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April is World Autism Month

About Autism Awareness and Autism Acceptance

Autism awareness has facilitated funding, research, best practice, and progress with assessment, diagnosis and supports for individuals with autism and their families. It has also influenced awareness of child development, earlier identification, and support of other developmental concerns.

With the expansion of autism awareness, autism acceptance and respect for neuro-diversity has followed. Autism acceptance asks us to be consciously inclusive, convey respect of an individual's inherent value, and prevent unconscious stigma, stereotypes, and negative assumptions.

Links to more information and resources:

- [Autism-moving-from-awareness-to-acceptance \(massgeneral.org\)](https://massgeneral.org/autism-moving-from-awareness-to-acceptance)
- [Moving from autism awareness to acceptance: Tips to promote acceptance and inclusion in everyday life | Texas Children's Hospital \(texaschildrens.org\)](https://www.texaschildrens.org/moving-from-autism-awareness-to-acceptance)
- [Paul Micallef's Autism From the Inside video, "Autism Acceptance: How can autistic people change the world?"](#)
- [OAR We Support Self-Advocates: Resources for Autistic Individuals](#)