

Families for Early Autism Treatment

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What is Autism?

Autism affects 1 out of 150 children.

Autism is a complex neurobiological spectrum disorder encompassing Autistic Disorder, PDD NOS and Asperger's Disorder.

Autism occurs in all racial, ethnic and social groups and is four times more likely to strike boys than girls.

Autism impairs a person's ability to communicate, understand and relate to others socially and emotionally.

Autism is also associated with unproductive repetitive behaviors; sensory sensitivities to light, smell, sound and touch; eccentric behaviors and rigid routines; preoccupation with subjects and obsessions such as obsessively arranging objects.

Symptoms can range from more moderate to profoundly severe.

Autism in all degrees of severity typically results in functional disability.

How does Families for Early Autism Treatment (FEAT) help?

Education: We educate families about best-outcome treatment and increase public awareness by providing information about autism prevalence, incidence and variance.

Advocacy: We advocate for children with autism while training their parents to become their best advocate.

Support: We provide bridge funding for treatment, resource groups and social activities for children with autism and their families. FEAT supports children, young adults and adults who are living with autism.

Why Early and Continuing Intervention?

Simply stated, the earlier the treatment, the better the outcome. Every day that passes without treatment permanently diminishes the likelihood of independent living. Without early intensive treatment, children with autism are unable to function in the world around them.

The goal of providing early intensive treatment is to assure that all children with autism have the opportunity to maximize their potential, and to avoid an institutional placement.

Families for Early Autism Treatment (FEAT) is a non-profit volunteer driven organization of parents, educators and treatment professionals dedicated to providing Education, Advocacy and Support for the Northern California Autism Community. FEAT was founded in 1993 by parents and professionals to bring best-outcome treatment to the Greater Sacramento area.

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"If it hadn't been for FEAT guiding me through this process of getting help for my child, I would never have heard those three precious words, I love you!"

FEAT Parent