

Get involved with the Autism Society

Local Support Efforts

The Autism Society of Central Texas supports families through multiple monthly face-to-face meetings, regular recreational activities, sensory-friendly movie screenings, and several on-line tools. No matter how you like you to get to know others who live and work with autism, we can help you connect. Check the "Calendar" section on our website to see what's coming up.

Resource Guide

The Autism Society has compiled a comprehensive directory of service providers of all types. Please contact the office if you would like a copy for reference or if you would like to add your business to the listing.

Help us Grow

Whether you'd like to volunteer at a family event, plan a fundraiser, assist with administrative tasks, or make a financial donation, we need your help. The Autism Society is a lean operation that depends on the generosity of Central Texans. So please consider sharing your time, talent, and energy with us.



Saturday, April 11th
Georgetown High School

Held during National Autism Awareness Month, this event celebrates awareness and acceptance. We expect 600 cyclists and several hundred friends, family members, and volunteers.

All proceeds raised during the event stay local to directly help our families here in Central Texas.

www.autismbikeride.org



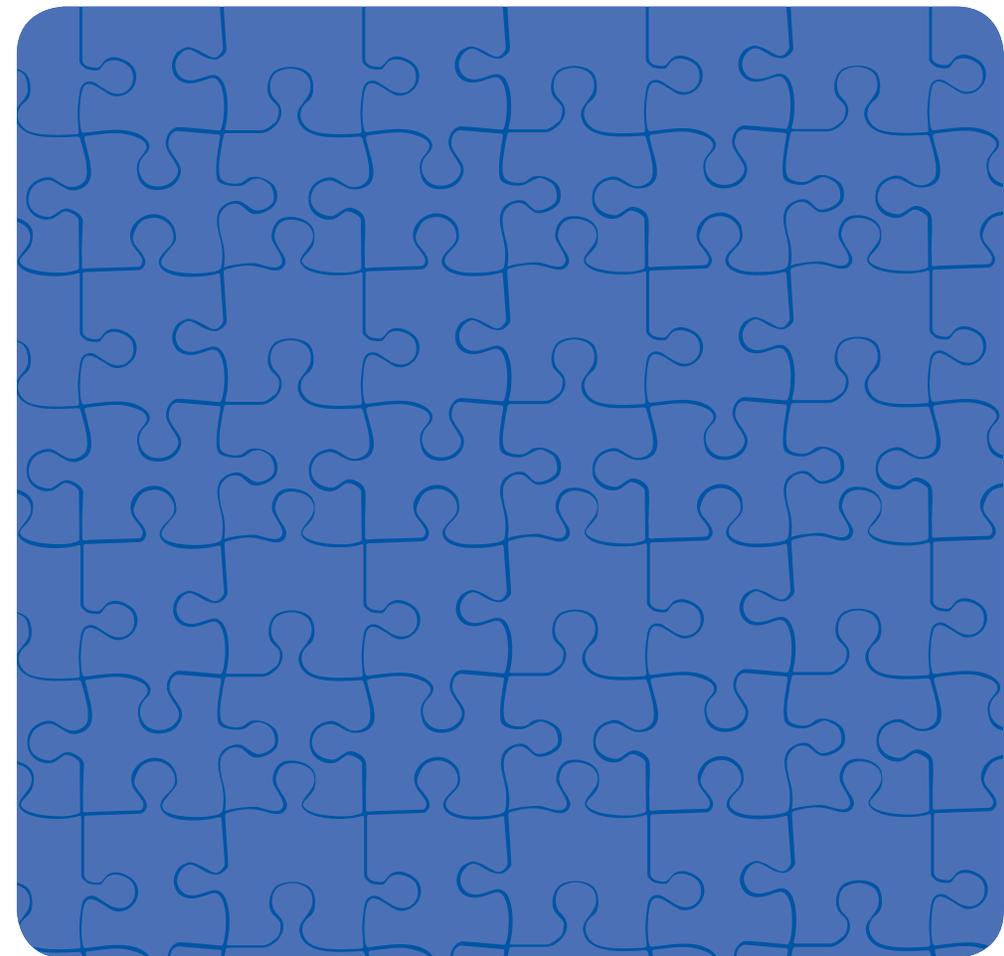
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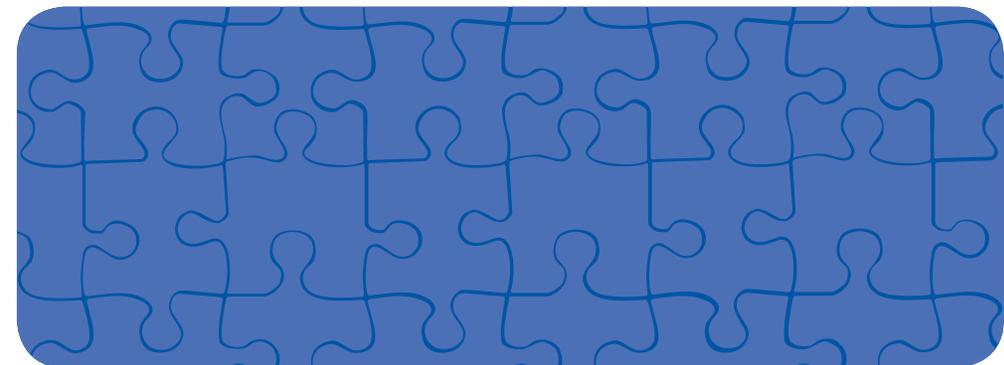
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 **AUTISM SOCIETY**
Improving the Lives of All Affected by Autism
Central Texas



