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With a growth rate of 1,148%, Autism is presently the world's fastest growing developmental disability. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (?CDC?), approximately in 100 children in the United States are affected by an autism spectrum disorder (?ASD?). Of the approximately 4 million children born each year, an estimated 36,500 will be diagnosed with autism. The prevalence is greater among boys, with 1 in 70 affected by some form of a disorder on the spectrum.

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