

Bio:

Rachel Kripke-Ludwig is a nonspeaking, college bound autistic advocate. She attends Open Mind School in Menlo Park, and is a Community Partner in the [AASPIRE Community Based Participatory Research Group](#). The group is working on a five-year project to develop tools to measure outcomes for adult autism services. She is also on the Community Advisory Council of [CommunicationFIRST](#), the only nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and advancing the civil rights of people who cannot rely on speech to communicate. To learn more please see, [Rachel Tells it All](#).

Clarissa:

Clarissa Kripke (Cluh-RI-sa CRIP-Kee) rhymes with Melissa

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Dr. Clarissa Kripke, MD, FAAFP is Clinical Professor of Family and Community Medicine at the University of California San Francisco. She directs the Office of Developmental Primary Care whose mission is to build the capacity of the healthcare system to serve transition age youth and adults with developmental disabilities. She is primary care physician to some of the Bay Areas most medically fragile and behaviorally complex patients. She is also Vice Chair of the board of CommunicationFirst, a nonprofit whose mission is to advocate for the rights of people for whom speech is not reliable communication.



