

Autism & Hidden Disability Awareness

A First Responder Training



This training is targeted specifically to law enforcement, emergency medical personnel, firefighters, dispatchers and other first responders who may interact with individuals with hidden disabilities within the community.

Training Objectives:

- Understand the characteristics of Autism and related disorders
- Learn strategies to support and calm individuals with disabilities
- Become aware of community resources

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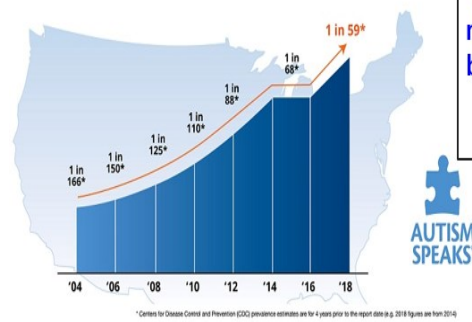


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Estimated Autism Prevalence 2018



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