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DID YOU KNOW?

Early intervention can improve learning, communication and social skills, as well as underlying brain development.

Autism Speaks

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**Autism
Support**



The mission of the Autism Support Team is to provide consultation & education to empower Marion County School staff members to provide students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) access to education & lifelong success.

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Cooperative #617**

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Support Services Provided

Provide observations and consultations

Assist in team planning

Provide staff development

Suggest strategies and interventions for parents and teachers

Administer Screenings for appropriate identification and interventions

Characteristics of ASD

Repetitive Behaviors:

Restricted patterns of interest, activities and motor mannerisms

Communication:

Lack of verbal and non-verbal communication (such as gestures or facial expressions), unusual vocal intonation.

Social Interaction:

Varying eye contact, demonstrates one-sided conversation, lack of the awareness of social rules.

Current facts about ASD

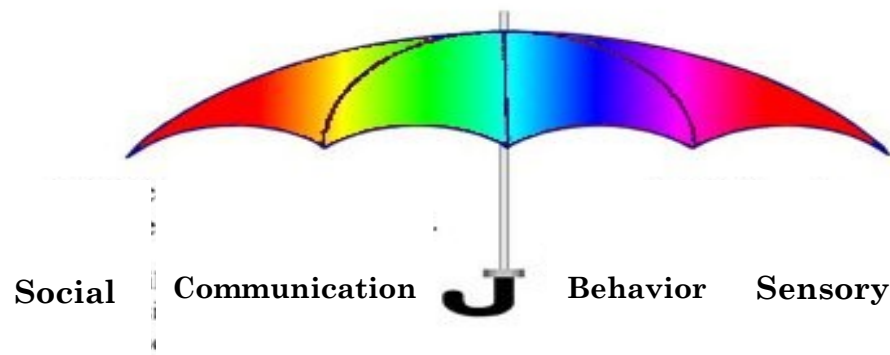
About 1 in 54 children have been identified with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Autism is almost four times more common in boys than in girls.

Most children were still being diagnosed after age 4, though autism can be reliably diagnosed as early as age 2.

While there is no medical detection for Autism, research indicates that genetics are involved in the vast majority of cases.

Over the last two decades, extensive research has asked whether there is any link between childhood vaccinations and autism. The results of this research are clear: Vaccines do not cause autism.



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