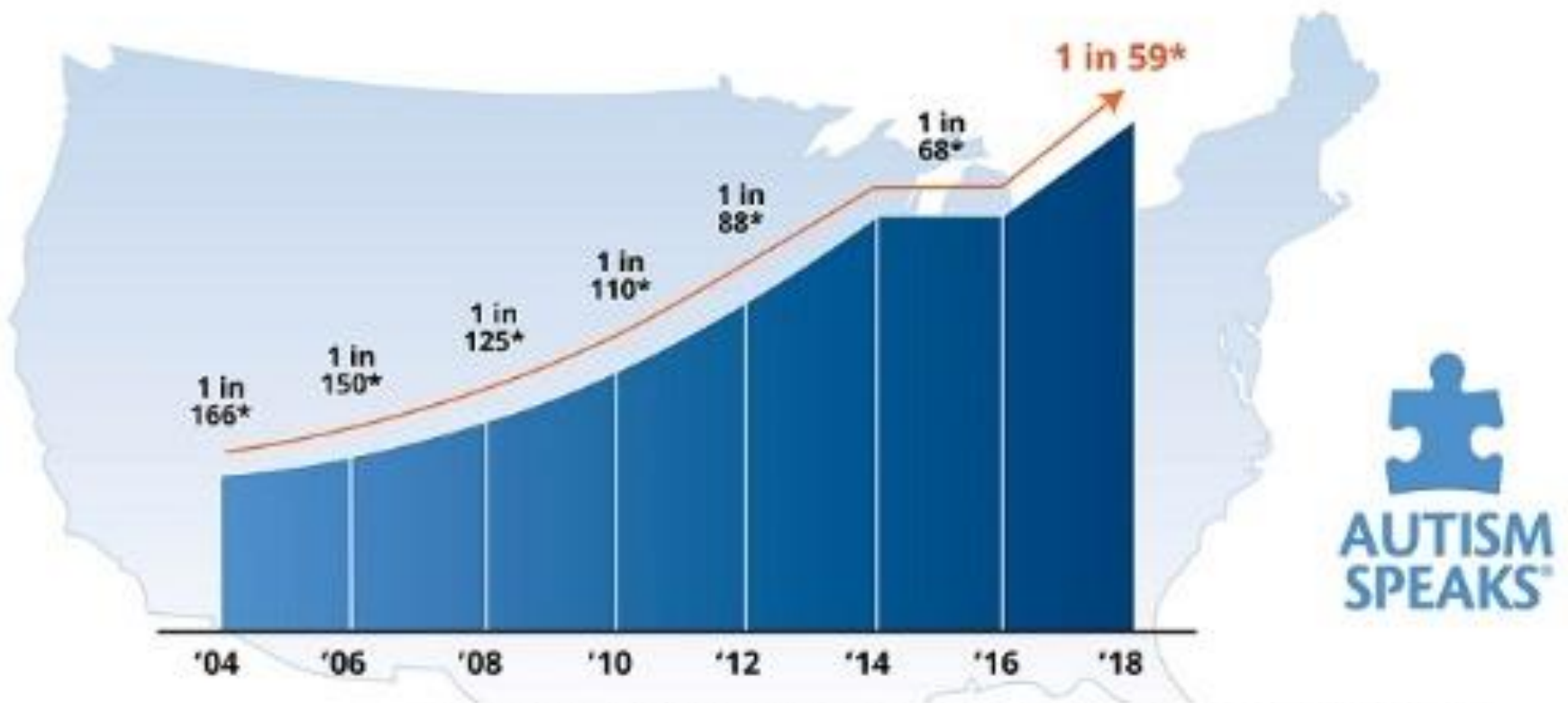


Supporting Students with Autism in Our Classrooms

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Estimated Autism Prevalence 2018



* Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) prevalence estimates are for 4 years prior to the report date (e.g. 2018 figures are from 2014)







