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Noah's Ark Institute- New Autism statistics released by the CDC 1 in 49 children with autism in New Jersey.

Livingston – The CDC announced new autism statistics as part of their ongoing surveillance efforts to track the prevalence of autism in the United States. The prevalence of autism in New Jersey has been consistently rising with each new publication of statistical data. The new prevalence rate is 1 in 49. That is an alarming increase since this data was originally collected and the rate at the time was considered unusually high at 1 in 94 in 2007. New Jersey is once again one of the highest rates of autism in the Nation. This should give us pause.

The affect of autism on the State of New Jersey is unprecedented. We as a State must come up with creative solutions on how we deal with the growing numbers of individuals straining the service systems available to all citizens.

There is an increasing outcry by families to help understand what is going on and how we can get needed supports and services. Autism is not a disability of mere childhood but is a lifespan disorder affecting a person throughout their lives. Our ability as a society to put priority in helping those who are in need, will define who we are as a caring society.

The take home message from these numbers is clear. Autism is here in New Jersey in numbers we have never seen before and we must create the supports for our families in need. The time to act is now.

B. Madeleine Goldfarb is the Executive Director of The Noah's Ark Institute, which provides training and support for everyone with an interest in autism. "We must give each individual the opportunity to build skills and thrive within the fabric of a caring community. If we can do that, than we have fulfilled our promise to our families," Goldfarb said.

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The Noah's Ark Institute is a nonprofit organization of grassroots support for everyone with autism. Find out more about the organization at www.noahsarkinstitute.org