## **PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER**



## ON AUTISM



1 in 88

IT IS THE FASTEST-GROWING developmental disability in the US, now diagnosed in 1 of 88 children.

IT'S CHARACTERIZED BY SOCIAL IMPAIRMENTS, INCLUDING:



lack of eye contact



inability to take another perspective

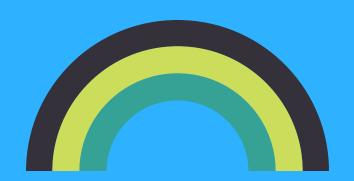


speech deficits

...BUT THOSE ARE ONLY A FEW SIGNS...

AND SYMPTOMS EXIST ON A SPECTRUM,

meaning that some people struggle more than others.



BUT EVERY PERSON STRUGGLES WHEN THEY FEEL STIGMATIZED. SO HOW CAN YOU SHOW YOUR SUPPORT?



TREAT EACH PERSON AS AN INDIVIDUAL, NOT A DIAGNOSIS
No 2 people experience autism the same way.



**EMPATHIZE** 

Regardless of ability, everyone struggles to connect socially sometimes.



**ADVOCATE FOR RESEARCH** and create a more fair world for people of all abilities.