

# Putting the Puzzle Together

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CLEVELAND CLINIC CENTER FOR AUTISM RESEARCH PROGRAM



High quality early intervention is key to producing the best possible outcomes for children with autism. The Panera Bread Pieces of Hope Campaign raises money to help the Center for Autism provide behavioral training to parents and treatment to children who otherwise would not be able to access high quality care.

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## PTEN-ASD Natural History Study Beginning

The Cleveland Clinic is taking part in a multi-site, NIH funded study to examine medical, behavioral, and cognitive differences of individuals with PTEN mutations and autism.

Study representatives from Cleveland Clinic, Boston Children's Hospital, Stanford University Medical Center and The University of California will meet April 22nd in Boston for a study launch meeting with a goal to begin patient enrollment shortly after.

The longitudinal study involves 3 visits to the Cleveland Clinic over the course of 2 years. Study visits will vary in length, but will include a physical exam, medical history questions, neuropsychological assessments and a blood draw.

Eligible participants include individuals ages 3 to 21 years old who have documentation of a clinical diagnosis of ASD and/or a verified PTEN mutation and macrocephaly.

To request more information or to be placed on the contact list for the study start, please contact our **Research Coordinator, Eric Klingemier**, at **216.448.6392** or **klingee@ccf.org**.



## Sleep Difficulties in Children Diagnosed with ASD

The Cleveland Clinic is currently enrolling participants with sleep difficulties in a study to examine a new mattress technology.

The new technology consists of a mattress box spring embedded with resonating speakers that provide customizable, tactile feedback with optional audio accompaniment.



To be eligible, participants must be between the ages of 2.5-11, have an ASD diagnosis and parent/caregiver suspected sleep difficulties. Eligible participants will be able to sleep with the new mattress technology in their own home for the duration of the study.

To request more information about the study or to set-up a screening appointment please contact our **Research Coordinator, Eric Klingemier**, at **216.448.6392** or **klingee@ccf.org**.

The study is supported by a research grant from Kugona

## Pieces of Hope for Autism

In honor of National Autism Awareness month, Panera Bread will be supporting Cleveland Clinic Children's Center for Autism by hosting the "Pieces of Hope for Autism" campaign.

On Monday, April 13 – Sunday, April 19, the 43 Northeast Ohio bakery-café's will bake a specialty puzzle piece shortbread cookie and 100% of proceeds from each cookie sold will be donated to Cleveland Clinic Children's Center for Autism.

For more information or to place an order please visit:  
<http://www.covelli.com/autismcle/>



## Autism 101 Training

Autism Society of Greater Cleveland  
Tuesday, May 12, 2015  
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Drive

This session is for anyone (child, teen or adult) who wants to gain a better understanding about autism. This training is also an awesome opportunity for parents, grandparents, relatives, siblings, friends, neighbors, teachers, professionals or anyone who would like to learn more about autism spectrum disorders. This class is free of charge.

For more information please visit: <http://www.asgc.org>

## 10th Annual Autism Society of Greater Cleveland Chili Cook Off for Autism

Wednesday, April 22, 2015  
The Holiday Inn, 6001 Rockside Rd., Independence  
6:00 pm till 9:30 pm

All the chili you can eat from 40+ Professional & Amateur Chefs. Pre-paid Advance Tickets \$25.00 per person & \$10.00 for children under age 12. Tickets at the door are \$30.00 per person.

For more information please visit: <http://www.asgc.org>



## Milestones 13th Annual Autism Spectrum Disorders Conference

Registration is now open for Milestones' Annual Conference. The annual conference is the perfect way to increase your autism awareness! Learn from keynote speakers Dr. Barry Prizant and Sondra Williams, and choose from over 80 different workshops covering a variety of topics.

For more information please visit: [milestones.org](http://milestones.org)

