



# What is Autism?

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## Autism Spectrum Disorder

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), is a complex, lifelong developmental condition that typically appears during early childhood and can impact a person's **social skills**, **communication**, **relationships**, and **self-regulation**. The Autism experience is different for everyone. It is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is often referred to as a "spectrum condition" that affects people differently and to varying degrees.

While there is currently no known single cause of Autism, early diagnosis helps a person receive resources that can support the choices and opportunities needed to live fully.



Relationships Communication Self-Regulation Social Skills

## Autism Signs & Characteristics

- Repetitive behaviors, movements, or phrases
- Lack of response to normal stimuli (i.e. his/her name, visual cues)
- Atypical verbal communication or nonspeaking
- Difficulty understanding or expressing feelings
- Avoiding eye contact

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## Facts & Statistics

**1 in 36 children are diagnosed with Autism.** Since 2000, the Autism prevalence rate has been consistently increasing from one in 150 to one in 44.

**Boys are 4x more likely** than girls to be diagnosed with Autism.

The diagnosis rate for Autism is **rising by 10 to 17% each year.**



**Vaccines do not cause Autism.**

Over the next decade, an estimated 700k to 1.1 million+ Autistic teens will enter adulthood and age out of school-based services.

**The cost of caring for Autistic Americans is estimated to rise to \$460+ billion by 2025** in the absence of more-effective interventions and supports. An estimated \$175 to \$196 billion of these costs are for adult services.



**31% of children with ASD have an intellectual disability,** 25% are in the borderline range, and 44% have average to above-average IQ scores.

**Children who receive an Autism diagnosis by age 4** are fifty times more likely to receive services.

**Over 7 million individuals in the United States** are on the Autism spectrum; Autism is the fastest-growing developmental disability in the U.S.