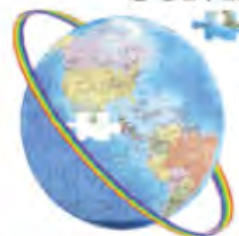


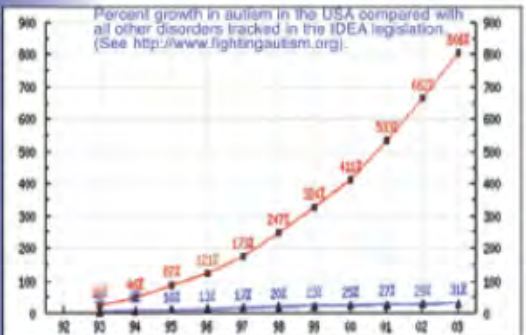
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# Solving the Autism Puzzle

*Sertoma International Conference on Autism Spectrum Disorders*



## Why Is Autism on the Rise?



Muhle, Trentacoste & Rapin (2004) refer to "an astonishing 556% reported increase in pediatric prevalence [of autism] between 1991 and 1997, to a prevalence higher than that of spina bifida, cancer or Down Syndrome" (Pediatrics, 113 p. E472). The graph above shows data through 2003, and autism diagnoses are still on the rise. Why?

## Autism07 Addresses These Puzzling Questions

- What's causing the upswing? (**etiology**)
- How can we best identify autism? (**diagnosis**)
- What can be done about it? (**treatment**)

### Autism affects ability to

- Learn language and communicate,
- Form social relationships, and
- Understand what's going on in the world.



Ethan at age 6 has autism. It's a challenge 24/7. What is causing this perplexing disorder?

Co-sponsored by the *University of Louisiana at Lafayette*, *Sertoma*, the *Louisiana State Medical Society*, the *Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association* and the *Acadian Society of Autistic Citizens*, Autism07 will be held in Lafayette, Louisiana at the Cajundome Convention Center, April 12-14, 2007.



## World Class Speakers

- **David Kirby**, author of *Evidence of Harm: Mercury in Vaccines & the Autism Epidemic*, 2006 Investigative Reporters & Editors Award "meticulous... balance, accuracy & documentation..."
- **Dr. Stephanie Cave**, MS, MD, FAAP, author of *What Your Doctor May Not Tell You About Children's Vaccinations*.
- **Dr. Andrew Wakefield**, MB, BS, FRCS, FRCPATH, academic gastroenterologist author of 135 peer-reviewed medical papers.
- **Dr. David C. Kennedy**, DDS, Past President & Info Officer for **International Academy of Oral Medicine & Toxicology**, author of *How To Save Your Teeth with Toxic Free Dentistry*.
- **Dr. Vincent J. Carbone**, EdD, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, expert in learning environment for persons with autism.
- **Dr. Stephen von Tetzchner** is an expert in alternative communication and autism.
- **Jeff Sell**, Esq., lawyer & legal advisor to congressional committees on autism, & membership director for Autism Society of America, father of twins with autism.
- **Dr. Dave Weldon**, MD, Representative to Congress and author of legislation on autism (to be confirmed).

## Join us April 12-14, 2007 for the

- Knowledge, Networking, Inspiration
- FUN, FOOD, MUSIC!
- Experience authentic Cajun cuisine, pralines, & bourbon bread pudding, ...yum!

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## Value for Your Money...

- Keynote plus 4 more plenary talks with world-class presenters
- Reception with Cajun food & music on opening night, Thursday April 12 with Terry Huval and Jambalaya Cajun Band. Dancing permitted, fun required.
- Healthy continental breakfast on Friday & Saturday with coffee, juice, fruit & pastry.
- Bottled water to quench your thirst
- Coffee breaks with munchies.
- Break-out session of your choice on Friday & Saturday.
- Cajun étouffée, etc. buffet lunch on Friday plus Mardi Gras banquet & extravaganza with Les Amies Louisianaises & Kent Gonsoulin, Cajun humorist, Friday evening.

*"Come pass a good time!"*



*"Laissez les bon temps rouler"*

- Outstanding exhibits.
- Poster sessions with researchers.
- Program with abstracts and index.

## Be a Participant in Autism07

- Physicians, Dentists, Psychologists, & Med Profs earn up to 13.25 CME/CDE/CNE hours \$415\*.

### LSMS Accreditation

#### Statement

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Louisiana State Medical Society through the joint sponsorship of the LSMS Educational and Research Foundation, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Sertoma & Acadian Society for Amisic Citizens. The LSMS ERF is accredited by the Louisiana State Medical Society to provide continuing medical education for physicians.



### Designation Statement

The LSMS Educational and Research Foundation designates this educational activity for a maximum of 13.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

### ADA Statement

The LSMS Educational and Research Foundation fully complies with the legal requirements of the ADA and the rules and regulations thereof. If any participant is in need of accommodation, please do not hesitate to contact John Oller at 337-962-4649.

- Speech-Language Pathologists, Audiologists OTs, PTs, Nurses, Social Workers earn up to 13.25 CNE/CEU hours \$315\*.

### ASHA Accreditation

For speech - language - pathologists and audiologists, the Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (LSHA) is approved by the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to provide continuing education activities in speech-language pathology and audiology. This program is offered for 1.3 CEUs

(intermediate level; professional area). ASHA CE Provider approval does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products or clinical procedures.

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The Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (LBESPA) accepts continuing education activities sponsored by LSHA for licensure renewal

- Parents, Primary Care Givers, & Guests (CME/CEUs not included) \$295\* for an individual or \$370\* (just \$75 more) for a couple. Stipend of \$130 available for caregiver or family member (or the pair, if pair includes the caregiver or family member).

\* These are the "early bird" rates good through February 1, 2007; afterwards, fees increase \$50.

- For a DVD of the Conference (add \$15.00).

## Register Today!

**Register online:**  
<http://www.autism07.com>

**Register by fax:**  
1-215-862-9467 (MasterCard or Visa)

**Register by surface mail:**  
NHT, 61 North Main Street, New Hope, PA 18938

### Make checks to Autism07

For Cajun friendly help with registration, call toll free 866-381-7733 or email [autism07@comcast.net](mailto:autism07@comcast.net).

*This will be a sold-out event at 1,200 people, so REGISTER NOW!*

*Exhibitors welcome! Write to [macoller@bellsouth.net](mailto:macoller@bellsouth.net) or call 337-280-0206*

## Support Sertoma Center for Autism

Donations to Autism07 go to the Sertoma Center for Research on the Medical Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders.

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