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Report on activities done for Autism Awareness month – April 2024

Overview

Autism spectrum disorder is a neurodevelopmental condition involving persistent challenges with social skills and communication skills in the presence of repetitive behaviors or restricted interests. April is considered to be Autism acceptance month and 2nd April is observed to World Autism day. This year's theme was 'moving from surviving to thriving'. Hence, as an initiative, The Department of Paediatrics and Audiologist cum Speech Language Pathologist (ASLP) from department of ENT collaborated to conduct various activities to observe Autism acceptance month on 03rd, 04th and 09th April 2024

Activity 1

Awareness talk

Time: 03:00- 4:30 pm IST

Attendees: Nursing officers in training

Venue: Mother Teresa Government College of Nursing, Karaikal.

Dr. Vasanthan (Associate Professor) rendered talk on developmental milestones, red flags, early identification and schemes for differently abled.

Mrs. K.S. Kalyani (ASLP) covered on signs and symptoms of children with Autism, Virtual Autism, management and strategies for nursing officers to handle children with Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) in hospital set-up.

An online form was circulated among attendees to understand benefit and feedback of awareness talk.



Activity 2

Parent support group initiation and Paediatric screening

Time: 03:00- 4:30 pm IST

Attendees: Parents and children with ASD

Venue: New academic building, JIPMER, Karaikal

Mrs. Kalyani (ASLP) conducted various fun activities to establish child- led interaction between parents and children with ASD. This also marked initiation of parent support group for children receiving speech and language therapy services from JIPMER, Karaikal.

Dr. Dinesh (Associate Professor) screened all the children with ASD and provided referrals and recommendations to maintain general health to parents individually based on the needs of the child.

The Dean, The Registrar and the Head of Department of ENT felicitated all the children with ASD. They also interacted with parents and observed children with ASD in action during various activities.



Activity 3

Awareness talk

Venue: All India Radio station, Karaikal

Resource Persons: Dr. Vasanthan, Dr. Dinesh and Mrs. Kalyani

Overview:

All the three resource persons were indulged in a one-hour conversation with Mr. Manivasagan (Radio Jockey) about early identification of Autism, signs, symptoms, precautions, guidance to provide family support, importance of rehabilitation, communication patterns in children with ASD and importance of speech & language intervention. The same program was telecasted from 17/04/24- 19/04/24 between 9am-10am.



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