



The Intellectual
and Developmental
Disabilities Council
of Tarrant County

Welcome

**So, Now What?: An
Autism Parent's Journey**

Presented by Kerry Romine

Tuesday, November 10, 2020



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of Tarrant County

PURPOSE

To transform the region into an inclusive community where individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) thrive.

MISSION

To bring stakeholders together to create an environment for the development of an efficient and accessible system of support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Tuesday's Caregiver Education ♦ Noon-1 pm

Nov. 17 – Social Security Administration: SSI/Medicare

Monthly IDD Council Meeting

First Thursday of Each Month, 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.

End of Year Celebration & Presentation

Follow us on social media for upcoming topics, events and networking opportunities



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It's SANTA! It's SANTA!

**Friday, December 4
4 – 6 p.m.**

**First Methodist Church Mansfield
777 North Walnut Creek Drive**





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Membership Driven

Premier Partners:



Centered in Care
Powered by Pride



Organizational Partners and many individual memberships





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Welcome New Members!

- BlueSprig Pediatrics (Elite Member)
 - Amplify Fort Worth (Sponsor Member)
 - Rebecca Swift
 - Tammy Baca
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- Your name belongs here!
[Membership Form](#)



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Kerry Romine

Kerry is a proud husband and father of three kids, a boy and two girls. His son was diagnosed on the autism spectrum just after his fifth birthday and John began writing as a coping mechanism to deal with the grief he and his family were experiencing. Kerry realized he had been given a new mission in life and soon published his first book; a memoir of their autism experiences titled *Totally Lost: A Brutally Honest Assessment of Raising a Child on the Autism Spectrum*. Kerry then made the transition to fiction writing as another avenue to bring awareness to autism by publishing *Savant*, a mystery thriller about an autistic law enforcement officer trying to solve the cold case of his father's murder.

Kerry holds a master's degree in Business Administration and is currently a PhD candidate. In addition to his books, Kerry has also published several academic research articles and has a deep passion for his career in higher education. He and his family reside in North Texas on a ten-acre farm and enjoy spending time with their children and pets (two dogs and two cats).





So, What Now?

AN AUTISM PARENT'S JOURNEY

About Me

- ▶ O'Donnell, TX native (Home of Dan Blocker)
- ▶ Bachelor's degree – Angelo State University 2006
- ▶ Master's degree – Texas A&M Commerce 2009
- ▶ PhD candidate – University of North Texas (exp. 2021)
- ▶ Worked for UNT System since 2013
- ▶ Published researcher & author
- ▶ Live on 10 acres in Krum, TX
- ▶ Parent to:
 - ▶ Kellen (8)
 - ▶ Sammy (4)
 - ▶ Emery (1)



Why Should You Care?



Why Should You Care?

- ▶ Group 1 – Educators and Caregivers
 - ▶ Teachers, BCBAs, Domestic employees, etc.
- ▶ Group 2 – Parents of children on the spectrum for more than 3 months
- ▶ Group 3 – Parents of children on the spectrum for less than 3 months
- ▶ Group 4 – Parents of children who show ASD tendencies or who suspect ASD and have not been diagnosed

What is Autism?

