



Our vision

A world where all people with autism can reach their full potential.

Our impact

Autism Speaks is enhancing lives today and accelerating a spectrum of solutions for tomorrow.

Our mission

Autism Speaks is dedicated to creating an inclusive world for all individuals with autism throughout their lifespan. We do this through advocacy, services, supports, research and innovation, and advances in care for autistic individuals and their families.

- **Ensure access to reliable information and services across the lifespan**
- **Support research and innovation that drives towards improved quality of life and well-being for individuals with autism throughout their lives**
- **Leverage our assets, through advocacy, partnerships and collaboration to support, extend and convene the work of service providers**
- **Accelerate delivery of solutions for adult quality of life needs, including transition, employment, housing and health and wellness**
- **Live and promote principles of diversity, equity, access and inclusion both in and outside the organization**

What is autism?

Autism, or autism spectrum disorder (ASD), refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication. We know that there is not one autism but many subtypes, most influenced by a combination of genetic and environmental factors. Because autism is a spectrum disorder, each person with autism has a distinct set of strengths and challenges. The ways in which people with autism learn, think and problem-solve can range from highly skilled to severely challenged. Some people with ASD may require significant support in their daily lives, while others may need less support and, in some cases, live entirely independently.

About Autism Speaks

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We're here to help.

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