



# 2021 World Autism Awareness Day Interagency Roundtable

**Theme: Support During Times of Uncertainty**

**1:30pm – 3:00pm EDT via [Adobe Connect](#)**

**Friday, April 02, 2021**

1:30PM	<b>Opening Remarks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <b>RADM Chris Buchanan, Deputy Director</b></li></ul>
1:35PM	<b>Autism Speaks</b> <i>Autism: Unique Characteristic/ Recognizing Early Signs of Autism</i> <i>Speaker: Andrew Nelson, Director, Autism Response Team Screening, Assessment/Evaluation, &amp; Treatment</i> <i>Speaker: Pamela Dixon, Director, Clinical Services and Inclusion</i>  Autism Speaks representatives will provide a brief description on key themes related to the Autism Spectrum Disorder and the importance of early recognition, screening, evaluation, treatment.
1:55PM	<b>COVID-19 Impact &amp; Utilization of Support Systems in Time of Change</b> <i>Speaker: Arun Karpur, Autism Speaks, Director, Data Science and Evaluation Research</i>  Presenter will provide a data-driven discussion of the social economic and health impacts of COVID-19. Topics will include food insecurities, economic disparities, health care and hospitalization, and social impacts that underline next steps for advocacy efforts during times of change.
2:30PM	<b>Fireside Chat - Federal Panel</b> <i>Speaker: Group</i>  Federal representatives will provide a brief description on key themes related to the importance of early identification, expanding treatment options, national surveillance, and supporting successes through agency resources, collaborations, and activities related to Autism Spectrum Disorders. A special focus will be on agency responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.
2:50PM	<b>Question &amp; Answer Session</b>  The audience will have an opportunity to ask speakers and panelists' questions and provide an opportunity for open discussion.
3:00PM	<b>Closing</b>