



# ACEing Autism Available to Suffolk County Schools

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# Autism in Suffolk County

- **In 2018**, the autism prevalence in Suffolk County was **0.8%** (**0.5% - 1.3% with 95% CI**) Diagnosis rates have only been rising nationally since 2018.
- Based on combined data this would suggest a prevalence of **4,800** people in Suffolk County
- With an autism rate between **2-2.9%**, New York has nearly **30,000** children with autism
- Due to these statistics, we believe ACEing Autism can be an asset to your community



# Partnership

- Established for 13 years, currently hosting 105 programs in 33 states
- We're helping public and private schools successfully integrate our programming with adaptive phys ed programs
- Established partnerships with 19 elementary, middle, and high schools
- "The kids really enjoy the program. It helps with their hand-eye coordination and getting them to feel comfortable with the sport." — Leanne Ryan, Physical Education Teacher at Trabuco Hills High School



# Partnership

- **FREE** turn-key program with a structured curriculum complementing your school PE classes
- **We provide** training, equipment, and if needed, a tennis instructor to help you
- New physical exercise activity that helps children develop in P.E. class and beyond in multiple areas:
  - Social skills
  - Fine & gross motor skills
  - Confidence
  - Attention span



# What is ACEing Autism?

- **Mission:** we are on a mission for children with autism to grow, develop and benefit from social connections and fitness through affordable tennis programming
- Aims to be the preeminent thought leader on how tennis and sport develops children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD)
- 9-step curriculum developed by tennis professionals and behavioral child neurologists with visual aids



# What is ACEing Autism?

- **Our staff teaches you** the **Curriculum** and **provides support as needed** for an easy implementation
- Non-competitive group setting encouraging interest in physical activity during the school day
- Introduced optional virtual programming in 2020 in the Los Angeles and Orange County areas through the LA84 Foundation award



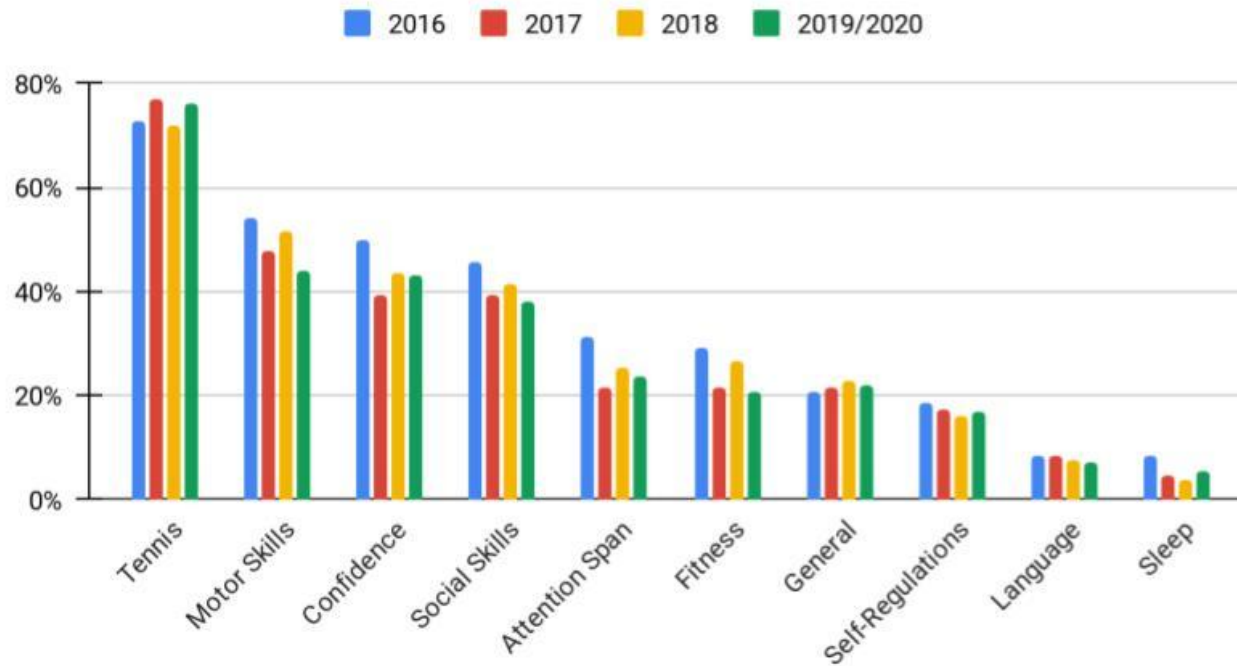
# Why ACEing Autism?

- In 2020, the CDC announced that in the United States, 1 in 54 children are diagnosed with ASD.
- Children with ASD are often left out of team sports and activities that rarely account for children with special needs
- With a specific approach, tennis allows individuals with ASD to gain fine and gross motor skills, social skills, confidence, and interest in physical activity



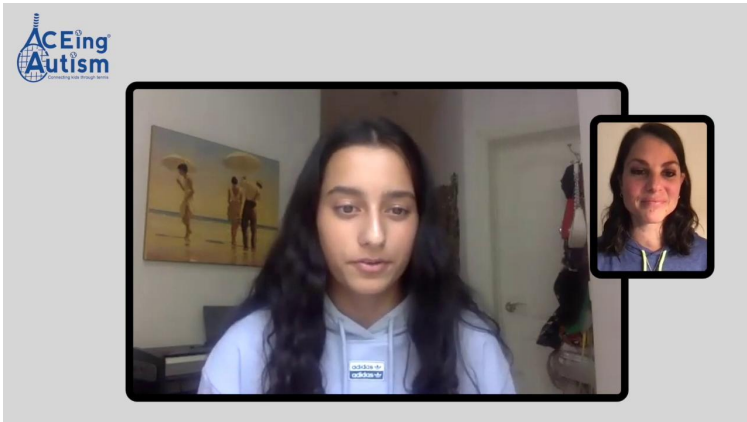
# Why ACEing Autism? (continued)

