

April is

NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH



What is Autism?

- Autism is a bio-neurological developmental disability that generally appears before the age of 3.
- Autism impacts the normal development of the brain in the areas of social interaction, communication skills, and cognitive function. Individuals with autism typically have difficulties in verbal and non-verbal communication, social interactions, and leisure or play activities.
- Autism is diagnosed four times more often in boys than girls. Its prevalence is not affected by race, region, or socio-economic status.
- Currently there is no cure for autism, though with early intervention and treatment, the diverse symptoms related to autism can be greatly improved and, in some cases, completely overcome.

Autism Facts & Stats

- Autism now affects 1 in 59 children; over half are classified as having an intellectual disability or borderline intellectual disability.
- Boys are four times more likely to have autism than girls.
- About 40% of children with autism do not speak. About 25%–30% of children with autism have some words at 12 to 18 months of age and then lose them. Others might speak, but not until later in childhood.
- Autism greatly varies from person to person. (no two people with autism are alike)
- The rate of autism has steadily grown over the last twenty years.
- Children with autism do progress – early intervention is the key.



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