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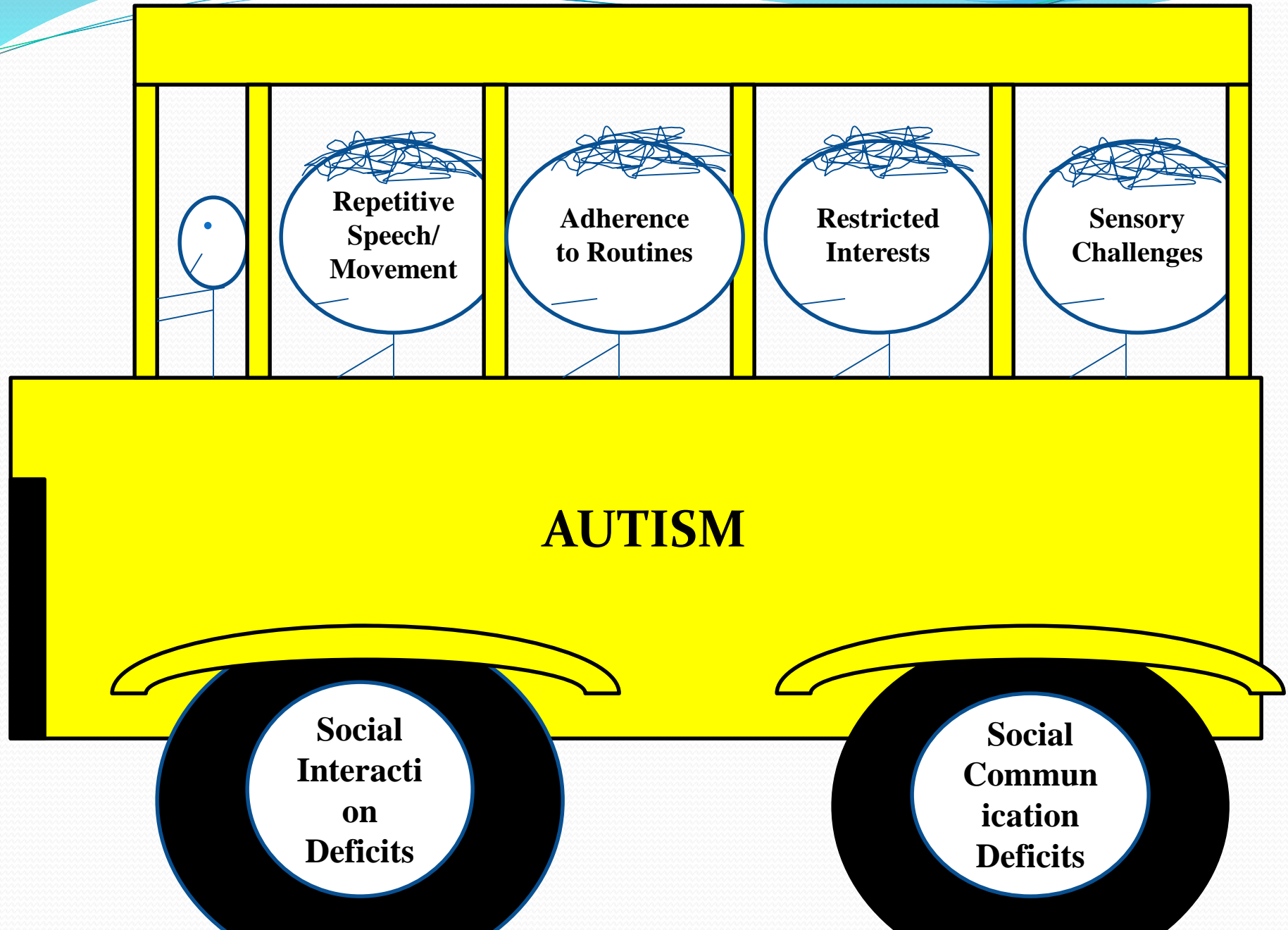
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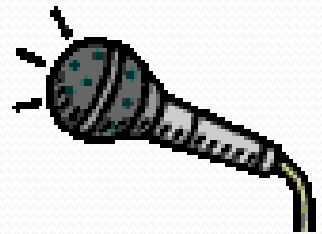
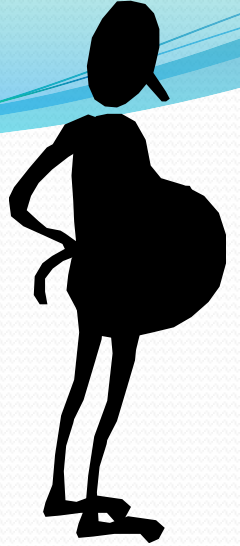
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Characteristics of Autism

- Deficits in Social-Emotional Reciprocity
 - Abnormal Social Approach
 - Failure of back and forth conversation
 - Total lack of initiation

