

# **New Bedford grandmother spreading awareness about social trigger for children with special needs**

"Hi! Does anyone teach their families about special needs these days???"

I was raised that we are all different in many ways and to not stare or make fun of others. I raise my autistic 13-year-old granddaughter Amariannah and she is the most loving and energetic person you could meet. You would actually love her back if you knew her.

My granddaughter seems to think everyone is her friend but as an adult seeing her being stared at while she is out in our community I know not everyone cares to be her friend. ? Breaks my heart that special needs kids and adults are just something for many to stare at or even just laugh at.

Parents should really be teaching their kids about the difference in others. We already live in a messed up world today and there's no need for anyone to act as if they are better than others. We are in a world of many different types of people and special needs.

Please instead of staring, become a friend to someone who will brighten up your day like my Amariannah! Teach your kids please. Special needs kids deserve better than disrespect from adults and children. Thank you!"-Jennifer Lee Staples-Villegas.



*Jennifer Lee Staples-Villegas photo.*