

# Autism

## The Autism Awareness Ribbon

*Autism is represented by bright and colorful puzzle pieces.*



*We hope that through increased public awareness, studies, and the availability of free early intervention for children everywhere, we will be able to piece together this complex puzzle, and in time be able to better understand and treat the disorder.*

If you think your child may be autistic we recommend that you talk to your doctor, a skilled nurse or pediatrician. Early detection is very important for his/hers future well being.

### Recommended websites :

- [www.earlyinterventionsupport](http://www.earlyinterventionsupport)
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Face your deficiencies and acknowledge them; but do not let them master you. Let them teach you patience, sweetness, insight.

Helen Keller (1880 - 1968)

## What is autism ?

Autism spectrum disorder ( ASP ) is a development disorder, that is best described as difficulties in speech, and social interaction. Most parents see the first signs before their child is three years old, while a person who is diagnosed later would usually have the Asperger disorder.

There are 4 times more autistic boys than girls.

Recent studies show that 1 in every 150 children has some symptoms of autism.

Some children develop normally, but suddenly regress, sometime after a sickness.

There is still no concrete evidence as to what causes autism, as it affects children in every nation, of every color and social background.

## Symptoms

The three main areas where an autistic child might be lacking in are:

- Social skills
- Language
- Behavior problems

The autistic child is often a late talker; he might show little interest in other people, or children, their feelings, and emotions.

He may have difficulty expressing his own feelings.

He might be careless, fearless, doing dangerous things, and not responding to your disapproval.

These children may display odd behaviors, such as rocking, flapping of the hands, lining up objects, staring.

At times they seem to live in a world of their own.

They prefer to follow set routines.

Sometimes they don't want to be touched or held, they often avoid eye contact.

They can be silent observers of the world, or endless chatters about a single topic that is of interest to them.

People with autism can also have other disorders, or sicknesses. For example ADHD

## Can it be cured?

Though there are many who have experimented with a variety of treatments, diets, and programs, the most successful method to date is early intervention.

Autism ultimately is a form of brain damage; with early intervention the child is taught language, and social skills in a structured, one on one program.

The future prognosis is best for children who are diagnosed early, and learn to communicate.

Some people with autism need to use medicines ( Such as Ritalin ) to control some of their impulses and help them concentrate.

People with autism are challenged in some areas, but many are talented artists, musicians, or mathematicians.