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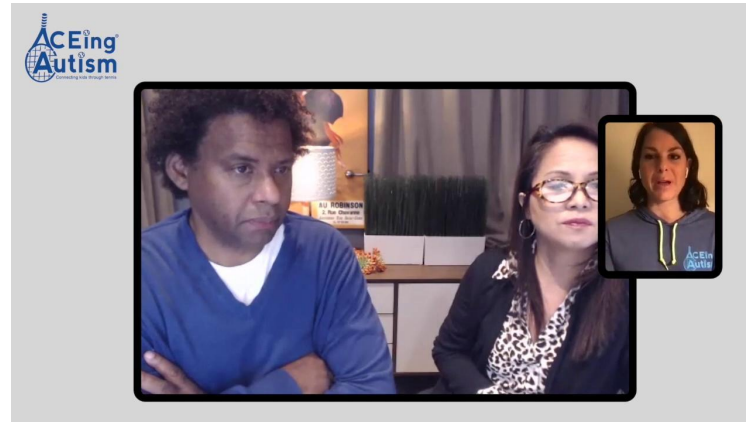




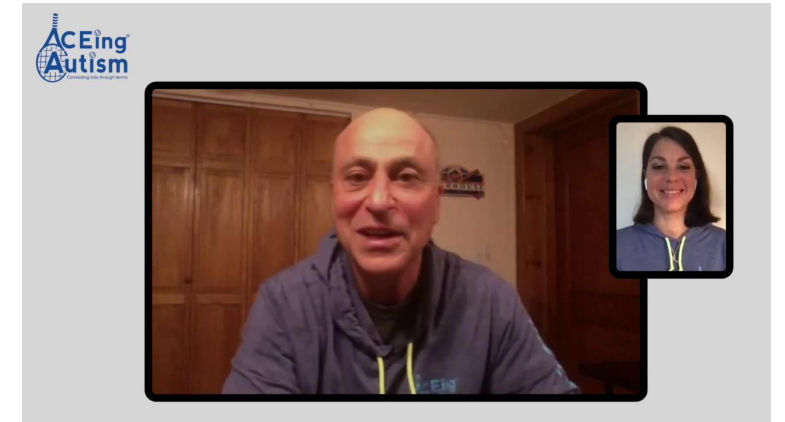
# Why ACEing Autism?



Hear from Melody Ghaffari, Volunteer



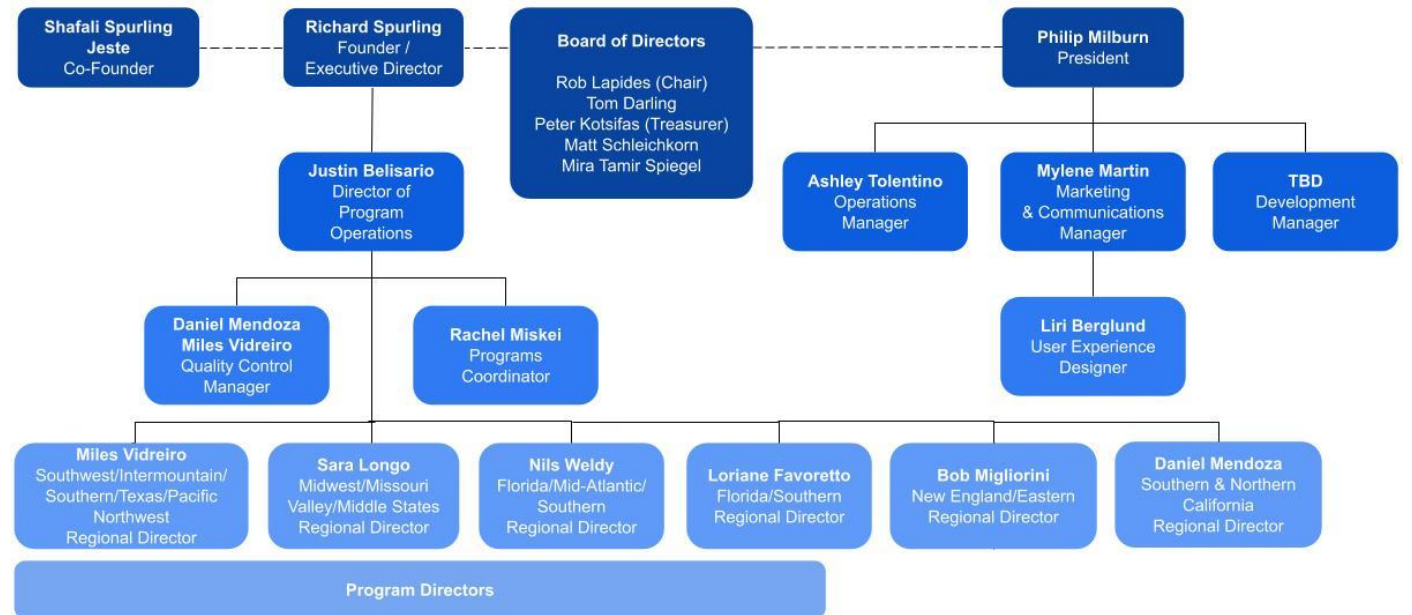
Hear from Clarence and Suzette Major, ACEing parents



Hear from Steve Venizelos, Program Director

# Our Team

- Administrative and on-court training
- Administrative support (prior to and throughout sessions)
- Promotional/Marketing support to aide in participant and volunteer recruitment



# Timeline





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