

自閉症： 謬論與事實



positive
partnerships

Working together to support school-aged
students on the autism spectrum

“謬論”標題下的說法，是直接引自家人的說法。

“事實”標題下，是基於科學和醫學研究的事實。

謬論	事實
“自閉症是一種詛咒”	詛咒無法改變，但自閉症兒童卻可以受助而獲益
“自閉症是你們的錯”	子女的自閉症並非父母造成
“自閉症是可以治愈的病症”	自閉症是發展障礙，通過教育和治療可以得到改善
“自閉症是會蔓延的疾病”	自閉症是因人而異和獨一無二的
“自閉症會傳染”	沒有人會“感染”自閉症
“自閉症是懲罰你的原罪”	懲罰只適用於需要承擔責任的人，而不是無辜的嬰兒
“自閉症就是指‘智障’”	有些自閉症兒童會有智力障礙，有些智力一般，而有些卻比社會上的其他人更加聰明
“自閉症是因為看了太多電視”	即使是完全不看電視的孩子，也會患上自閉症
“自閉症是因為免疫接種引起的”	研究並未發現自閉症和疫苗之間存在任何關係
“自閉症只影響某一階級的人”	不同收入水平和不同文化的人，都有可能患上自閉症
“自閉症是母親的過錯”	自閉症與孩子的基因相關，這些基因遺傳自母親和父親雙方

Autism: Myths and facts

The quotes under 'Myths' are direct quotes from family members.
The 'Facts' column is based on science and medical research.

Myths	Facts
"Autism is a curse"	A curse cannot be changed but children with autism can be helped
"Autism is your fault"	Parents do not cause their child's autism
"Autism is a disease that can be cured"	Autism is a developmental condition that can improve with education and therapy
"Autism is an epidemic"	Autism is personal and individual
"Autism is contagious"	No one can 'catch' autism
"Autism is punishment for your sins"	Punishment applies to a person who is responsible; not to an innocent baby
"Autism means 'mentally retarded'"	Some children with autism have an intellectual disability, some are average and some are smarter than other people in the community
"Autism is caused by too much TV"	Autism happens to children even if they don't watch TV at all
"Autism is caused by vaccinations"	Research studies have found no link between autism and vaccines
"Autism affects only a certain class of people"	Autism may be seen in people of all levels of income and across all cultures
"Autism is the fault of the mother"	Autism is related to the genes of a child which come from both the mother and father