

*How to support autistic children?*



### The Friend of Autism Foundation

Established in 2016 by a father of a child with autism spectrum disorder, the Friend of Autism Foundation is committed to imparting fundamental skills to children on the spectrum. Our vision encompasses educating society, advocating for the rights of these children, and facilitating their acceptance into society for an enhanced quality of life.

### Objectives of the Friend of Autism Foundation:

1. Provision of both general and specialized educational services related to autism spectrum disorder.
2. Conducting Autism Tutor Training Courses.
3. Translation of current books and educational resources to raise awareness among professionals and parents.
4. Collaboration with various entities to initiate and amend laws and regulations about autism.



## What is Autism?

Autism is a neurodevelopmental disorder characterized by symptoms that typically emerge around the age of three, although the onset may vary depending on severity. It's essential to recognize that autism exists on a spectrum, meaning each autistic child is unique, exhibiting individual characteristics.

**Key symptoms of this disorder include** challenges in communication, difficulties in social interactions, lack of eye contact, and the presence of restricted and repetitive patterns in behavior, interests, and activities.

As of 2020, according to the latest statistics from the International Center for Control and Prevention, the prevalence of autism disorder has increased from 1 in 59 births to 1 in 54 births.



## Parental Challenges in Dealing with Autism:

1. Restricted Access to Specialized Clinics for Children: Difficulty in finding clinics specifically designed to cater to the needs of children with autism.
2. Seeking Assistance from Non-Specialists: Referral to professionals lacking expertise in autism, leading to potential misdiagnoses and a delay in early intervention.
3. Limited Community Awareness: Insufficient public knowledge about individuals on the autism spectrum, resulting in challenges for them in community settings due to a lack of recognition.
4. Absence of Support and Understanding: Parents face a lack of support and understanding from their immediate surroundings, with the child's condition often not accepted by both individuals and society.



# *The Friend of Autism Services*

## **Specialized services**

1. Empowerment services  
(behavioral-cognitive, speech therapy, occupational therapy, movement-sports)
2. Medicine-paramedicine
3. Health and Hygiene (assessment, consultation, assistance)

## **holding educational courses**

1. holding Autism Tutor Training Courses
2. holding Parent-Teacher Courses
3. The Hope of Parents Courses

## **Infrastructure services**

Setting up specialized clinics across the country with international standards

## **Supportive services**

1. Livelihood packages
2. Supportive-entertainment packages
3. Learning tools

## **Cultural Products**

1. Production of various books and booklets in the field of autism
2. Production of multiple products to inform society



## *Support specialized services*

### **Educational services for every child**

1. Expert assessment
2. Behavioral-Cognitive training
3. Occupational therapy
4. Sensory-Motor classes
5. Speech Therapy



### **Medical services for every child**

1. Neurology Services
2. Blood test Services
3. Dental Services



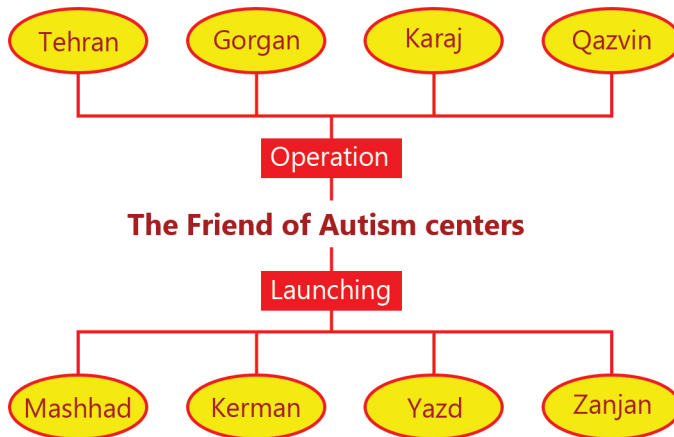
## Supporting infrastructure services

### Setting up and training the team of specialized clinics

1. Clinic building rental and renovation
2. Providing clinical equipment and office furniture
3. Management training
4. Setting up a specialized clinic

### Support in the construction and operation of specialized clinics

1. land preparation
2. Construction and operation of the clinic building



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