



Parent Perspective - Advice for parents

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Initially it's like your world is ending, it feels like there has been a death in the family. It doesn't matter what I say, you will only be able to see it once time goes by, it's really not that bad. If anything you will turn around and say, my child's has autism and you will be proud of it. Everything that they achieve isn't simple and you will see that everybody around you will treat it the same way, anything as simple as waving hi or saying Mum or just anything that they do is such a big deal and I think that it is worth it, I think that if you get that joy out of everything that they do, and it's always daily, they eventually get to the point where it is daily that they are doing something new, something different, that joy that you get it's worth it.

After a while you will start to feel empowered and you will feel really proud of your situation and your child will teach you a lot of things, you will be a different person. Your child will teach you a lot of things that you never thought you had in you. I was very impatient and I have got patience now, you don't judge anymore, you see life very very differently and it's a positive, I see it as a positive now. As long as you are always doing something to help your child and you are seeing something from them, it's a joy everyday it's not boring or simple.

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