April is Autism Awareness Month

**The Autism Awareness Ribbon**

The puzzle pattern of this ribbon reflects the mystery and complexity of autism. The different colors and shapes represents the diversity of people and families living with this disorder. The brightness of the ribbon signals hope—hope through research and increasing in people like you.

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Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)

Data & Statistics

- About 1 in 68 children has been identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) according to estimates from CDC’s Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network.
- ASD is reported to occur in all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups.
- ASD is almost 5 times more common among boys (1 in 42) than among girls (1 in 189).
- About 1 in 6 children in the United States had a developmental disability in 2006-2008, ranging from mild disabilities such as speech and language impairments to serious developmental disabilities, such as intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, and autism.