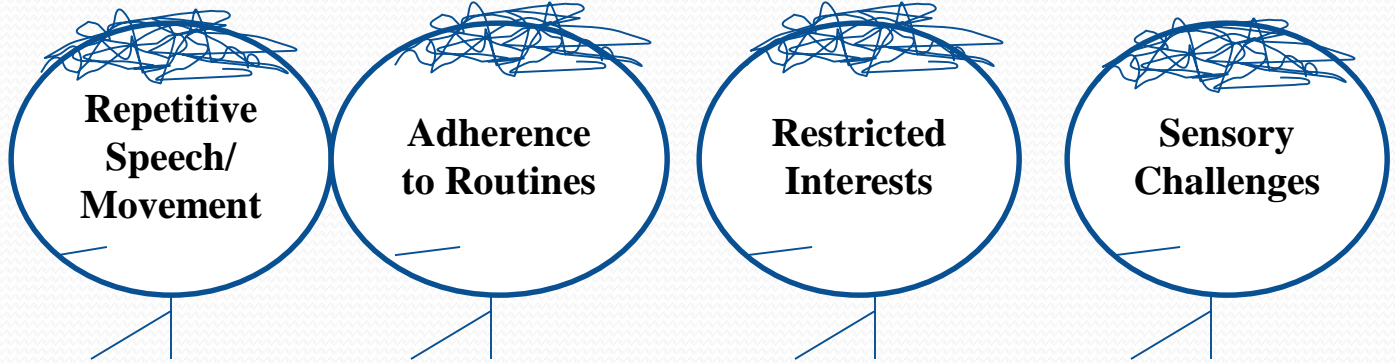


A woman with dark hair, wearing a blue t-shirt, is pointing her right index finger towards the viewer. She has a very expressive, shouting face with her mouth wide open and eyes squinted. To her right is a large white speech bubble with a black outline. The background is white with a light blue wavy pattern at the top and a vertical dashed line on the right side.

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Characteristics of Autism

- Stereotyped or repetitive speech, motor movements, or use of objects
 - Echolalia
 - Hand Flapping
 - Spinning
 - Rocking



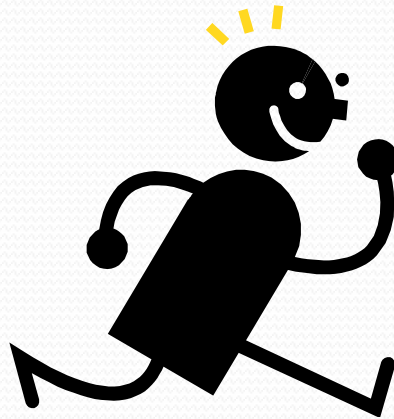
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- Highly restricted, fixated interests that are abnormal in intensity or focus



Characteristics of Autism

- Hyper– or hypo-reactivity to sensory input or unusual interest in sensory aspects of environment





- *“You don’t know what it feels like to be me, when you can’t sit still because your legs feel like they are on fire or it feels like a hundred ants are crawling up your arms.”*