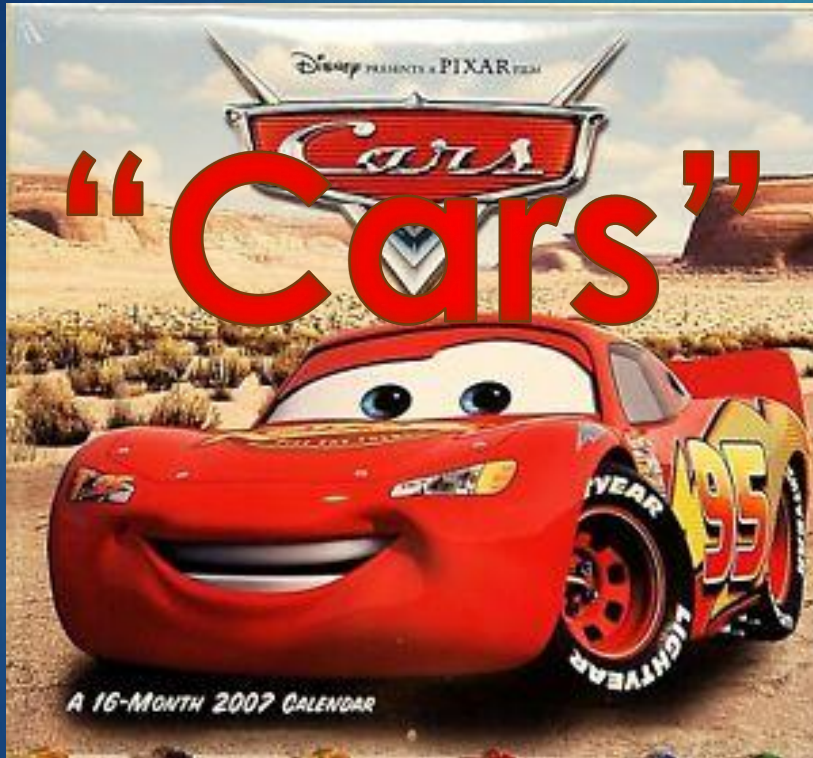
DIFFERENT
NOT LESS

Name That Thing! (Autism Style)

- ▶ Rules & Regs:
 - ▶ Name the item as my son associates them
 - ▶ 4 out of 5 to win
 - ▶ Cannot be one of the 17 people that have read my book
 - ▶ \$1,000,000 PRIZE!!!*

*This is absolutely NOT true.

Name That Thing! (Autism Style)



“Cars”



“Yellow Car”

Name That Thing! (Autism
Style)



“The Teapot”

Name That Thing! (Autism Style)



“Blueberry”



“Brownberry”

Where Did It All Start?



The Bad



The Ugly



The Good



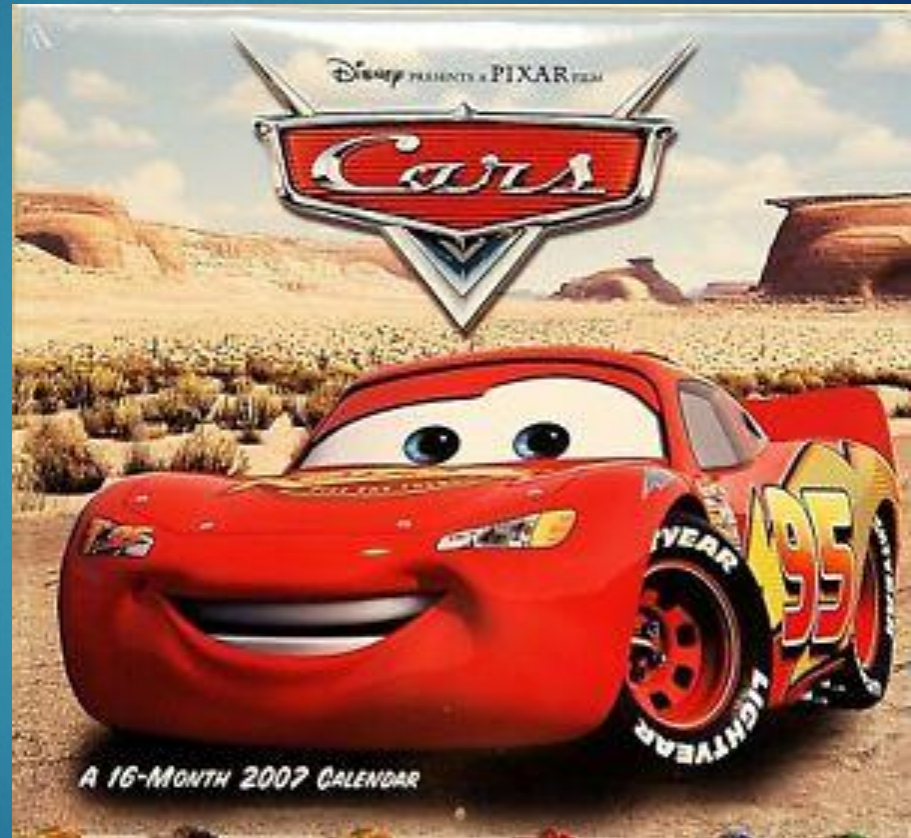
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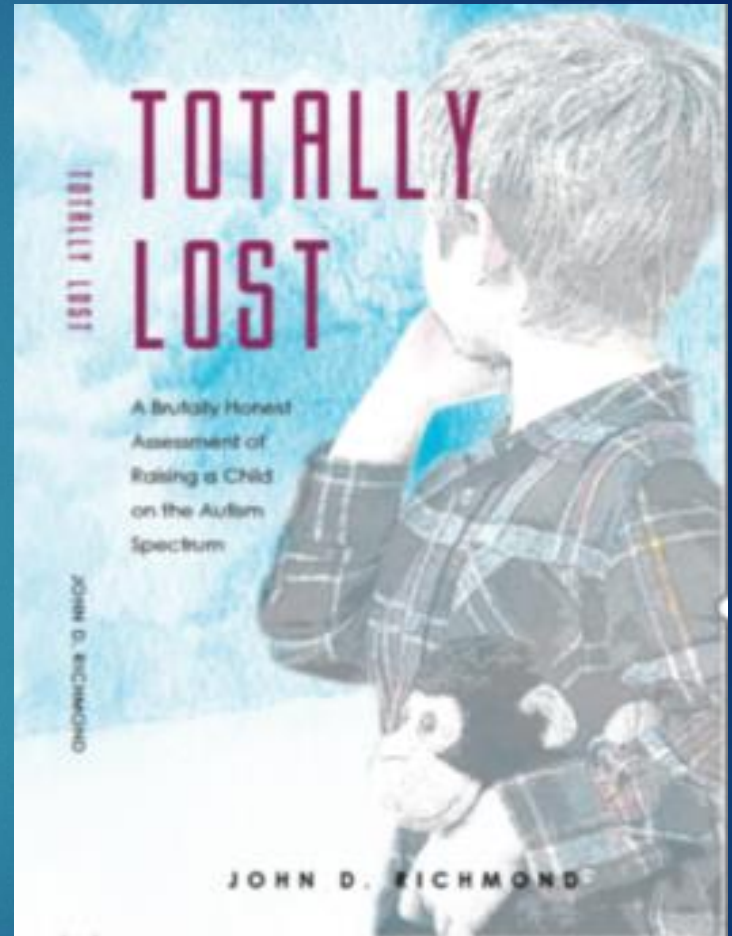
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Cars



