Facts about Autism as seen on www.autismspeaks.org

Did you know…

- 1 in 150 children is diagnosed with autism
- 1 in 94 boys is on the autism spectrum
- 67 children are diagnosed per day
- A new case is diagnosed almost every 20 minutes
- More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than with AIDS, diabetes and cancer combined
- Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the U.S.
- Autism costs the nation over $90 billion per year, a figure expected to double in the next decade
- Autism receives less than 5% of the research funding of many less prevalent childhood diseases
- Boys are four times more likely than girls to have autism
- There is no medical detection or cure for autism

Incident vs. Private funding

- Leukemia: Affects 1 in 25,000/Funding: $310 million
- Muscular Dystrophy: Affects 1 in 20,000 / Funding: $175 million
- Pediatric AIDS: Affects 1 in 8,000 / Funding: $394 million
- Juvenile Diabetes: Affects 1 in 500 / Funding: $130 million
- Autism: Affects 1 in 150 / Funding: $15 million

National Institutes of Health Funds Allocation

- Total 2005 NIH budget: $29 billion
- Of this, only $100 million goes towards autism research. This represents 0.3% of total NIH funding

Jacob's Ladder is a non-profit 501- c 3 organization. Founded in 1999 by Amy O'Dell.
(http://www.jacobsladdercenter.com/journey.asp)
We serve children, teens, and young adults with all types of developmental delays.

80% of our students, and clients have a diagnosis of Autism. We also provide highly successful educational intervention for students/clients diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome and other genetic syndromes, PDD and severe Learning Disabilities.

We serve over 50 children at our center per week, have over 600 families implementing our programs from home or in other settings, and have evaluated over 1000 children since 1999.

We are located in Roswell, Georgia with a new campus opening Late Spring 2008. Our new address is 407 Hardscrabble Road, Roswell, Ga., 30075.

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Jacob's Ladder offers a fulltime school placement, or hourly program implementation.

Our philosophy is brain-based, meaning we know that the brain can change, based on the stimulation that it receives. Our job is to provide that stimulation by offering targeted, individualized intervention for every client.