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Some parents typically reject the vaccines because they fear that the biological substance in a vaccine contains harmful ..... that cause neurological ..... This erroneous belief originated with an article about the connection between ..... spectrum disorder and ..... that was published in 1998 in a medical journal. The journal later retracted the article and the author was subsequently ..... and barred from practicing ..... However, the panic the article induced was widespread and ..... What made it worse was the frightening ..... in the rate of autism cases in the United States.

In an effort to encourage parents to ..... their children, health officials have conducted several ..... on vaccines and autism and have found absolutely no link between the two. In response to a law passed in 2015, for example, California and Vermont will no longer ..... unvaccinated children to attend ..... school without a valid medical ..... for not being vaccinated. Therefore, childhood vaccination rates ..... in most counties of California in 2015.