



APRIL IS NATIONAL **AUTISM** AWARENESS MONTH

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER
is a range of conditions affecting social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech, and nonverbal communication.

WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY IS April 2nd

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with celebrations to understand this disorder. Here are some facts to learn what autism is and how you can help those who have it.

AWARENESS

- Most obvious signs of autism appear between two and three years old.
- Children may fail to respond to their name or have a reduced interest in people.
- Around one third of people with autism stay nonverbal their whole life.
- Seizures, ADHD, and anxiety frequently accompany autism.



ACTION

- Developmental delay screenings should occur at nine months.
- Autism Spectrum Disorder screenings should be at 18 months.
- Child psychologists and neurologists can help detect autism in your child.

INCLUSION & ACCEPTANCE

- Children with Autism don't get the same sense of inclusion in schools as other children, making them feel excluded and alienated.
- Adults with autism often have trouble getting a job.
- Social inclusion is having access to education, health care, and services.
- The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities states those with autism have the right to be included in their community.

