

Autism Resources

Websites: (there are many, below is a brief list)

Kelberman Center – is an affiliate of UCP and has an office in Utica and Morrisville. They are dedicated to providing autism services across the lifespan. <http://www.kelbermancenter.org>.

Autism Society – Improving the Lives of All Affected by Autism. <http://www.autism-society.org>.

CARD – Center for Autism and Related Disabilities <http://www.albany.edu/autism/> CARD is affiliated with the University at Albany, State University of New York. Their mission is to provide expertise in Autism Spectrum Disorders while integrating research, training and practice.

- Upcoming workshops/events for families: http://www.albany.edu/autism/training_families.php.

Autism Speaks - <http://www.autismspeaks.org/>

Autism Speaks was founded in February 2005 by Bob and Suzanne Wright, grandparents of a child with autism. Their longtime friend Bernie Marcus donated \$25 million to help financially launch the organization. Since then, Autism Speaks has grown into the nation's largest autism science and advocacy organization, dedicated to funding research into the causes, prevention, treatments and a cure for autism; increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders; and advocating for the needs of individuals with autism and their families.

National Institute of Neurological Disorders – <http://www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/autism/detail-autism.htm>.
Fact sheets, additional resources and links are on this site.

CDC – Centers for Disease control and prevention <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/freematerials.html>. Free fact sheets, resource kits and materials for parents and educators.

Books: (there are many, below is a brief list)

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon

House Rules by Jodi Piccault

Rules by Cynthia Lord

Daniel Isn't Talking by Marti Leimbach

Look me in the Eye: My Life with Asperger's by John Elder Robison

Thinking in Pictures by Temple Grandin

A Different Kind of Happy by Kodamama

Point to Happy by Afton Fraser and Miriam Smith

Different Like Me: My Book of Autism Heroes by Jennifer Elder

The Reason I Jump by Naoki Higashida

Videos/TV Shows/Movies:

TED talks on Autism – https://www.ted.com/playlists/153/the_autism_spectrum

- TED is a nonprofit devoted to spreading ideas, usually in the form of short, powerful talks (18 minutes or less). TED (Technology, Entertainment and Design) began in 1984

HBO special movie on Temple Grandin – <http://www.hbo.com/movies/temple-grandin/index.html>.
(Temple Grandin - Doctor of Animal Science and Professor at Colorado State University, bestselling author, and consultant to the livestock industry in animal behavior.)
Bones – (TV series) - character, Temperance “Bones” Brennan
Fringe – (TV series) - character, Astrid Farnsworth
Big Bang Theory (TV series) - characters, Sheldon Cooper and Amy Fowler (girl-friend)
Boston Legal (TV series) – character, Jerry Espenson
Parenthood (TV series) – character, Max (son)
Grey’s Anatomy (TV series) – character, Mary McDonnell
Sesame Street (TV series) – character/puppet, Julia

There are a number of You Tube videos about Asperger’s/Autism.

One is ‘Asperger’s Syndrome Documentary’ – <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WAfWfsop1e0>

A teen with autism tries to explain what autism is like –
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T3PwG36iKH8&feature=related>

Individuals with ASD:

Susan Boyle, Britain’s Got Talent Finalist
James Durbin, American Idol Finalist
Albert Einstein, Inventor
Daryl Hannah, Actress
Alexis Wineman, Miss Montana 2012 & Miss America contestant
Ladyhawke, Indie Musician
Matt Savage, Jazz Prodigy
Clay Marzo, Professional Surfer
Danny Beath, Award winning landscape & wildlife photographer
Dan Akroyd, Actor
Courtney Love, Rock Star
Satoshi Tajiri, Pokémon Creator
John Elder Robison, Author
Heather Kuzmich, America’s Next Top Model contestant
Adam Young, Musician/singer/songwriter (Owl City)

*other well-known individuals with disabilities –

http://www.disabled-world.com/artman/publish/article_0060.shtml

Careers:

Exceptional Minds: <http://exceptionalmindsstudio.org/> nonprofit vocational school and working studio that prepares young adults on the autism spectrum for careers in digital animation and visual effects.

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