#### Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Screening Classification Project

Developing a Predictive Model for Early Diagnosis and Intervention

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**Purpose:** Develop a predictive model to identify children at high risk of ASD

- Key Objectives:
  - Enable early diagnosis and intervention
  - Improve resource allocation for therapeutic interventions
  - Create affordable, accessible screening tools
- **Project Significance**: Addresses late diagnosis, cost barriers, and resource allocation challenges

#### Stakeholder Overview

#### Creative Minds Autism Foundation:

- Non-profit organization
- Specializes in developing affordable, paper-based therapeutic tools
- Focus on assisting with walking, coordination, and sensory integration

### Current Challenges:

- Late diagnosis delaying critical interventions
- High costs of traditional diagnostic methods
- Difficulty identifying children who would benefit most from interventions

# **Project Goals**

#### Primary Objectives:

- Identify high-risk children based on behavioral markers
- Prioritize children for paper-based therapeutic interventions
- Optimize allocation of foundation's limited resources

### • Expected Outcomes:

- Earlier intervention opportunities
- More efficient use of resources
- Reduced financial barriers to diagnosis

### **Dataset Overview**

- Source: Autism Screening Data Combined
- Features:
  - 10 behavioral markers (A1-A10)
  - Demographic information (Age, Sex)
  - Medical history (Jaundice, Family ASD history)
  - Target variable (Class: YES/NO)
- **Size**: 6,075 records

### Understanding the Challenge

- . Expensive Diagnostics Procedures.
- Difficulty matching children to their appropriate interventions.
- Limited resources for widespread Screening.
- Late Diagnosis (average age: 4-5 years)

### Our Approach

- Identified key behavioral markers.
- Focus on early Identification for paper-based interventions.
- Developed predictive model with 85% accuracy.
- Analyzed 1040 screening records.

### **Key Findings**

- Model Performance:
- All models have good recall (important for medical screening).
- Random Forest models shows the best overall performance.
- Precision reduces false alarms.
- Top predictors;
- Family ASD history.
- Social Interaction responses.

# Impact for creative minds

- Earlier Identification of ASD cases.
- Better targeting of paper-based interventions.
- More efficient resource allocation.
- Data-Driven approach for donor communications.

### Implementation Roadmap

- \*\* Next Steps\*\*
- Pilot Integration with current screening process.
- Train staff on model interpretation.
- Develop target intervention plans based on model outputs.
- Ongoing model refinement with new data.

# Thankyou

- \*\*Questions?\*\*
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