

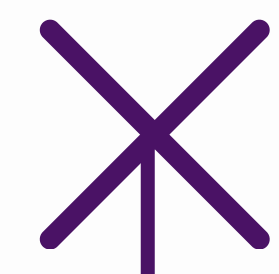
RETHINKING

Autism

A Parent's Guide to Non-Speaking Autism

When You Hear...

Your child will never...



Manage your child's autistic behaviors.



Speak slowly and use simple words with your child.



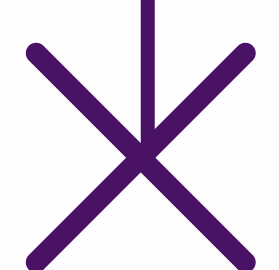
Your child has limited speech and limited intelligence.



Control your child, they are out of control.



Your child prefers to be in their own little world.



Think This Instead...

My child is capable of learning age-appropriate things, but struggles to communicate what they know.

My child is trying to communicate and connect to their body but struggles with sensory motor differences.

My child understands age-appropriate language and wants me to engage normally with them.

Speech is motor-driven and not a good indication of intelligence. My child needs supports for communication, regulation, and purposeful movement because of motor differences.

I must recognize when my child is having an impulsive or emotional response and teach them to co-regulate with me to feel safe.

My child is highly aware of everything around them, but struggles to respond in a way that is accepted by the world.

Why Should I Rethink Autism?

Optimal ACCESS is committed to educating the community on the latest research, regulation strategies, and communication supports that are helping autistic students achieve their highest potential.

Rethinking autism can lead to increased awareness and better understanding of your child's behavior and abilities.