

# AUTISM:

Early detection can improve outcomes.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- **Autism is a group of complex brain development disorders**
- **Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) can cause difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication and repetitive behaviors**
- **1 in 68 children has an Autism Spectrum Disorder**
- **The most obvious signs of autism generally emerge by age 2 to 3**
- **Autism is the fastest growing developmental disability in the US**
- **Boys are nearly 5 times more likely to have autism than girls**

*Screening tools and/or assistance with referrals to a specialist are available at Generations.*

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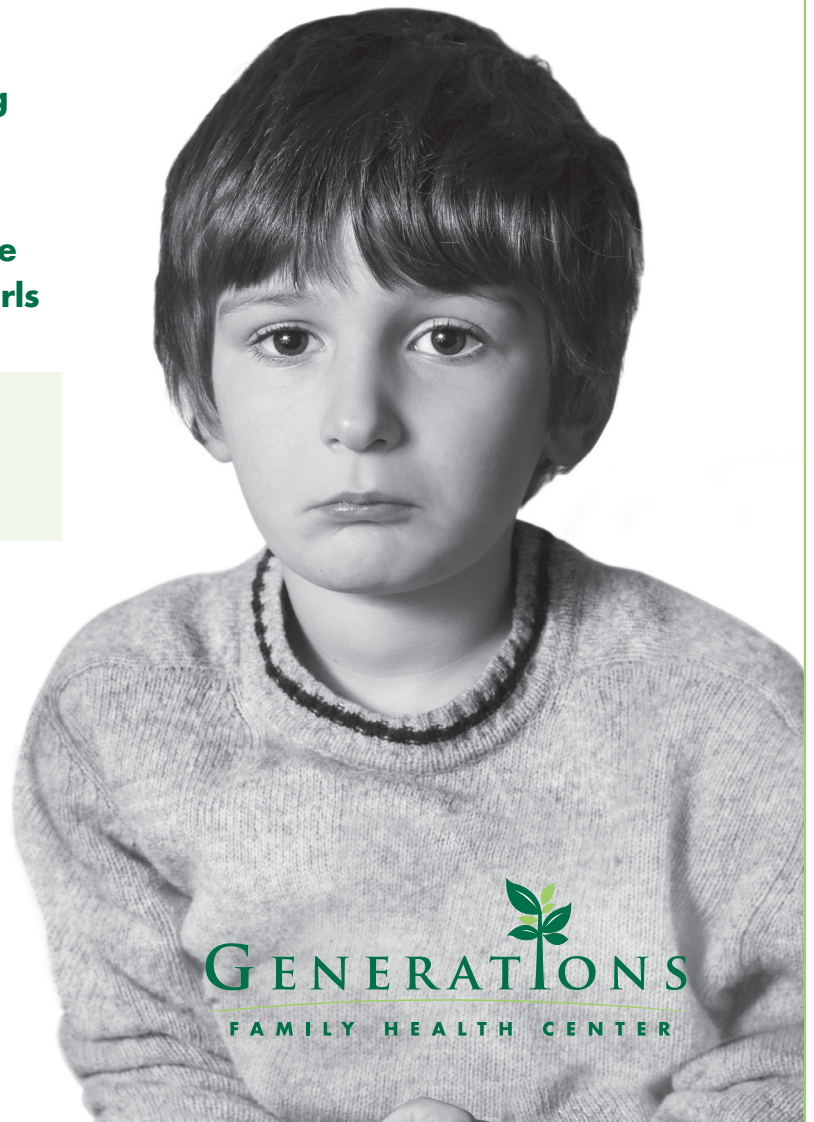
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## RED FLAGS FOR AUTISM MAY INCLUDE:

- No big smiles or warm, joyful expressions by 6 months old
- No back and forth sharing of sounds, smiles or facial expressions by 9 months
- No babbling by 12 months
- No back and forth gestures by 12 months
- No words by 16 months
- No meaningful, two word phrases by 24 months



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