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Special Education Committee

March 5, 2025

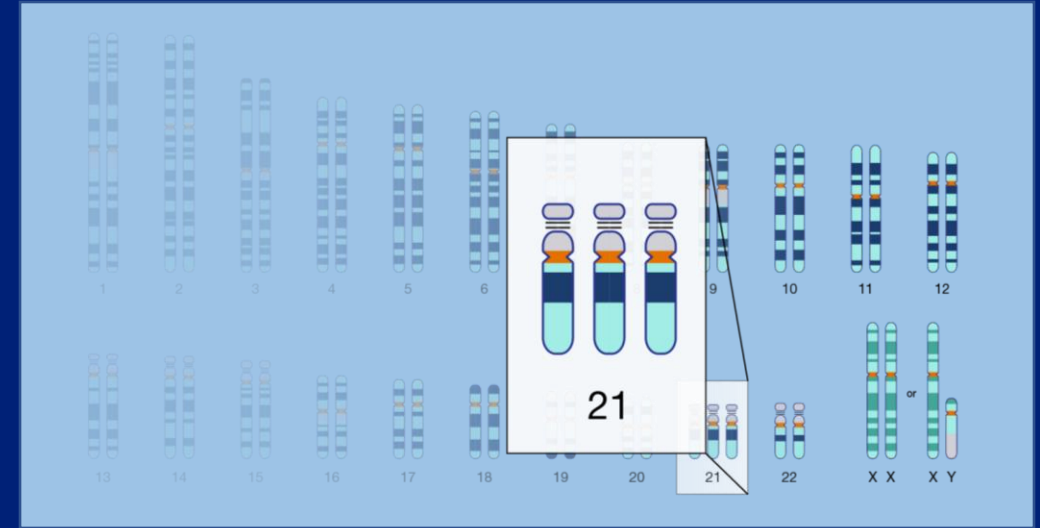
Today's Focus Topics...

1. World Down Syndrome Awareness Day
2. Autism Awareness Month



World Down Syndrome Day – March 21

Down Syndrome occurs
when 3 copies of
chromosome 21
are present



1 in 700
babies born annually
in the United States



World Down Syndrome Day – March 21

With Us Not For Us

- Freedom to make choices
- Full and effective participation

More information

- <https://www.un.org/en/observances/down-syndrome-day>
- <https://www.ds-int.org/Blogs/wdsd-updates/with-us-not-for-us-world-down-syndrome-day-2023>



Down Syndrome

Learner Characteristics*

- Strong visual learning skills
- Ability to use sign, gesture and visual supports
- Ability to learn and use the written word
- Tendency to model behavior and attitudes from peers and adults
- Structure & routine

Supporting students with Down syndrome

- Access to an inclusive and equitable quality education
- Self-Advocacy / Self-Determination
- High expectations

*Source: Down Syndrome International; <https://ds-int.org>



Autism Observances

**April – Autism Acceptance /
Autism Awareness Month**

April 2 – World Autism Awareness Day (UN)



Autism

Prevalence

- About 1 in 36 children has been identified with autism spectrum disorder, according to CDC estimates
- ASD is reported to occur in all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups
- ASD is more than 4 times more common among boys than among girls

Students with
Autism in
LAUSD
Over 18,000

Autism

LAUSD Staff Development

Evidence Based Practices

- Visual Supports
- Prompting
- Reinforcement
- Task analysis

Registration in MyPLN

Parent Modules

UC Davis Mind Institute

Autism Distance
Education Parent Training
(English, Chinese, Korean,
Vietnamese and Spanish)

[https://bit.ly/
UCDavis-ADEPT](https://bit.ly/UCDavis-ADEPT)



Autism



CAPTAIN – California Autism Professional Training and Information Network
<https://captain.ca.gov>

Autism



Autism Intervention Research
Network On Behavioral Health

CONFERENCIA GRATUITA SOBRE EL TRASTORNO ESPECTRO AUTISTA PARA PADRES, AUTODIAGNOSTICADOS Y ABOGADOS

FREE CONFERENCE ON AUTISM FOR PARENTS, ADVOCATES, AND COMMUNITY

Sano y Seguro: PLANIFICACIÓN PARA PERSONAS CON AUTISMO

Safe and Sound: SAFETY PLANNING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM

GUARDA LA FECHA Viernes, 21 de Marzo
10 am a 12:30 pm

SAVE THE DATE Friday, March 21 2025
10 am to 12:30 pm via Zoom

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- Deambulando/escapando
- Comportamientos agresivos
- Aplicación de la ley
- Abuso de sustancias
- Recursos del Centro Regional

SAFETY CONFERENCE COVERS:

- Wandering/Escaping
- Aggressive Behaviors
- Law Enforcement
- Substance Abuse
- Regional Center Resources

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SAFETY FIRST

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AIR-B – Autism Intervention Research
Upcoming community conference
Safe and Sound: Planning for Individuals with Autism
March 21

More information at
<https://www.airbnetwork.org/overview-1>