-Carly Fleischmann







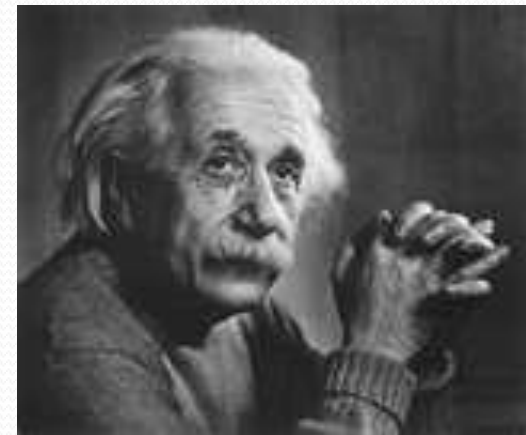




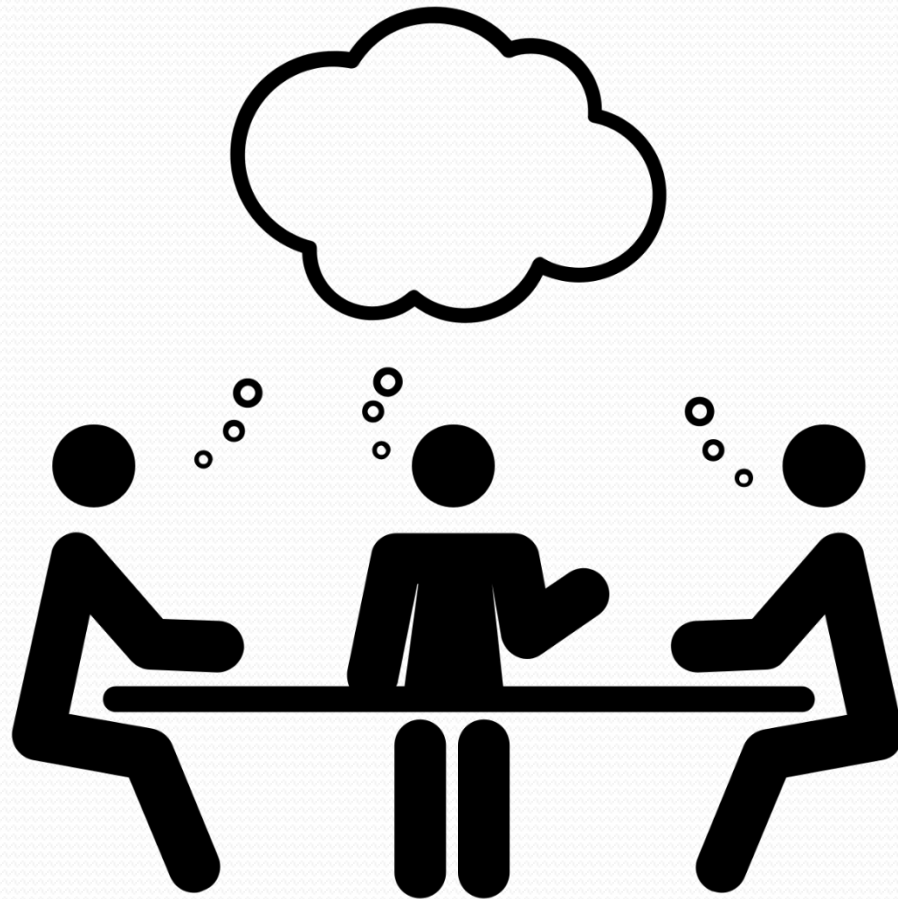
The Autism Experience

Famous people with Autism

- Daryl Hannah
- Dan Aykroyd
- Courtney Love
- Albert Einstein
- Susan Boyle
- Temple Grandin



1. Partner with your Special Education Staff

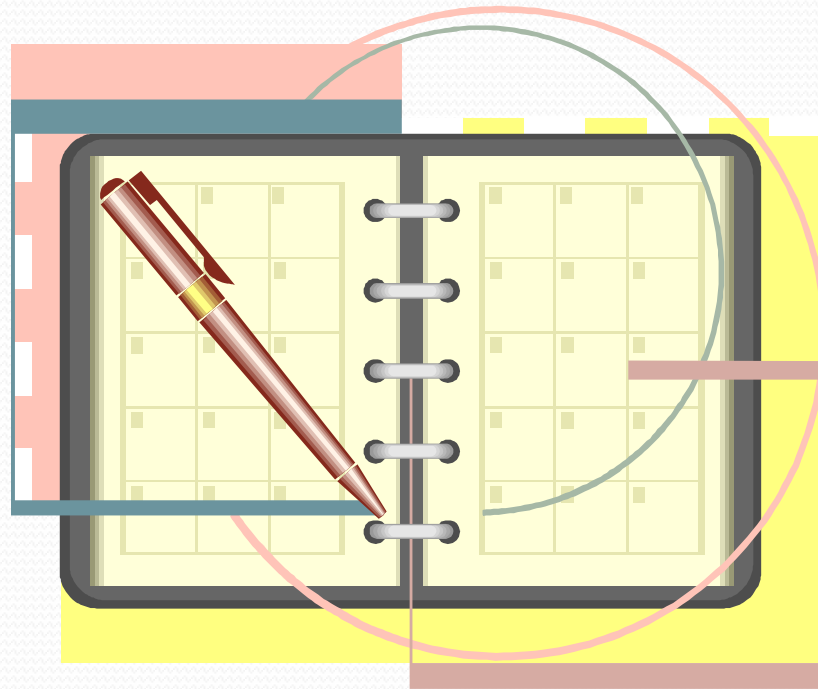


2. Engage with Them

- Don't assume they understand all of what you say
- Speak in short, clear, concise sentences. Use specific language.
- Ask clear, concise questions
- Ask clarification questions to ensure understanding
- Use repetition
- Give plenty of time to process
- Use visual examples as needed



3. Share the Agenda



1st period	Anxiety Level	Anxiety Antidote	Expected Agenda	Homework
2nd period	Anxiety Level	Anxiety Antidote	Expected Agenda	Homework
3rd period	Anxiety Level	Anxiety Antidote	Expected Agenda	Homework
4th period	Anxiety Level	Anxiety Antidote	Expected Agenda	Homework

Simplify



Warn them of Changes



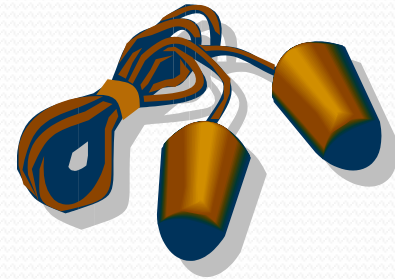
If it is routine, then it is predictable. If it is predictable, then it is reliable. If it is reliable, then it can be trusted. If it can be trusted, then it is safe. If it feels safe, then your student with autism will have a much easier time.

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4. Be Accommodating

-Think different, not less



Explore Different Ways to Demonstrate Work

Name: _____ Date: _____

Graphic Organizer: Problem Solution

Problem:

Choice #1:

Choice #2:

Choice #3:





































Pros: Cons:

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Solution:

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5. Be their Cheerleader





Thank you!