

Parent Forum: Autism—Road towards recovery

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Abstract

Autism is treatable. Through the sustained efforts and devotion of parents, doctors, and researchers, children on the autism spectrum are moving forward on the road towards recovery.

From Gordon's Story:

Then: "...Gordon Westcott is 7 years old. He was diagnosed with regressive autism and a leaky gut when he was 5 years old....Gordon was severely affected."

Now: "Gordon has done marvelously even starting later than many children....Gordon is now able to take part in conversations both with adults and other children. He can play with toys imaginatively by himself and with his brothers and close friends....all the things we have been working on are coming together and Gordon can apply what he is learning to real life situations. Every parent needs to maintain hope, read as much as they can, and keep moving forward, because autism is treatable."

From Ryan's Story:

Then: "Just before Ryan's third birthday, he received the devastating diagnosis, DSM-IV autism – severe to moderate."

Now: "Ryan is 3 months shy of his fifth birthday....Psychologists and his teachers now say he won't qualify for autism or developmental delay."

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