What is Autism?

Autism spectrum disorder is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life and affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others. It is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is a "spectrum disorder" that affects individuals differently and to varying degrees. There is no known single cause of autism, but increased awareness and funding can help families today.

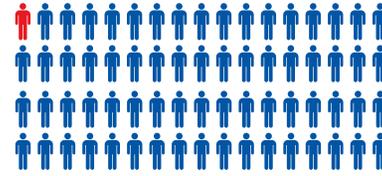
What are some of the signs?

- Lack of or delay in spoken language
- Lack of interest in peer relationships
- Repetitive use of language and/or motor mannerisms (e.g., hand-flapping, twirling objects)
- Lack of spontaneous or make-believe play
- Little or no eye contact
- Persistent fixation on parts of objects

About Us

The Autism Society of America, the nation's leading grassroots autism organization, exists to improve the lives of all affected by autism. The Autism Society of Central Texas is one of 106 affiliates of the Autism Society of America. We do this by increasing public awareness about the day-to-day issues faced by people on the spectrum, advocating for appropriate services for individuals across the lifespan, and providing the latest information regarding treatment, education, research and advocacy. With the increase in prevalence of autism, the requests for help from our local organization have also increased dramatically. The Autism Society responds to hundreds of inquiries from all over Central Texas every year about diagnosis, treatment, biomedical interventions, educational options, and local resources.

Facts & Stats about Autism



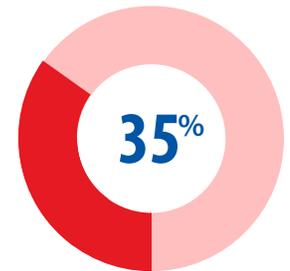
Prevalence in the US is estimated at 1 in 68 births.

Autism is **treatable**.

Children do not "outgrow" autism, but studies show that early diagnosis and intervention lead to significantly improved outcomes.

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FOR AUTISM SERVICES**



of young adults (ages 19-23) with autism have not had a job or received postgraduate education after leaving high school



Autism is the **fastest-growing** developmental disability

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LOCAL YAHOO
SUPPORT GROUP MEMBERS

1,219
SOCIAL MEDIA
MEMBERS LOCALLY

1,715
AFFILIATE FRIENDS
(including families, community providers, volunteers, and supporters from all over Central Texas)