ASD Facts

(Info from Autism Speaks, Autism Society and CDC)

* 2020 CDC reports 1 in 54 children in US with a dx of ASD
  + Fastest growing developmental disability
  + In 2000, the rate was 1 in 150
* 2016 CDC reports
  + 1/34 boys and 1/144 girls
  + Boys are more likely than girls
  + Affects all ethnic and SES groups
* Minority groups dx less often or later
* No medical detection for ASD
* Parents who have one ASD kid have a 2 to 18% chance of having a second
* 40% are nonverbal
* 31% have intellectual disability
* 25% are borderline
* 44% are average or above average
* 50% are wanders
* 28% are self-injurious- head banging, arm biting, scratching
* 90% of deaths are caused by Drowning
* ADHD affects 30 to 61%
* More than 50% are affected with chronic sleep problems
* Anxiety affects 11-40%
* 8 times more likely to suffer GI issues
* 1/3 have seizures
* 48% are overweight
* ASD costs are est at 60,000 a year; cost are higher with ID
* Medical expenses are 4.1 to 6.2 more than neurotypical peers
* 2015 the cost of caring for Americans with ASD reached $268billion with est of $461 billion by 2025
* Teens receive healthcare transition services half as often as those with other special healthcare needs. Many receive no healthcare after they age out of pediatrician care