# A Fresh Approach to Autism



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leader in the autism arena. The founder of the National Autism Academy, a speaker, coach, consultant, and author of Autism & The Rest of Us: How to Sustain a Healthy, Functional and Satisfying Life with a Person on the Autism Spectrum. Jeanne is a graduate of Northwestern University, and had a successful 30-year career in business to business sales. The mother of 2 sons, one diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder and one diagnosed with ADHD, Jeanne is certified as a life coach and dedicates her time to helping families find success, peace and inspiration in life with autism.



The NAA champions these beliefs:

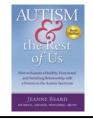
Education and understanding is the solution to the autism dilemma faced today. Autism effects every member of a family. Focusing on and building on the individual's strengths is the key to success.

# "People With Autism are No Longer an Anomaly: They are Now a Growing Minority"

-Jeanne Beard

#### **Show and Story Ideas:**

- Revise the ADA to include People with autism: In the USA today, there are 3 times more people with autism than in wheelchairs!
- Autism Integration: Making Space for those with Autism
   What everyone should know about the simple
   requirements that support the success of those with
   autism.
- What Do You Say to Someone Whose Child was just
  Diagnosed with Autism?
  10 simple actions that show you care and offer comfort.
- Is there a Connection Between Homelessness and Autism?
  - Children with autism that do not become functional, may be predisposed to homelessness.
- The Power of Awareness; Harnessing the hidden talent of people with Autism
  - The 3 biggest strengths of individuals with autism.
- Is Autism the World's Most Misunderstood Diagnosis? The Assumption that Autism is a Disease to be cured is wrong!



Jeanne has appeared on dozens of radio shows in many markets including iHeart Radio, Starcom Radio Network, KC Armstrong's WMAP, as well as being featured in the upcoming books by Jane Seymour, and the first edition of the "World's Most Amazing People" Book by KC Armstrong.

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