



April is Autism Awareness Month!!!

Lets take this month as an opportunity for everyone to increase public awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Know the Signs: Early Identification is Key Act Early

There are no cures for autism, however there are strategies to support development. Children do not "outgrow" autism, but studies show that early diagnosis and intervention lead to significantly improved outcomes.

Here are some signs to look for in the children in your life:

- Lack of or delay in spoken language
- Repetitive use of language and/or motor mannerisms (e.g. swinging arms, body tapping, twirling objects)
- Difficulty with joint attention (looking at one another) during social interaction
- Having trouble understanding other people's feelings or talking about their own feelings
- Getting upset by minor changes
- Lack of interest in peer relationships
- Lack of spontaneous or make-believe play
- Persistent fixation on parts of objects

How can I promote autism awareness?

- Contact your local and state legislators
- Encourage community members to spread the word about autism
- Contact your local support group

Information found at:

Centers for Disease Control
<http://www.cdc.gov/>

Autism Society of America Foundation
<http://www.autism-society.org/>

Autism Support Group Information:

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Autism Affects Many Families

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reports that autism affects 1 in every 110 births in the United States and almost 1 in 70 boys. The CDC also reports autism is the fastest-growing developmental disability. Even though this is such a prevalent disability, there are many people that lack knowledge and resources surrounding autism spectrum disorders. We encourage everyone to support autism awareness month within their community.

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