

# Autism:

Finding the pieces  
that fit, together.



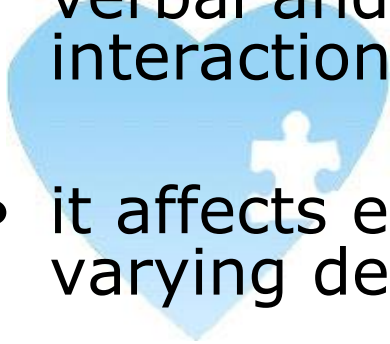
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# What is Autism?

- Developmental disorder
- 1 in 150 births (Centers for Disease Control Prevention, 2007)
- Interfering with the normal developmental functioning of the brain in the areas of social interaction and communication skills such as verbal and non-verbal communication, social interactions, and leisure or play activities.
- it affects each individual differently and at varying degrees

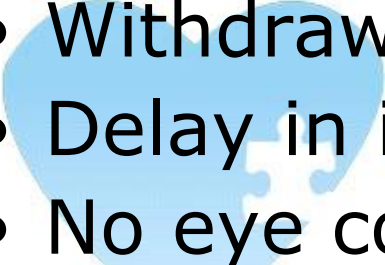


# What causes Autism?

- Genetics
- Heritability rates of 75%
- For most people with ASDs, the cause is not known.



# Signs of Autism.

- Lack of responsiveness
  - Communication impairment
  - Bizarre responses to environment:  
Fixation on an object
  - Insistence on routines
  - Repetitive body movements
  - Withdrawal from social contacts
  - Delay in imaginative play
  - No eye contact
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# The faces of Autism.

Early sign of autism  
not responding  
to name

7/28/05

19 months



# The faces of Autism.

- child
- adult



# Who's getting involved?

- Autism Speaks was founded on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005, by Bob and Suzanne Wright.
- Currently there are no Autism Awareness groups that specifically target college students.



# Our Mission.

- To educate and raise awareness about Autism in neighboring communities and on college campuses.
- To promote the specialized fields of Autism research, treatment and advocacy to the future generation of professionals.



# Project Details.

- Informational Literature.
- Lecture series "Autism: Finding The Pieces That Fit, Together."
- Promotion of the Walk for Autism. Sponsored by Autism Speaks.
- Raising funds for Autism research.



# Informational Literature.



# Autism: Finding The Pieces That Fit, Together.



# Promotion for the Walk Now For Autism.



# Final Thought

- Autism is simply not a challenge of society, but of mankind.
- If you don't already know someone with Autism within the next few years you will.
- We CAN find all the pieces that fit, together.



Thank You!!!



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