

A Community-Partnership Initiative:

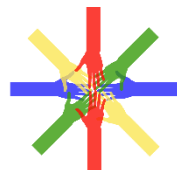


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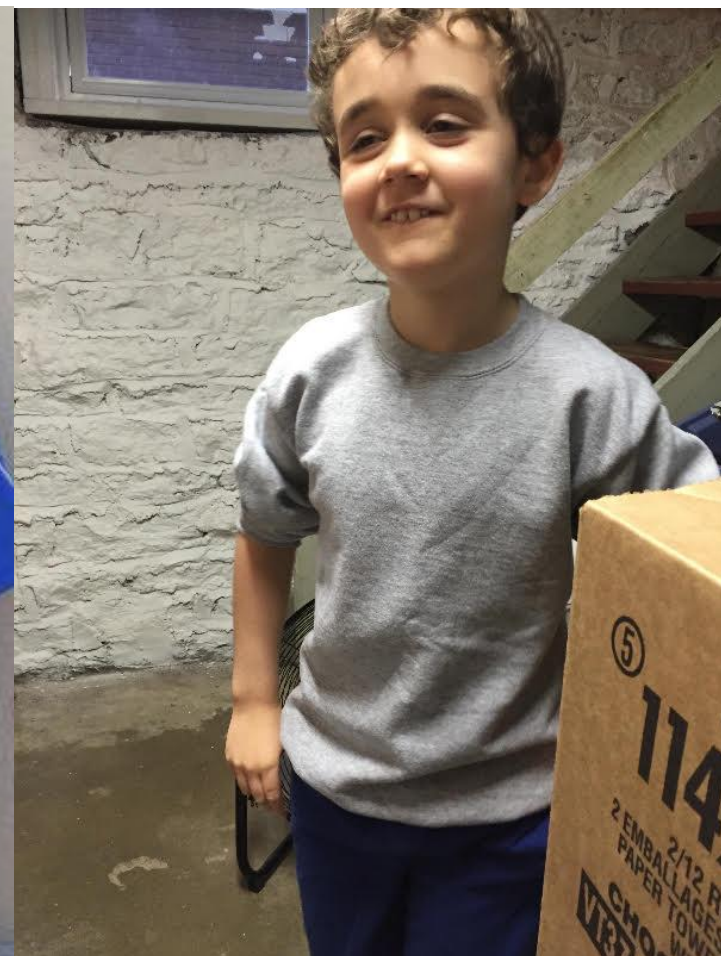


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Supporting families in Central Kentucky

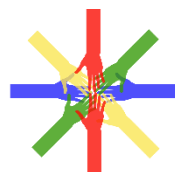


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Our Roots



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Why is this important?

Does not always understand social rules

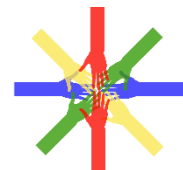
Feels stressed by unpredictable situations

Has limited and restricted interests



Needs a longer processing time

Is graduating high school and will be relying on community supports



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“Autistic boy held on ground by officers” – 2017; Arizona

(nbc.com)

“Florida police officer charged in shooting of autistic man’s caregiver”; 2016; Florida (time.com)

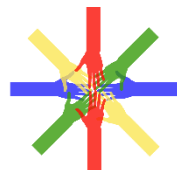
“Teen with autism struck, killed by car” – 2017; Cold Spring, Kentucky

(WLWT5)

“Arrest of Autistic Man Prompts Call for Police Training”; 2015; South Carolina (wyff4.com)

“Shalom Larson, an 8-year-old Louisville boy who loved hugging people he just met, wandered from a relative’s home last summer and drowned.” 2017; Louisville, KY

(Lex18.com)



