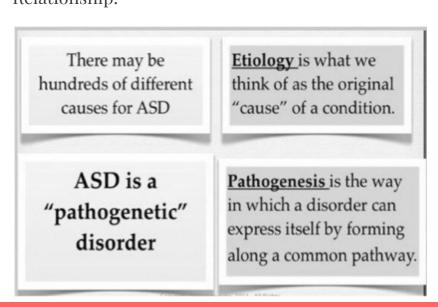
What Causes Autism?

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The most important thing to remember is that YOU did not cause your child's autism.

- There are many possible vulnerability combinations that contribute to the future ASD infant's early disengagement and some of their later problems.
- In children with ASD, an active disengagement from their parents is seen, typically around the first year of life. This is not always the case, and disengagement can occur as late as year three for some children.
- Early disengagement of future ASD infants results in a lifelong loss of access to a critical developmental platform know as the parent-child Guiding Relationship.



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FUNCTIONAL
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MULTIPLE RESEARCH STUDIES HAVE FOUND THAT BY THE END OF THEIR FIRST YEAR, MOST ASD INFANTS HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO DISENGAGE.