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| What Is ASD?  *A brief overview of autism spectrum disorder (ASD)* |
| *The red text serves as a guide to assist in completing this template. Please delete all red type prior to submission and fill in with your original information.* Contents  What Is Autism Spectrum Disorder? 1  Causal Theories 2  How Is Autism Spectrum Disorder Diagnosed? 3  Family Supports and Resources 4  References 5  [Your Name] |
| **What Is Autism Spectrum Disorder?**        Analyze the definitions of autism spectrum disorder that you have read in this course. Using your own words, define ASD in at least 250 words.  Then, describe three major characteristics of children age birth–8 years with autism spectrum disorder. |

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|  | **Causal Theories** |
|  | Discuss two ways the treatments of/views on autism spectrum disorder have changed over time. |

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      What are three suspected causes of ASD today?

Why is it important to understand research-based causal theories versus popular-belief causal theories?

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**How Is Autism Spectrum Disorder Diagnosed?**

      Describe how a child (birth to 8 years of age) is currently diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder.

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Please be sure to include the [*DSM-5* diagnostic criteria](https://www.autismspeaks.org/dsm-5-criteria) for autism spectrum disorder.



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| **Family Supports and Resources**        Provide four local and national resources for families’ use. |

List and describe (in full sentences) four specific local and/or national agencies and/or organizations available to provide support and information for children birth to 8 years of age with autism spectrum disorder and their families.

Make sure to include how these agencies and organizations can be utilized by children with autism spectrum disorder and their families.

References

Please include **at least three** different references in your responses and properly cite all sources using proper APA formatting and citation style. Your full references should be listed alphabetically on the reference page.

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