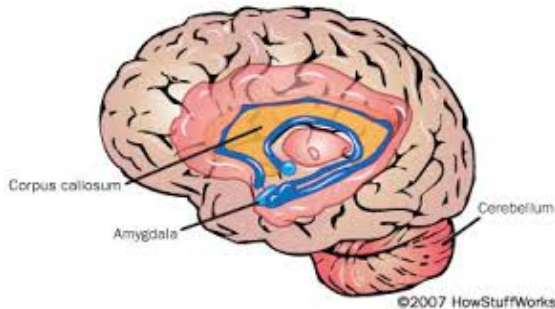


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You and the world

“Autism” Blog #1



Hello, my name is Daouda Njie. I attend Science Leadership Academy. For the second quarter benchmark we researched about a recent issue. My issue is about Autism and how it affects the education in kids with autism. Autism Spectrum Disorder or ASD is a disorder that causes problems with social interactions, repetitive behaviors, and verbal or nonverbal communications. Autism can occur from brain

mutation's in early stages of brain development. It can vary between the severity of the disorder. This can make learning for kids with autism harder for kids.

This topic was interesting to me because I have witnessed many people with autism and the way the philadelphia school district accommodates kids with autism by having classes for them to take. In my old school I noticed that the kids with autism were just given work and then left alone. I think that the teachers should give more effort in helping them with interacting with their classmates.

Education for kids with autism became mandatory when the “All Handicapped Children Act” was created in 1975. Most schools offer study skills which help them with social skills. Many kids with autism are very intelligent but have problem with making friends and communicating with others. h and also inform teacher's, and parent's on how to help children with autism.

Methods used for kids with autism is to send them to a public school and have them in a class with average students. Each child that attends a public school must have an Individualized educational plan with specific goals that the will try to be reached Parents should also take steps for there helping learn in a comfortable environment. They need to feel secure Each child has different needs and some kids might not be as verbal as others so parents and teachers need to establish.



The some others ways for children to learn were given on About.com Autism Spectrum Disorder:

“Mainstreaming? Inclusion? Special needs classes? Public school? Private school? Which is best for your child? The answer, of course, is -- it all depends! Some questions to

consider as you begin thinking about your options are:

- Is your autistic child verbal and engaged?
- How are her academic skills?
- Can he handle large groups?
- Does she do well with a lot of sensory input?
- Does he have difficulties with focus?"

All of these ways may affect just how well your child progresses but you have to know your child. One problem that might also arise is that sometimes the teachers have never worked with a student with autism. For a child with autism to learn the best they possible can, it all depends on how well people try to help the child.