

## Rehabilitation or Misdiagnosis?

~ Do only certain people diagnosed with ASD recover?

~ Several outcome studies have found that about 10-20 percent of adults previously diagnosed with ASD no longer meet the criteria for the condition.<sup>2</sup>

~ After recovery people continue to have high order communication and attention problems. Have their symptoms merely improved?<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> "Autism Recovery: Misdiagnosis or Rehabilitation." *Autism Recovery Education*. Web. 14 Oct. 2010. <<http://www.autismrecovery.com/recovery.html>>.

<sup>2</sup> "Autism Speaks, Science, Latest Research." *Autism Speaks, Home Page*. Web. 14 Oct. 2010. <[http://www.autismspeaks.org/science/science\\_news/top\\_ten\\_autism\\_research\\_events\\_2008\\_recovery.php](http://www.autismspeaks.org/science/science_news/top_ten_autism_research_events_2008_recovery.php)>.

<sup>3</sup> Sicile-Kira, Chantal. *Autism Spectrum Disorders*. New York, NY: Berkeley Publishing Group, 2004. Print. (7)



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## Autism Recovery Workshop Come And Debate The Issues

DATE:

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PLACE:

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## **Autism Recovery! Is It A Reality?**

~Can someone who has been diagnosed as meeting the criteria for an autism spectrum disorder become recovered and no longer meet the criteria?

~Do you believe in recovery from ASD?

~Can a person diagnosed with ASD return to typical development levels?

~Will there be a cure for autism spectrum disorders?

~A recent study has shown that between 3% and 25% of children lose their ASD diagnosis and become within the normal range of cognitive, social and adaptive skills. These children received intensive behavioral treatment and early diagnosis.<sup>2</sup>

## **Do You BELIEVE That Autism Recovery Is Possible?**

~ Research has shown that intense treatment as well as inherent characteristics of the child may explain recovery.<sup>2</sup>

Is an ASD diagnosis a life-long diagnosis? Some autism experts claim autism is permanent and hopeless.<sup>1</sup>

~ One study reported that some people diagnosed with ASD had their diagnosis change into ADHD.<sup>2</sup> Were the people diagnosed as recovered from ASD incorrectly diagnosed in the first place?<sup>1</sup>

~ Diagnosis of ASD is based on observation of behaviors, using standardized testing. Is this process always accurate? <sup>1</sup>



## **Come Hear Temple Grandin's Views.**

**Temple Grandin:**

“Over the years, I have read enough to know that there are still many parents, and professionals, too, who believe that ‘once autistic, always autistic.’ This dictum has meant sad and sorry lives for many children diagnosed, as I was early in life, as autistic. To these people it is incomprehensible that the characteristics of autism can be modified and controlled. However, I feel strongly that I am living proof that they can.” <sup>3</sup>

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