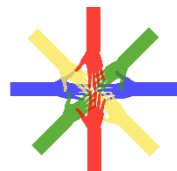
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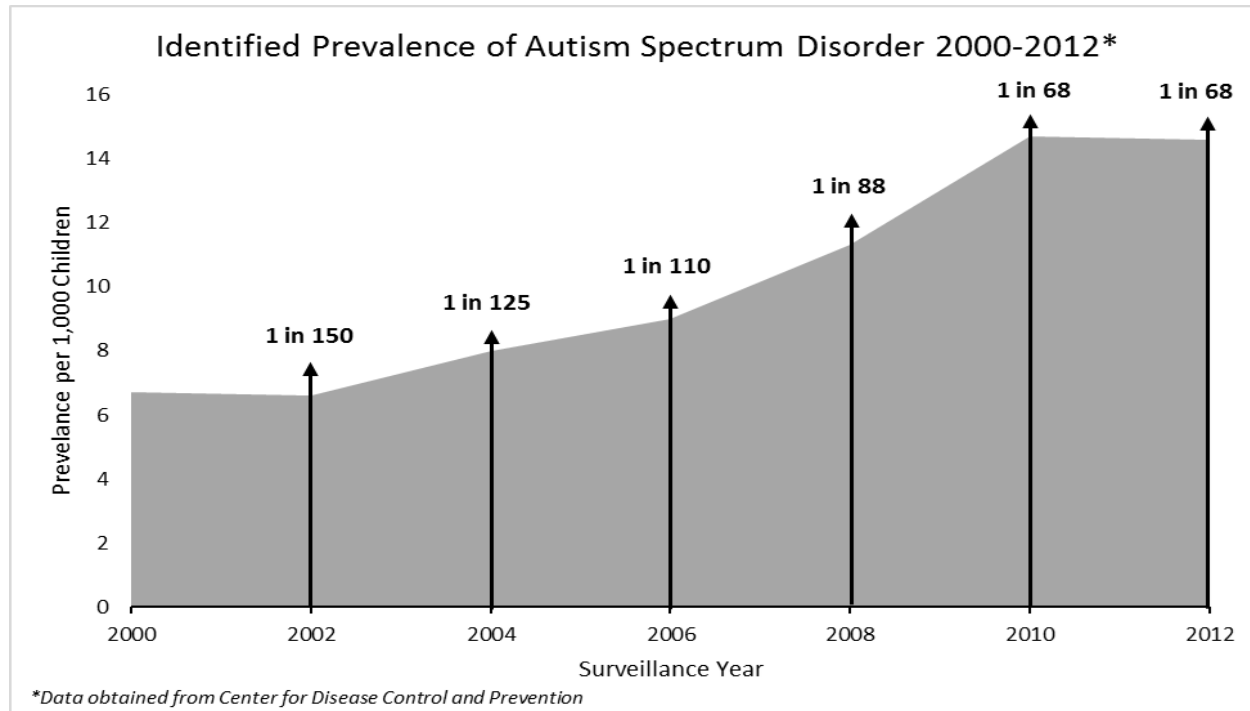
Autism Spectrum Disorder

- Causes differences in the way the brain processes
- Affects understanding and use of language to interact and communicate with people
- Thought to be a “hidden” disability for some – has no physical characteristics
- Not a mental illness - a *developmental* disorder
- Knows no bias - affects all races, ethnicities, socioeconomic groups

