

## **Questions for Autism Show**

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1. When did you receive the diagnosis of Autism for your child or children? How old was your child? Are there siblings? Do they have any disabilities?
2. How was the diagnosis explained to you and by whom? Doctor – Clinician – Health Care Worker?
3. What is your child's diagnosis? Does your child need special education services and/or other related interventions? If yes, what are they? Can you get them for you child or are you on a waiting list?
4. Is there a parents group and, if so, did you join it? What were meetings like? Was the group helpful? If yes, then how so? If no, then why not?
5. Is your child in an inclusion program in a local school? How old was he/she when inclusion began? Is he/she in a self-contained classroom? How much interaction with the general population does your child experience at the school? In public? In your own neighborhood?
6. Does your child have any unique abilities? Can you describe them?
7. Has your child ever been bullied or mistreated by other children because of his/her disability? If so, in what ways?

8. How has Autism impacted on your family? Parents, siblings, extended family members? Please include any stories you feel would help me to better understand the dynamics of your family.
  
9. What is the most important thing you would like the general population to understand about Autism and its impact on a child and his family? About your child?
  
10. What was the most helpful thing someone did for you in reference to supporting your child?
  
10. How do you see the future unfolding for you and for your child?
  
11. Is there a question I haven't asked that you feel should be asked? If yes, then please answer it.

Thank you very much. Your input will help greatly in creating a script for a show that we hope will help educate our audiences about the Autism spectrum.

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