Find Yours



So, What Now?

- ▶ Get ready to fight
- ▶ Get ready to cry
- ▶ Get ready to laugh
- ▶ Keep the faith
- ▶ And have .

Hope



Thank you!

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PLEASE JOIN US
to Celebrate

OUR NEW INCLUSIVE
**Membership
Menu**



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Building Awareness and Inclusion in our Community! IDD Council Membership Menu

We recognize and appreciate your support! The benefits and privileges described below are tokens of our appreciation and ways for you to be involved in building awareness and inclusion to our community. Your benefit year begins on the 1st day of the month in which your dues are received, and it continues for 12 consecutive months.

All IDD Council members have access to monthly meetings, job fairs, transition fairs, and access to information and resources via our monthly newsletter, social media, and IDD Council website.

ANNUAL BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO MEMBERS

\$500+ (ALL BENEFITS FROM \$2500 LEVEL, PLUS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING):	\$250+ (ALL BENEFITS FROM \$1000 LEVEL, PLUS CHOOSE 1):	\$100+ (ALL BENEFITS FROM \$500 LEVEL, PLUS CHOOSE 2):
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logo with link on website, ability to put our logo on their website with prior approval Keynote speaker at Celebrating YOU Employer Recognition luncheon OR another premier event Access to the benefits of the individual membership level for all families/employees affiliated with your organization Guest feature (e.g., ad, article, profile) in an issue of the IDD Council newsletter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organization's name on IDD Council website Tailored 1-hour training for your organization's staff or stakeholders (CEUs may be offered for an additional fee) Present at a Caregiver Education session Recognition in all IDD Council publications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly social media posts (1 image of your choice) Speaker spot at a monthly membership meeting Request of a custom topic for a Caregiver Education session; priority selection over non-member and non-custom requests Recognition in select IDD Council publications
\$500+ (ALL BENEFITS FROM \$250 LEVEL, PLUS CHOOSE 2):	\$250+ (ALL BENEFITS FROM \$25 LEVEL, PLUS CHOOSE 2):	\$25 INDIVIDUAL MEMBER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banner with logo at all 4 Making Connections Disability Resource Fairs OR at April Cool's Day Organizational info table at Sensory Santa Permission to distribute information at events (e.g., in bags, or at the doorway) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizational info table at one* of the following events: April Cool's Day, CapeAbilities Job Fair, a Caregiver Education session, OR a Making Connections event Choose 1 topic for a monthly Caregiver Education session from a pre-set list of topics. Priority selection over non-member requests * May select two organizational table events as benefit option. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free training (non-CEU) Collaboration and networking among agencies, caregivers, and other advocates Recognition of membership on website and newsletter Access to members-only portal with a resource directory and video/audio recordings of select presentations

...additional customized benefits available a-la-carte to meet your organization's needs!

CEUs may be offered for an additional fee at individual events.
Members at all levels will receive a discount on CEUs.

<https://www.iddcouncil.org/join-us>



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Thank you!

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