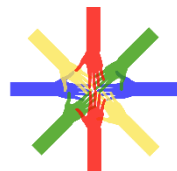


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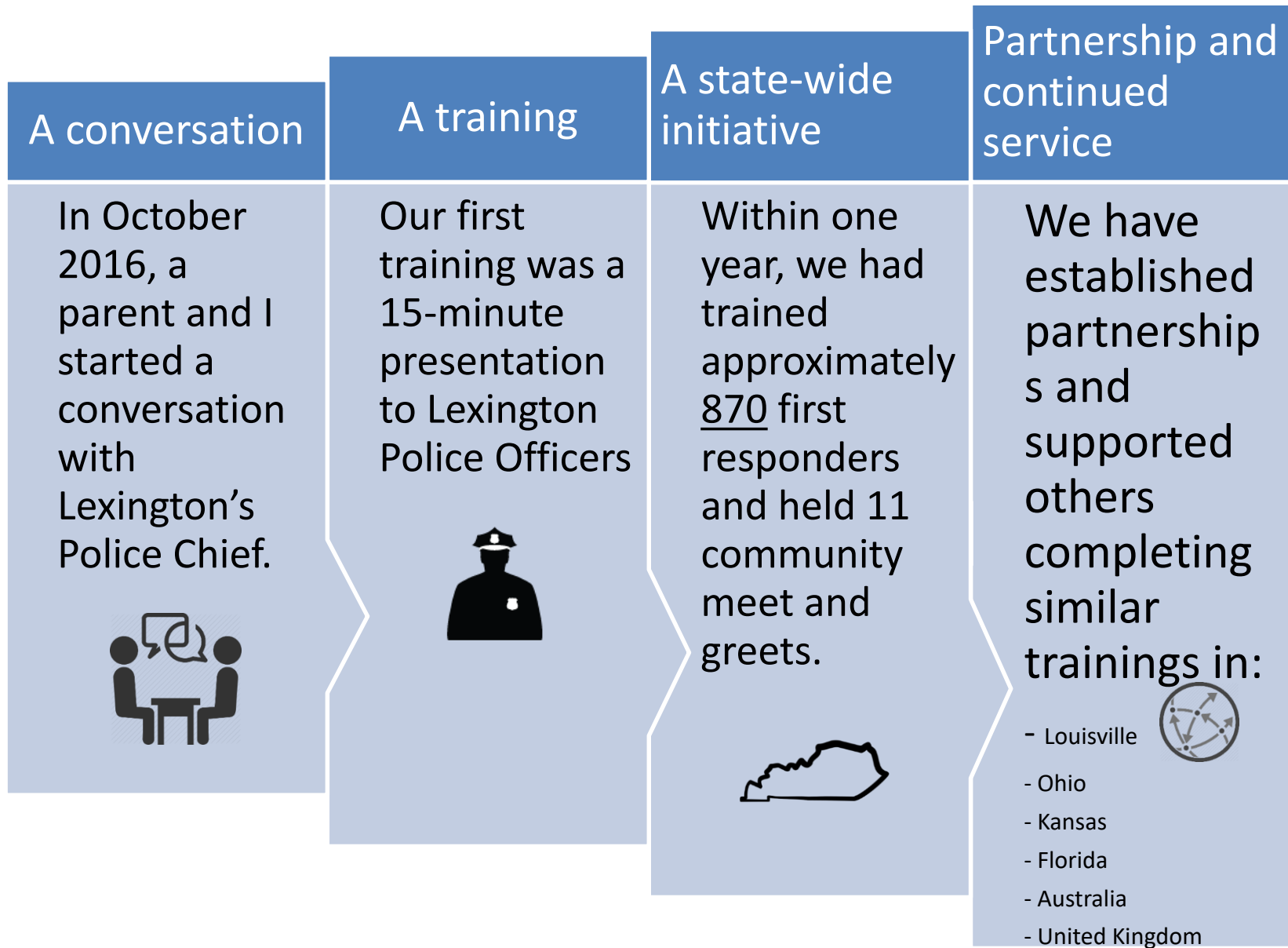
Prevalence & History of Autism Diagnosis



49% of individuals with ASD wander or elope



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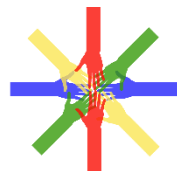


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Trainings for
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Meet &
Greets for
our
community



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Next steps: Lexington as an “Autism friendly community”



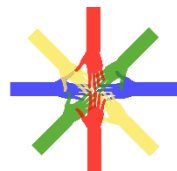
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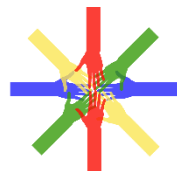
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Thank You and Questions



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