

TOPIC

DIFFICULTY OF SOCIAL COMMUNICATION FOR AUTISTIC CHILDREN.

PURPOSE: To Educate my audience on the difficulty autistic children have with social communication

AUDIENCE : Men and women of childbearing age 18 – 35 years old.

The purpose of my presentation is to educate men and women of childbearing age on the difficulty children with autism have with social communication. This presentation will also help to create awareness regarding the recent research done on this issue and some helpful discovered tips that have been used in assisting autistic children with social communication difficulty to their full potential.

OUTLINES

PURPOSE: To educate my audience on the difficulty of social communication in autistic children and to make them aware of some recent research and helpful tips that can be used to alleviate this problem .

Thesis Statement: Autistic children has lots of difficulty with social communication, and need assistance of their fathers and mothers to help improve their communication skills. This is the reason why it is important to educate men and women of childbearing age about this difficulty, recent research done on this problem and therapies that will help in improving this problem.

INTRODUCTION: Does any one know what A . U . T . I . S . M stand for ?. I believe most people will say it stand for All utility transition information system and many other meaning, you name it . A . U . T . I . S . Means Always, Unique , Totally , Sometimes , Mysterioussimply called autism. What is Autism? Autism is a developmental problems that occurs in the early toddler stage, and affects the brain's normal development of social and communication skills. By Brittany . Allen. The next questions will be Does children with autism develop communication ability equally like children with no autism?. The answer is no, children with autism face tons of problem with social communication. Even though some children with autism are fluently verbal, but still they are not free of language and communication challenges. This is why this presentation is very important because it will educate us on these difficulty that autistic children face with communication, assist us in recognizing and understanding these problem , make us aware of the recent research in this issues and help us understand the discovered therapy that can help to reduce this problem..

Main point : difficulty of social communication In autistic children.

A. HOW DOES AUTISM AFFECT COMMUNICATION: The word “autism” has its origin in the Greek word “autos,” which means “self.” Children with autism appears to be in a total different world. Also they are self absorbed and have limited ability to successfully communicate and interact with others. Developing language skills and understanding what others say is always a challenge to autistic children. These children also have difficulty communicating nonverbally, such as through hand gestures, eye contact, and facial expressions. (www.nidcd.nih.gov)

B. EARLY SIGNS OF SOCIAL COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTY IN CHILDREN WITH AUTISM

Language development that is not even. Lots of kids with autism develop speech and language skills but they don't develop it up to a normal level and their language skills progression is always slow. For instance, they may develop a strong vocabulary in a particular area of interest very quickly and have less vocabulary in the other area. Some may be able to read words before age five, but may not comprehend what they have read. Also, they may have problem answering questions asked by others including their own names. Because of these reason, people mistakenly thought that these children have hearing problem. .

Poor nonverbal conversation skills. Children with autism don't normally use gestures – such as pointing to object when communicating. Also they have poor eye contact with people which makes it seems to be rude or uninterested when other people are trying to communicate with them. Also because autistic children are not able to express themselves verbally or using gesture, they get frustrated during communication and throw temper tantrum and outburst lots of time.

Main point: Recent research done on difficulty of social communication in autistic children

A. The federal government's Autism CARES Act of 2014 brought attention to the need to expand research and improve coordination among all of the components of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) that fund autism research. These include the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), along with the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD),. (www.nidcd.nih.gov.)

Autism affect 1 in every 68 children in united state below are some of the findings from most recent research.**1.**

Autism is in the Genes

One of the most exciting recent developments in autism research stems from large, genome-wide studies have identified genes and genetic mutations that may contribute to autism. (www.scilearn.com. 2016)

White Matter Fiber Tracts Differ in Children with ASD

Another area of investigation is brain differences in children with autism. Researchers has investigated white matter tracts, the superhighways of the brain that allow efficient information transfer between

brain regions . They found a significant difference between autistic child's white matter tract and non autistic child's white matter tract. (www.scilearn.com, 2016)

Main point: Discovered tips that help to alleviate the difficulty that autistic children have with social communication.

a. Early intervention with therapy is the key. If a doctor suspects that a child has autism, the physician will immediately refer the child to different specialists, e.g -: a speech-language pathologist. This type of specialist is trained to treat individual with speech problems. The speech-language pathologist will perform a comprehensive evaluation of the child's ability to communicate, and will design an appropriate treatment program. In addition, the child might be referred for hearing testing to rule out any hearing problem.

Teaching children with autism to improve their communication skills is very essential because it help them to reach their full potential. It is essential to start this teaching early, probably from preschool and it must be tailored to the child's age and interest for helping them reach their goal. The child's communication skill should be addressed during teaching and their must be regular reinforcement for positive actions. . Lots of autistic children respond very well in a structure and specialized programs. For some younger children with autism, improving speech and language skills is a realistic goal of treatment. Parents and caregivers are very helpful in helping the child attend this goal by getting involved and teaching the child at home. Just as toddlers learn to crawl before they walk, kids develop pre-language skills before they begin to use words. These skills include using eye contact, gestures, body movements, imitation, and babbling and other vocalizations to help them communicate. Children who lack these skills may be evaluated and treated by a speech-language pathologist to prevent further developmental delays.

Some children with autism will never develop any speech at all, in this case, the child will be taught to communicate using nonverbal means like using gestures e.g sign language, using symbols and picture board r charts. (www.iidc.indiana.edu).

[CHART ILLUSTRATING DISCOVERED TREATMENT THAT HELP TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN CHILDREN WITH AUTISM.](#)

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CURRICULUM DOMAINS
FOR CHILDREN (AGES 0-8)



(www.centerforautismandrelateddisorder.com)

Conclusion: Communication can be easy to you and me but not necessarily for everyone. Autistic children face the most difficult communication barriers. That is why series of research as we learned in this presentation has been done in an attempt to find a solution to this problem. Experts are still researching and as of moment they have not found a way to prevent or treat this difficulty that autistic children have with social communication. These innocent kids that are affected with autism need our help, and that is why it is very important that all of us will join hands together and use the knowledge we now have about the difficulty that autistic children have with social communication, knowledge of the recent research and powerful tool of therapy and assist these children in improving their social communication skills and reach their full potential. Yes we can do it . Yes together as mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers we can create that perfect voice that autistic children lack.

Thank you .

QUESTIONS ???

How can I get more information about Autism ?

Answer: Information on autism can be found at NIH health information page.

B. What should I do if I notice autism symptom in my child.

Answer : Immediately contact your pediatrician and schedule an appointment to discuss your concerns.

C : Does male and female children affected with autism have the same level of difficulty in social communication ?

Answer. Autism affect children differently, regardless of sex. No autistic child are the same. So the level in which the child will exhibit difficulty in social communication depend on the severity that the child is affected with autism.

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