



FACTS ABOUT... AUTISM & COMMUNICATION

- ✓ Autism is a neurodevelopmental disorder defined by impairments in social and communication development, accompanied by patterns of behavior and interest.
- ✓ Speech therapists screen for, evaluate and treat speech and language disorders secondary to the primary diagnosis of Autism or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).
- ✓ 1 in 150 individuals is diagnosed with autism, making it more common than pediatric cancer, diabetes, and AIDS combined.
- ✓ Autism occurs in all racial, ethnic, and social groups and is four times more likely to strike boys than girls.
- ✓ Government statistics suggest the rate of Autism is rising 10-17% annually.
- ✓ Autism has no known cause. Recent studies suggest a strong genetic basis for autism -- up to 20 sets of genes may play a part in its development.

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