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## Is Autism Acceptance Month

Autism is a broad term used to describe a group of lifelong neurodevelopmental conditions that can impact a person's social skills, communication, relationships, and self-regulation. It's the fastest-growing developmental disability in the country, with 1 in 36 children receiving a diagnosis. With 5.8 million adults also diagnosed with autism, autism impacts a vast majority of people at home, school, work, and in the community.

April is Autism Acceptance Month. Beyond autism awareness, this month aims to highlight the diversity of autistic experiences and needs and serve as a reminder that acceptance can happen daily. One way to accept and include students and employees with autism is to celebrate their differences and focus on their strengths—instead of challenges.

For more information about autism, resources, and to find out how to support the community across the spectrum, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/features/autism-acceptance-month.html>.