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NEW MONTH, NEW RESOURCES!

Are you utilizing ECHO Autism Communities' evidence-based resources? Parents, clinicians, advocates, and everyone in between have been finding help through our list of free resources on our website. Whether you want to learn more about helping children with ASD in your office or provide families with tools for home-life, we've got answers for you.

Take a deep dive into a completely new topic, **Communications**! We just added resources on...

- Childhood apraxia of speech
- Lingui systems guide to communication milestones
- Picture exchange communication systems (PECS)
- Visual supports and autism spectrum disorders
- Everyday speech resources
- Pyramid educational consultants fee materials
- Apraxia kids resource guides

Check out the new resources today by [clicking here](#).



JOIN A FLAGSHIP PROGRAM

Not sure how to get involved with ECHO Autism Communities? We have more options than ever before!

Join our Facebook group of professionals, the ECHO Autism Professionals Community, join an ECHO program, OR check out our new flagship programs simply by registering.

We're excited to be offering programs in behavior solutions, crisis care, early intervention, family advocates, primary care, and psychology, among more!

Pick a program you're interested in learning more about today by [clicking here](#).



SPOTLIGHT ON: 2022 SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

We're so excited to share registration for ECHO Autism Communities LIVE Symposium is now OPEN!

Last year, thousands of clinicians, families, and advocates tuned in for a day of education from some of the world's leading autism experts. Together, we took a deeper look into relationships, therapies, advocacy policies, and more surrounding autism spectrum disorder - followed by a panel discussion with parents and individuals on the spectrum.

Want to catch up on last year's event? Visit our website to watch the whole symposium ON DEMAND.

Mark your calendars!

ECHO Autism Communities LIVE Symposium will be April 7, 2022.

Follow us on social media to stay up to date with all the latest details surrounding our symposium. We'll be sharing speakers as we get closer to the big day.

Register today by [clicking here](#)!

ENDING THE GENDER BIAS IN AUTISM

In a 2020 study published in Autism Research, scientists discovered girls with ASD are, on average, diagnosed nearly 1.5 years later than boys.

This comes on the heels of a 2015 study which found that girls were diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome around 7.6 years old, while boys were typically diagnosed around 7.1 years old.

But what about the hundreds of thousands of females who aren't diagnosed until their teens, 20s, or even parenthood?

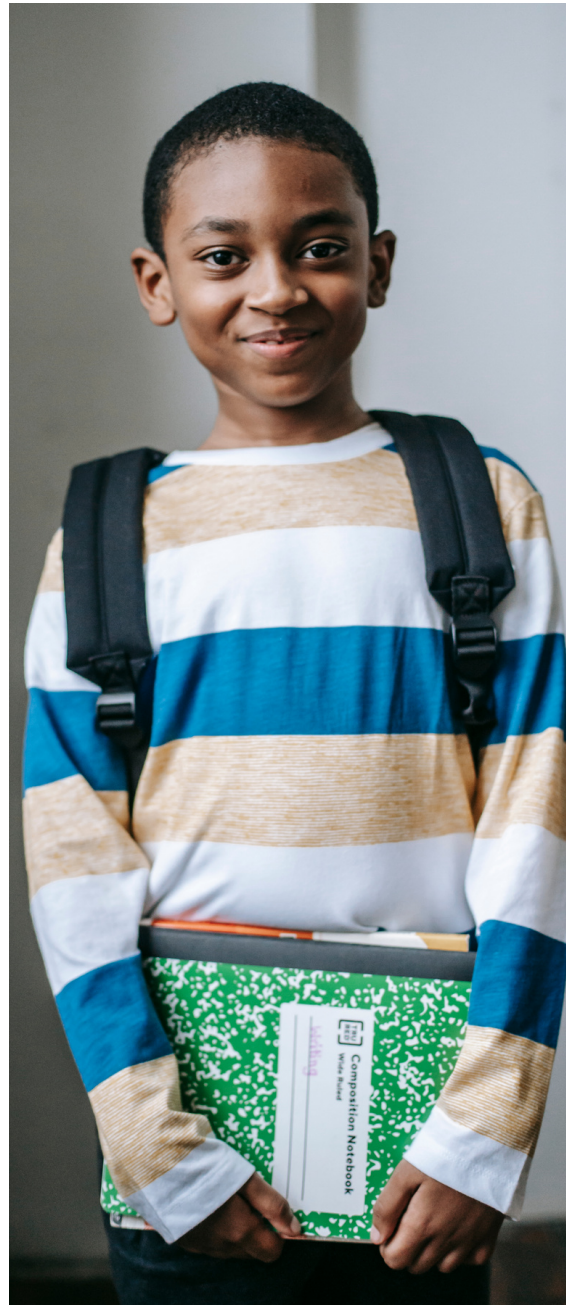
Autism advocate Sienna Castellon believes girls deserve better.

"I talk to a lot of autistic people," Castellon told The Guardian in an interview. "The men all tell me they were diagnosed at four or five. The women often say they were diagnosed in their 40s or when one of their children was diagnosed. I actually think there is an equal number of men and women who are autistic."

What's causing the gender gap in autism diagnosis and treatment?

ECHO Autism Communities talks all about the research in our blog article "Ending the Gender Bias in Autism."

Read the article today by [clicking here](#).



NOMINATE AN EXPERT

It's beginning to look a lot like... 2022! We're filling out our calendar for the new year's webinars. We want to know, who do YOU want to hear from?

Respond to this email with a clinician or advocate that you'd like to see on a webinar in the new year, OR a topic that you want us to cover.

As always, stay up to date with our latest webinars, now on-demand, at ECHOAutism.org/webinars.