

Autism 101

SYMPTOMS AREAS

- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Socialization
- ✓ Restricted Int. / Rep. Behavior

Autism is a Spectrum Disorder, which means symptom severity may vary widely from person to person. So, be careful not to make assumptions.

AUTISM FACTS

- ✱ 1 In 68 children
- ✱ Numbers are on the rise
- ✱ Costs a family thousands yearly
- ✱ More common in boys
- ✱ There's no cure

SENSORY DIFFERENCES



Those with ASD often experience sensory sensations differently than neuro-typical individuals.

UNIQUE DIFFERENCES

Cognitive Abilities	Interests
Language Skills	Social Needs
Motor Skills	Struggles
Goals & Aspirations	Personalities

DIAGNOSES



Testing & Evaluation

Psychologists are the primary evaluators. They often collaborate with teachers, Speech Pathologists and Pediatricians when diagnosing.

TREATMENT

- ✱ Accommodations
- ✱ Behavioral Modification
- ✱ Medication
- ✱ Social & Other Skills Training

HOW TO HELP - 1

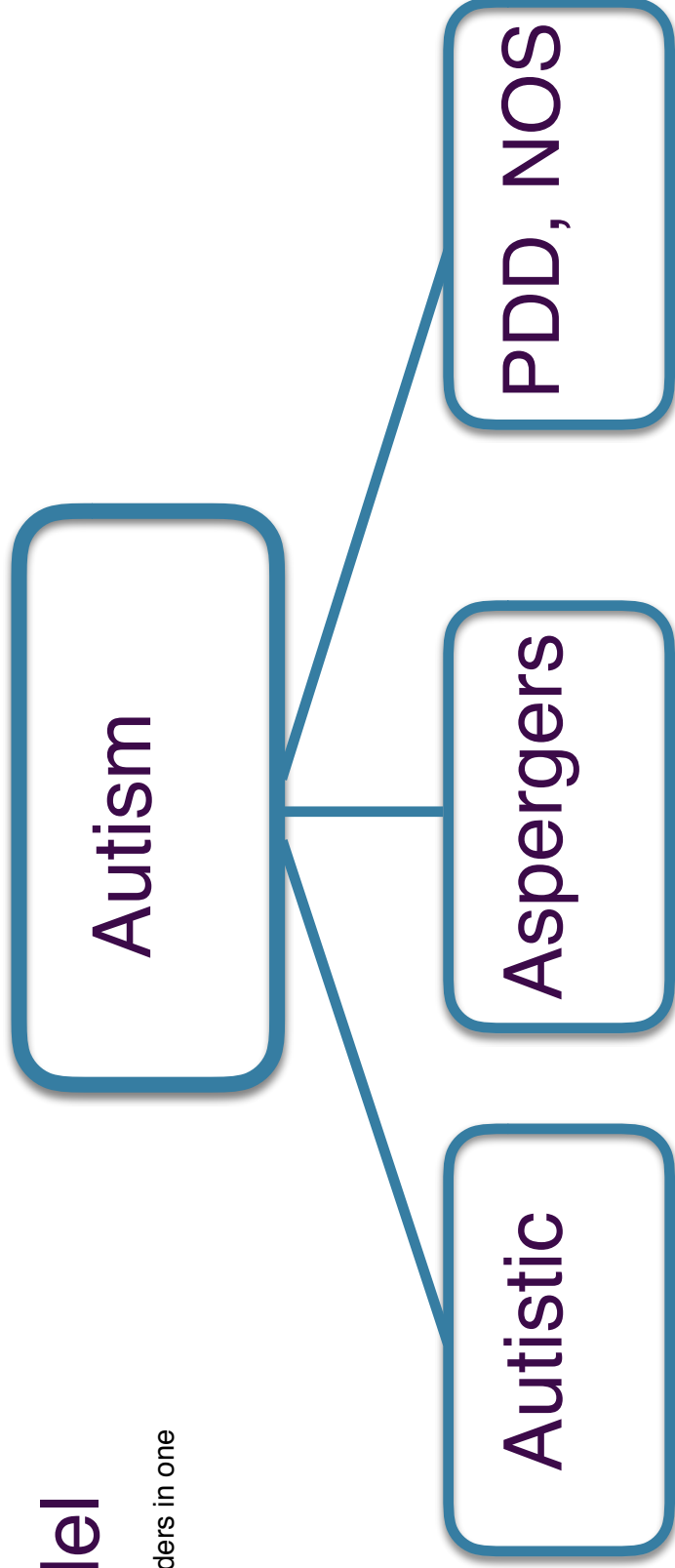
- ✱ Support Parents & Child
- ✱ Recognize Uniquenesses
- ✱ Assist with Accommodating
- ✱ Create Safe, Judgement Free Zones

HOW TO HELP - 2

- ✱ Sensory Relief
- ✱ Social Supports
- ✱ Be Flexible
- ✱ CREATE A CONTEXT WHERE IT'S OKAY FOR KIDS TO BE THEMSELVES

Old Model

Three distinct disorders in one category



New Model

One disorder that varies in severity from person to person

