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Fact Sheet

What is autism?



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Building knowledge about autism



People know different things about autism.

That is ok.

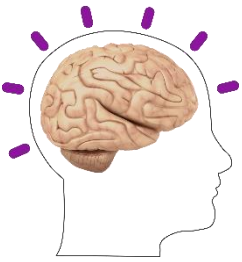


We welcome everyone who is wanting to do more for **autism inclusion**.

Autism inclusion is when people and places are welcoming and accepting for Autistic and autism communities.

What is autism?

Autism is a **neurological developmental difference**.



A neurological developmental difference is when the brain learns and works in a different way to most people.



This changes the way a person connects to:

- The environment.
- Other people.

Common traits and experiences



Every Autistic person is different.



But there are some common experiences and **traits** of autism.

Traits are the things that people do or have.

These can be:



- Communicating and interacting with people in a different way.



- Thinking and using their brain in a different way.



- Having a strong interest, passion or topic that they know a lot about.



- Processing **sensory information** in a different way.

Sensory information is things like sound, touch, taste, feel, and smell.

Things you might not know



People are born Autistic.

They are Autistic for their whole life.

Everyone experiences autism differently.



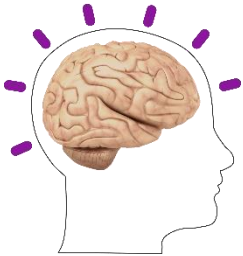
Autistic people will have their own:

- Strengths.
- Support needs.



These can change in different areas and times during their life.

Summary



- Autism is a difference in how a person's brain learns and works.

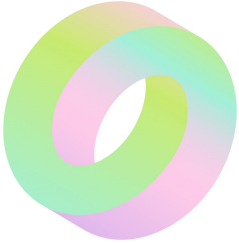


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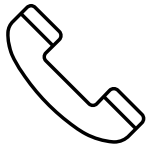


- Growing your knowledge and understanding helps to support Autistic and autism communities.

Contact Office for Autism



Contact the Office for Autism for more help or information.



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