Facts about autism

1 in 150 children is diagnosed with autism

1 in 100 boys is on the autism spectrum

67 children are diagnosed per day

Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the U.S

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More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than with AIDS, diabetes and cancer combined.

Autism receives less than 5% of the research funding of many less prevalent childhood diseases.

Families with autism experience an 80-90% divorce rate.

Most private health insurance providers in Oklahoma do not provide coverage for an autism diagnosis

The State of Oklahoma does not currently provide medical or financial assistance for families affected by autism

Families with autism helping families with autism

Needs of EFCA:

Office space in Edmond to house resources and provide a place to help families

Financial support

Tax deductible donations can be made to EFCA at:

The Oklahoma City Community Foundation
PO Box 1146;
Oklahoma City, OK 73101

Enhancing community involvement, relationships and quality of life for families affected by Autism.

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Enhancing quality of life for families affected by autism

Edmond Family Center for Autism

- Family Fun Nights
- Family Support
- WebSite (coming soon)
- Education
- Workshops
- Tools & Support Materials
- Member of the Oklahoma Autism Network

Autism is a complex neurobiological disorder that typically lasts throughout a person's lifetime. It is part of a group of disorders known as Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Today, 1 in 150 individuals is diagnosed with autism, making it more common than pediatric cancer, diabetes, and AIDS combined. It 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 and relate to others. *(taken from www.autismspeaks.com)*

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Finding HOPE

Families who have a child with autism often experience a myriad of related issues. Family isolation, is a common problem. Most families need assistance to know how to deal with "normal" community systems such as schools, sports, doctors, insurance providers, friends, family, and family outings. Divorce rates have been reported as high as 80-90% for families who have a child with autism. Since autism treatments are not covered by private insurance companies in Oklahoma, most families experience financial issues. Even with "normal intelligence," adults who have autism or Asperger's Syndrome have less than 2% chance of living independently. The Edmond Family Center for Autism (EFCA) was created to help families facing these issues.

Family Support

EFCA provides support for preserving families affected by autism. Originally called PAC, Parents of Autistic Children, our membership has grown from two families to 300 families since 2002. EFCA is families helping other families.

Workshops

EFCA is committed to providing hands-on workshops for the issues that face our families. Workshops will be provided for Visual Scheduling, Bullying, Building a Family Master Plan, and other relevant topics. These hands-on workshops will provide an opportunity for parents to practice and develop essential skills to improve the families' ability to function successfully in the community.

Community Support

EFCA provides tools for families to help them interact with the community around them. Family Fun Nights provide a way for families to have a safe, social evening with the entire family.

In addition we are committed to educating our community about the challenges facing a family with autism.

Education

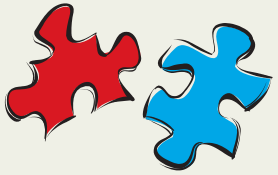
EFCA provides weekly communication through e-mail and our website. We offer monthly meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Edmond Public Library from 7-9 PM. Our meetings offer interesting and informative speakers as well as family sharing.

Association

EFCA is a member of the Oklahoma Autism Network and is committed to working with member organizations to share programs and knowledge for all families in Oklahoma.

Words to Live By.... Our Family to Yours

- Autism is a journey—prepare for the long haul.
- "A promise is a promise." to build trust with your child..
- "Slow and Low" when gently confronting behaviors. This strengthens the relationship.
- "Enjoy the ride." Keep a journal of special moments.
- You are the very best parent that God could give your child.
- Building a community of support for you and your family will serve you best.



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