

## Gloucester County opens new school for children with ASD

The recently opened Bankbridge Development Center is expected to help Gloucester County properly educate children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, as well as serve parents and the community in after-school hours.

As host of The Arc Report television program, Seth N. Broder, Esq., recently interviewed Gloucester County Freeholder Director Stephen M. Sweeney about the school, which is funded through the county's improvement authority.

Check local cable listings to catch The Arc Report program, which always features a segment with Ana Rivera, The Arc Gloucester Executive Director. Broder has been a member of Arc's Board of Directors since 1998 and chairman of its Governmental Affairs Committee since 2002.

Sweeney talked about how the Bankbridge Development Center will serve up to 200 children in the county, from preschool through age 21. It will also house the Division of Gloucester County Special Child Health, Early Intervention and Regional Council Services.



**Seth Broder, left, and Freeholder Stephen Sweeney talk about the Bankbridge Development Center for The Arc Report.**

The state-of-the-art facility will be operated by the Gloucester County Special Services School District. After school, it can serve as a meeting place, lending library or workshop site that would help area parents who have children with special needs.

## Video Glossary shows early signs of autism

Notable organizations including Autism Speaks have come together to offer a video glossary of Autism Spectrum Disorders, allowing parents, caregivers, teachers and others see examples of early warning signs associated with autism.

Never done before, this online video glossary is available to the public and free of charge. It contains more than 100 video clips that allow people to see

side-by-side video of both typical and non-typical behavior. Its goal is to offer people who are unfamiliar with ASD a tool through which they might detect autism earlier and understand it better.

Aside from a diagnostic standpoint, the video glossary will be helpful to parents who are learning all the terminology that goes with a diagnosis. An alphabetical listing of terms provides definitions and links to the correlating video showing behavior.

**The ASD Video Glossary can be accessed on the website of [Autism Speaks](http://www.autismspeaks.org).**

Broder Law Group, P.C. will keep you up to date on legal issues affecting special education.

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