

Autism Acceptance: One in 36

The Connection Is You™



What is Autism?

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a complex, lifelong developmental condition that typically appears during early childhood and can impact a person's **social skills, communication, relationships, and self-regulation**. The Autism experience is different for everyone. It is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is often referred to as a “spectrum condition” that affects people differently and to varying degrees.

While there is currently no known single cause of Autism, early diagnosis helps a person receive resources that can support the choices and opportunities needed to live fully.



Relationships



Communication



Self-Regulation



Social Skills

Autism Signs & Characteristics

- Repetitive behaviors, movements, or phrases
- Lack of response to normal stimuli (i.e. his/her name, visual cues)
- Atypical verbal communication, non-speaking, or non-verbal
- Difficulty understanding or expressing feelings
- Avoiding eye contact

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The Autism Society's mission is to create connections, empowering everyone in the Autism community with the resources needed to live fully. Discover ways in which **you can be the connection** to help us fulfill our mission.

- Educate yourself and share resources
- Take action through advocacy
- Connect to a local Autism Society affiliate
- Attend an Autism Society event
- Host a fundraiser
- Donate, every dollar helps
- Connect by using the hashtag, **#CelebrateDifferences**

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