

April is Autism Acceptance Month

*World Autism Acceptance Day was held on April 2nd.

*AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH IS NOW CALLED AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH
(change made in 2021)

*The first National Autism Awareness Month was declared by the Autism
Society in April 1970.

World Autism Day is an annual celebration of people to raise awareness of developmental disorders and neurodivergence. You can show support on World Autism Day by posting about autism, celebrating neurodiversity at local events, and listening to the stories of **neurodiverse** individuals.

WHY THE CHANGE FROM AWARENESS TO ACCEPTANCE?

It's a simple - but important - revision.

The Autism Society of America announced the suggested shift in terminology last year for 2022, to ignite change in the lives of those with autism and their families.

"Awareness is knowing that somebody has autism,"

"Acceptance is when you include (a person with autism) in your activities.

"Help (them) to develop in that community and get that sense of connection to other people."

Light it Up Blue/Puzzle Pieces

These symbols have now changed to the infinity rainbow symbol.

The infinity symbol is reimagined to include a spectrum of colors in addition to our traditional blue. The new, more colorful, logo signifies the diversity of perspectives and experiences with autism spectrum disorder and signals our deepened commitment to inclusivity.

