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## **Conversation Starters**

"I notice you/your child has seen several specialists. Has anyone ever talked to you about a genetics referral?" "Have you ever told your doctors that there are several people in your family with the same symptoms as you?"

"Other families in your situation have found that an appointment with genetics can be helpful."

## **Topics to Avoid**

Providing recommendations

Discussing how you would handle their situation

Making a prognosis about a child's condition

Answering medical questions about genetics

Sharing too much personal information about your lived experience

If any of these topics come up, here's one way to respond...

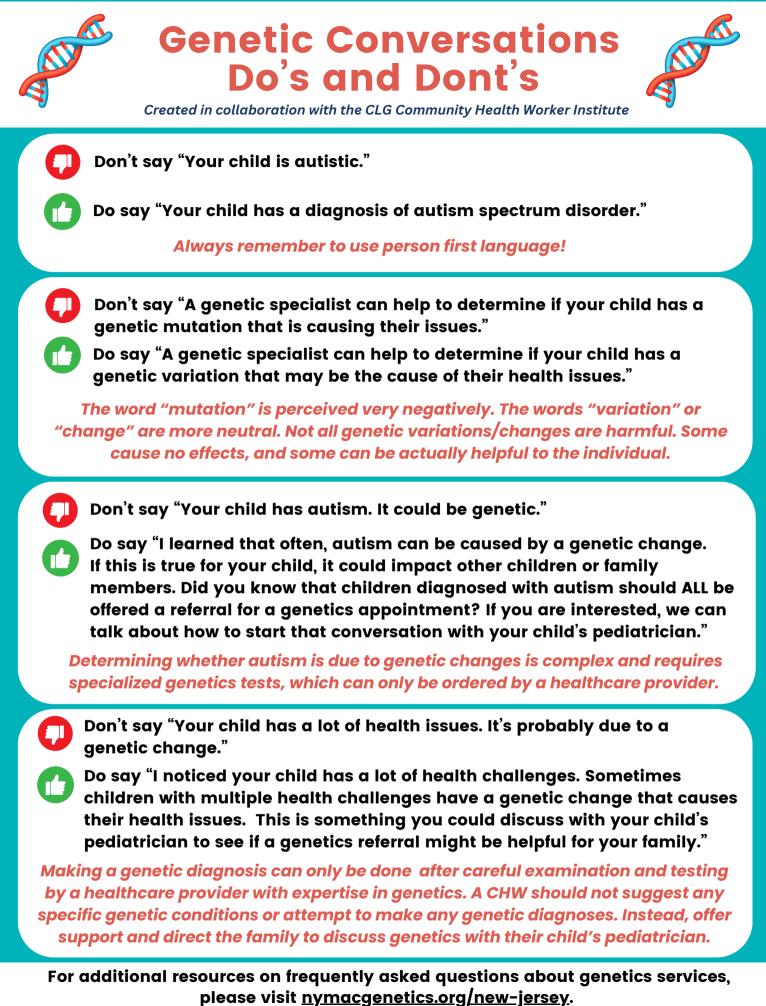
"This sounds like a good question for your health care provider. I can help you make a list of all of your concerns that you can bring to your next appointment to discuss with them."

The objective of the genetics training is to help CHWs identify families who could benefit from genetic services, provide support and offer advice on how to discuss genetics with their primary healthcare provider. A CHW should never try to make a genetic diagnosis or provide any medical advice about genetics.



## For additional resources on frequently asked questions about genetics services, please visit <u>nymacgenetics.org/new-jersey</u>.

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