ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) is a complex neurodevelopmental disorder characterized by difficulties in social interaction, communication, and repetitive behaviors. ASD affects 1 in 68 children in the U.S., with the risk being higher for boys than girls.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimate that early intervention can help improve outcomes for children with ASD. ASD is a lifelong condition, but with appropriate support, individuals can lead fulfilling lives.

For more information, visit the autism section of the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/links.html and www.cdc.gov/actearly.