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Tazewell Mason Counties Special Education Association Spring
2019 Autism Newsletter

April is World Autism Month



Ways to Celebrate!!!

- Wear a puzzle piece print ribbon or blue ribbon
- Decorate your door or a bulletin board with a puzzle piece theme
- Attend Temple Grandin's speech, *The World Needs All Kinds of Minds* at ISU Bone Student Center April 10th (free admission)
- Attend a [Sensory Friendly Film](#)

Updated Info on Prevalence

- ❖ In 2018 the CDC determined that approximately 1 in 59 children is diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD).
 - 1 in 37 boys
 - 1 in 151 girls
- ❖ Boys are four times more likely to be diagnosed with autism than girls.
- ❖ Most children were still being diagnosed after age 4, though autism can be reliably diagnosed as early as age 2.
- ❖ 31% of children with ASD have an intellectual disability (intelligence quotient [IQ] <70), 25% are in the borderline range (IQ 71–85), and 44% have IQ scores in the average to above average range (i.e., IQ >85).
- ❖ Autism affects all ethnic and socioeconomic groups.
- ❖ Minority groups tend to be diagnosed later and less often.
- ❖ Early intervention affords the best opportunity to support healthy development and deliver benefits across the lifespan.

Upcoming Free and Local Workshops by TMCSEA.

Please register soon at
<http://www.tmcsea.org/inservice.html>



★ **TMCSEA Summer Autism Experiential Training** will be held June 3-6 at Schramm Educational Center. This training is designed for educators working with students on the autism spectrum in both general and special education settings. The methods of instruction include lecture, small group activities, classroom simulations and interactions with students with Autism. Attendance at all 4 days is required. 24 PD hours will be given. Registration will be opening soon. Request a registration form by emailing aealey@tmcsea.org.

TMCSEA Autism Library Highlights

These materials and more are available to staff and parents to check out
Visit our website <http://www.tmcsea.org/autism.html> for a complete listing and checkout information

