

## 2023 April Autism Acceptance Month

The prevalence of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) in the United States has risen from 1 in 150 children in 2000 to 1 in 44 in 2018.<sup>1</sup> Boys are four times more likely to be diagnosed with ASD than girls.<sup>1</sup> The prevalence of ASD among adults in the U.S. is 2.21%.<sup>2</sup> ASD affects all ethnic and socioeconomic groups, and can be reliably diagnosed as early as age 2.<sup>1</sup>

While the former Autism Awareness Month helped us understand ASD, a developmental disability caused by differences in the brain, the current Autism Acceptance Month facilitates support for people living with ASD. By accepting and appreciating each other's differences, we contribute to positive change for children and adults who have ASD, and their families.

**During April and throughout the year, Magellan Healthcare is committed to supporting individuals who have autism and their families, through our community outreach and innovative Magellan Autism Connections® member program.** We encourage you to learn more through the resources on this page, and share with family, friends and colleagues.

### Magellan Healthcare webinar

#### "What is Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and How Can It Help My Family?"

Wednesday, April 12, 2:00–3:00 p.m. ET

- Visit [here](#) for more information and free registration

### Additional information and resources

- Visit [MagellanHealthcare.com/Autism-Resources](https://MagellanHealthcare.com/Autism-Resources) for event updates, downloads and more.
- Follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for more information and tools.
- Check out our Magellan Health Insights [blog](#) for posts in April and beyond.

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<sup>1</sup> [CDC data and statistics, autism spectrum disorder](#)

<sup>2</sup> [CDC ASD key findings](#)