spaniel.

**Stephanie Mucha**

Stephanie Mucha has worked for over 20 years in the healthcare non-profit space. Immediately prior to joining the Autism Society, she directed community outreach efforts at a Chicago-based organization that provides primary health care services, including equitable vaccine access, to individuals in under-resourced communities. Stephanie has also partnered with clinicians and families at the Child Neurology Foundation and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) in the pursuit of comprehensive and accessible healthcare. At the AAP, she led all policy, education, and advocacy initiatives specific to children with disabilities, their families, and pediatricians who care for this population. She was also the lead AAP staff contact and subject matter expert on autism. Stephanie is an independent consultant who has worked with non-profit organizations to help achieve their programmatic and strategic goals. She earned her Masters of Public Health degree from Northwestern University.

**Caden Gabriel:**

Caden Gabriel (they/them) is the regional project coordinator, vaccine education initiative at Autism Society of America. They has 8 years of experience working in the fields of Public Health and Mental Health. Before joining ASA, Caden worked directly with Autistic kids and families providing DIR Floortime model support at homes and in schools in the DC metropolitan area. At the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), Caden worked with communities around the country providing technical assistance to Local Health Departments on the topics of health equity, harm reduction, mental health, public safety, and public health to help communities carry out CDC-funded project activities. At the Georgetown University Medical Center, Department of Psychiatry Research, Caden managed and implemented an NIH study comparing mindfulness meditation with SSRI medication as treatments for anxiety in adults. Caden also writes part-time for Neurodiverging about their lived experiences as an Autistic adult with ADHD. Caden holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology and Human Development from the University of Maryland, and they are currently pursuing their Masters in Social Work part-time on the clinical track at the University of Maryland in Baltimore with future plans to become a psychotherapist for queer and neurodivergent people.

**Emily Sokolowski** has worked for over 7 years in the field of Autism services and advocacy. Prior to joining the Autism Society, she worked for a Philadelphia based non-profit organization that focused on bringing Autism awareness to action through inclusion initiatives and fundraising efforts. Emily has a passion for access, equity, and inclusion for under-represented individuals with disabilities, especially the adult population. When not at work, Emily enjoys

riding her Peloton, walking her dog, and trying as many Philly restaurants as possible with her fiancé!

**Jessica Slivinski** is a Regional Project Coordinator for the Vaccine Education Initiative (VEI) at the Autism Society. With a background in pre-medicine and French from St. Olaf College, Jessica's passion for disability advocacy has been a driving force throughout her life. She has contributed her time to volunteer work, conducted Autism research in collaboration with the University of Minnesota, and brings valuable experience in health equity, inclusive education, aquatic therapy, and accessible camp settings. Inspired by her grandmother's research on nutrition and its impact on children with Autism, Jessica's drive to advocate for the Autism community is deeply rooted.

Originally from Minnesota, Jessica traded the Midwest for the breathtaking mountains of Washington state. She indulges in outdoor activities such as backpacking, swimming, snowboarding, and biking. On rainy days, you can find her cooking, engrossed in a good book, or playing the piano. She also finds joy in nurturing her collection of over 40 houseplants and spending quality time with her feline companion, Rio. With her diverse skill set and genuine enthusiasm, Jessica is thrilled to contribute her expertise and make a positive impact within the Autism Society community.