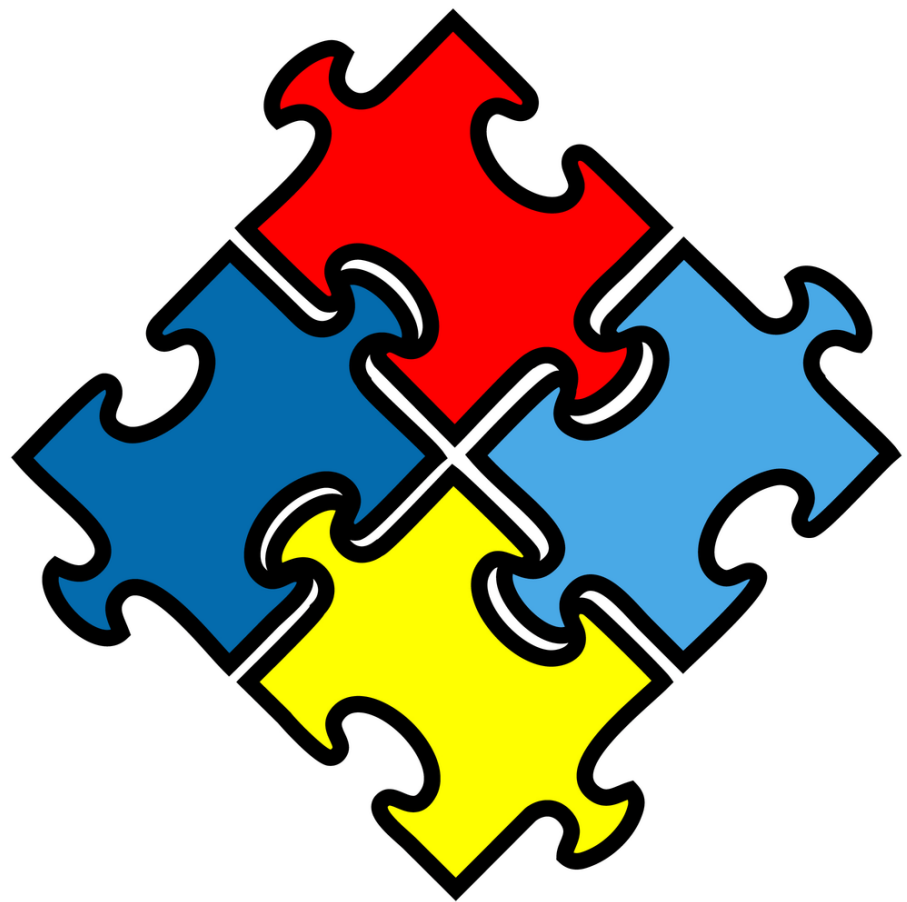




AUTISM AWARENESS AND ACCEPTANCE MONTH

Commission on Disabilities
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**April is Autism Awareness
and Acceptance Month**

**April 2nd is World Autism
Awareness Day**

WHAT IS AUTISM?

- Autism, also known as autism spectrum disorder (ASD), is a neurodevelopmental disorder characterized by persistent challenges in social interaction, communication, and behavior. The term "spectrum" reflects the wide variation in challenges and strengths that each person with autism may experience.



DATA AND STATISTICS

- About 1 in 36 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 nearly 4 times more common among boys than among girls.

AUTISM SOCIETY – INLAND EMPIRE

The Autism Society Inland Empire connects people to resources they need through education, advocacy, support, information and referral, and community programming.

MISSION

Create connections, empowering everyone in the Autism community with the resources needed to live fully.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission on Disabilities receive and file this presentation.