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With 1 in 68 children being diagnosed with autism, Canada needs a single voice that directly supports these individuals and their families. Autism Canada is that voice. With 13 of our 15 board members being parents of someone on the spectrum or on the spectrum themselves, we get it because we live it.

Together with our Provincial and Territorial Council, we collaborate to share best practices and evidence based programs. We work together to advocate for universal access to treatments, services and supports. We are the Canadian voice bringing about real change for all those touched by autism.

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OUR VISION

That people on the Autism Spectrum have full, healthy and happy lives.

OUR MISSION

Advocate for and support Canadians with autism and their families.

OUR NATIONAL INITIATIVES

FAMILY SUPPORT AND RESOURCE PROGRAM

Together with our Provincial and Territorial Council, we provide supports and resources to those living with autism and their families.

AUTISM JUNCTION

Canada's Online Autism Services Directory
www.autismjunction.ca

ANNUAL CONFERENCE / WEBCAST

Bringing the most current information to even the most remote areas of Canada.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Automated Autism Screening Tools for all ages, an extensive video library and information on both traditional and emerging treatments.

NATIONAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Find conferences, webcasts, training and workshops in your area.

ADULT AUTISM FORUM

Adults living with autism come together online to share, learn, ask questions and get advice.



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IS THIS YOUR CHILD?



WHAT IS AUTISM

Autism is the common name used to describe Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). It is a complex neurobiological disorder that affects many body systems including brain development, leaving most individuals with communication problems, difficulty with typical social interactions and a tendency to repeat specific patterns of behaviour. There is also a markedly restricted repertoire of activity and interests. Individuals living with autism tend to have varying degrees and combinations of symptoms.

CHARACTERISITICS

If your child has some of these characteristics and is between 18 and 36 months of age, he or she may be showing early signs of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

- *Avoids eye contact*
- *Seems to ignore you*
- *Prefers to play alone*
- *Has excessive tantrums*
- *Has poor speech or 'loses' words*
- *Demonstrates limited pretend play*
- *Has repetitive & unusual behaviour*
- *Has chronic diarrhea or constipation*
- *Does not 'show you' or 'point to' objects*

If you suspect your child may have ASD, consult a physician specializing in developmental disorders immediately.

The incidence of Autism Spectrum Disorder is at epidemic proportions and is currently diagnosed in up to 1 in 68 children.



TREATMENTS AND THERAPIES

Each individual with an ASD will benefit from a broad-based approach drawing upon various treatments and therapies unique to his/her symptoms and abilities. The following are just some of the treatments and therapies currently used to manage or eliminate the symptoms of Autism Spectrum Disorders:

BIOMEDICAL TREATMENTS

- Dietary Interventions
- Nutritional Supplements
- Detoxification Treatments
- Immune Support Treatments
- Medications

EDUCATIONAL & BEHAVIOURAL PROGRAMS

- Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA/IBI)
- Floortime
- Pivotal Response Treatment (PRT)
- SCERTS
- TEACCH
- The Son-Rise Program
- Relationship Development Intervention (RDI)

COMMUNICATION THERAPIES

- Picture Exchange Communication (PECS)
- Verbal Behaviour
- Signed Speech
- Social Stories
- Facilitated Communication

SENSORY, MIND & BODY THERAPIES

- Sensory Integration
- Auditory Integration
- Vision Therapy
- HANDLE Therapy
- Music Therapy
- Cranial Sacral Therapy
- Chiropractic Therapy
- Occupational Therapy

OTHER THERAPIES

- Homeopathy
- Acupuncture
- Therapeutic Recreation



AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

- Autism
- Classic Autism
- High Functioning Autism
- Autistic Disorder
- Aspergers Syndrome or Disorder
- Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD)

