THINGS AUTISM WANTS YOU TO **KNOW**

- I. I'M FIRST AND FOREMOST A CHILD, AUTISM IS JUST ONE ASPECT OF MY CHARACTER.
- 2. ORDINARY SIGHTS, SOUNDS AND TOUCHES OR EVERYDAY LIFE THAT ARE NORMAL TO YOU, CAN BE PAINFUL FOR ME.
- 3. IT ISN'T THAT I DON'T LISTEN TO YOU... IT'S JUST THAT I 8. FOCUS AND BUILD ON WHAT CAN'T UNDERSTAND YOU.
- 4. I LIKE ROUTINES BECAUSE I KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT.
- 5. DON'T COMPARE ME WITH OTHER CHILDREN....I'M SPECIAL IN MY OWN WAY.



- 6. IT'S HARD FOR ME TO TELL YOU WHAT I NEED, WHEN I DON'T KNOW THE WORDS TO SAY IT.
- 7. BE PATIENT AND CONSISTENT. I LEARN BETTER WHEN YOU TELL, SHOW AND DO THINGS WITH ME.
- I CAN DO RATHER THAN WHAT I CAN'T DO.
- 9. I WANT TO BE WITH OTHERS, BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW.
- 10. LOVE ME UNCONDITIONALLY... COZ I PROMISE YOU... I'M WORTH IT.