

“Think of it: a disability is usually defined in terms of what is missing...But Autism is as much about what is abundant as what is missing, an over-expression of the very traits that make our species unique.” -Paul Collins

C.A.T. Members:

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Middle School Special Education Teacher

Tammy Hulce

High School Special Education Teacher

Cloudercrot Municipal Schools Service

Children ages 3 to 21

Procedures for Referral:

Requests may be made to the Cloudercrot Autism Team (C.A.T.) to be screened for possible identification of ASD. The referring party is to complete the screening referral form with information from school based personnel. If the students have a diagnosis from an outside agency, the C.A.T. will expedite referral without need for an initial screening. Educational evaluation will be expedited to determine eligibility and service recommendations.

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What is Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)?

Autism is a neurological disorder that disrupts a child's learning and socialization. Deriving its name from the Greek word of "self," autism often associated with children who seem self-absorbed and exhibit unusual behaviors. It is a spectrum disorder, meaning that any two people diagnosed with autism may have very different symptoms and/or characteristics. Children with the disorder range from very high-functioning (nearly indistinguishable from children who do not have autism) to profound.



For a diagnosis to be made, a child must exhibit some symptoms in all of the three following categories, although the level of severity can vary greatly:



1. **Qualitative impairments in social interaction.**
2. **Qualitative impairments in communication.**
3. **Restrictive, repetitive, and stereo-typed patterns of behavior, interests and activities.**

Summer Camps

Camp Rising Sun
www.camprisingsunnm.org
505.272.5142

Camp New Amigos
Email info@heartsforautismc.com
575.521.4794 or google Camp New Amigos

What is our role:

The C.A.T. team was created to identify, evaluate and provide support to students, educational personnel and families of students with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Members may include (but not limited to):

A group of professionals from the following disciplines: Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Social Worker, School Psychologist, Educational Diagnosticians, Instructional Specialist and Special Educators

Our purpose is:

1. C.A.T. is responsible for identification and evaluation related to the diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders. The C.A.T. utilizes input from families, school based personnel, related service providers, and other pertinent documentation. The C.A.T. provides evaluations to the Educational Diagnostic Team to determine eligibility for ASD.
2. The team also provides educational programming supports and consultation with school based personnel and related service providers for students identified with ASD.
3. For more information go to:

www.nmautismsociety