

**(Traducción Disponible Sobre Pedido)**

While stationed at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily, in 2004, our son Luke was diagnosed as autistic when he was 2 years old. While the diagnosis itself was quite the shock, the fact that Luke's development wasn't within norms was quite evident. Luke fit virtually every "red flag" symptom for autism (see link:

[http://www.nichd.nih.gov/publications/pubs/upload/autism\\_overview\\_2005.pdf#page=3](http://www.nichd.nih.gov/publications/pubs/upload/autism_overview_2005.pdf#page=3) ), yet we didn't know any of these traits were related to autism until after the diagnosis. We were very quickly referred to Letitia,

who was on staff at the EDIS (Early Developmental Intervention Services) program on base. Though we were an emotional wreck, Letitia's professionalism and personal attention to Luke's needs (and ours) immediately calmed our nerves. She immediately started working with Luke and set us up on a path to acquire additional services upon our relocation to San Diego.

Luke received intensive in-home ABA therapy, and had a dedicated aid while at school all the way through 2nd grade. 3rd grade marked his first year without any need for an aid, and now in 4th grade, has been discharged from any need for an IEP. We are currently stationed in Stuttgart, Germany, and he has been selected for a highly selective German immersion program. Nobody would even know that he had ever been diagnosed with autism, and his pediatrician has told us that had he been evaluated by him now, rather than earlier, he would NOT have received an autism diagnosis.

Bottom line: We are EXTREMELY grateful for Letitia's gifted ability, her absolute dedication to her profession, and personal touch that made ALL the difference toward getting Luke the attention he needed to help conquer the scourge of autism. We can't thank her enough, and we wholeheartedly recommend her services to anyone seeking the absolute best for their loved ones. Thanks Letitia!

**Rob, Lili, Luke and big sister Olivia**