

Facing the Crowd:

WAYS TO UNDERSTAND AND DEAL WITH STIGMA
AND UNHELPFUL ATTITUDES ABOUT YOUR CHILD
WITH AUTISM.



Introductions

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During this module we will discuss:

- Stereotyping, Rejection, Isolation and Exclusion
- Ways to respond to “the crowd”
- Helpful Resources



Definition of Stigma:

- Stigma refers to attitudes and beliefs that lead people to reject, avoid, or fear those they perceive as being different.

Stigma in the Community

- Misconceptions about autism don't help!
- “If You Know One Child with Autism...You know ONE Child with Autism”.
- What can you do?



Stereotyping



How to Overcome Stereotyping

- Teach
- “Preach”
- Be Proactive



Stigma in the Family



- Educating your family.

Autism in Minority Families (Families of Color)



African American Families



Asian American Families



Latino/Hispanic Families



Rejection, Isolation, and Exclusion



Resources

Family Resouce Centers: Federal family resource center that provides free resources, support, training and consultation to families of children with special needs birth to 5 years of age. New York State Office of Children and Family Services (518) 474-9613 or at info@ocfs.state.ny.us.

Parent Training and Impowerment Center: Federal family resource center for all ages of children with disabilities.

Families for Early Autism Treatment of Northern NY: A non-profit, volunteer-driven organization dedicated to providing advocacy and support for the Northern NY autism community.

Strong Center for Developmental Disabilities: an interdisciplinary University Center for Excellence, is to bring the University of Rochester and its community together to provide professional education, state-of-the-art service, community education and information sharing, pioneering research, and advocacy in support of people of all ages with developmental disabilities.

Understood: A website that gives parents practical ideas for social, emotional and behavioral challenges.

Disability is Natural: A website that gives news ways of thinking about disability.

Autism Acceptance

different...



not less.

Are there other questions we can answer for you today?

Thank You!



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