

## Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno Visits Shore Center For Students With Autism

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**Trenton, NJ** – Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno recognized Autism Awareness Month with a tour of Shore Center for Students with Autism in Tinton Falls. While there, she discussed the importance of the school to both the children and their families.

"Shore Center for Students with Autism is doing an extraordinary job providing a learning environment that is empowering its students with skills for a productive and fulfilling future," said Lt. Governor Guadagno. "I applaud the school's efforts to make a difference in the lives of these students and their families."

The Shore Center for Students with Autism, a program of the Bayshore Jointure Commission, is a New Jersey public school placement for students with special needs. The student body currently ranges from the ages of 5 to 18, although the school has the capacity to handle students as young as 3 and as old as 21.

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) represents a broad group of disorders that vary widely from mild to severe and is frequently diagnosed during the first three years of life. Most often, it is characterized by difficulties with social interaction and communication, severely limited interests and repetitive behaviors. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), one in 41 children in the Garden State is touched by autism.



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