

Recognizing Autism in Children



Does Your Child...

- Have little to no eye contact?
- Have no real fear of dangers?
- Have difficulty playing with other children?
- Not respond to normal teaching methods?
- Have uneven gross or fine motor skills?
- Have tantrums that show extreme distress for no apparent reason or are inappropriate for the age of the child?

Consider Professional Evaluation If....

- Has poor eye contact, prefers to play alone and/or has little to no interest in other children
- Does not respond to his/her name, has odd movement patterns can not explain what he/she wants and/or seems to be non respondent at times
- There is a sudden loss of language, loss of social skills, or there is no babbling and/or cooing by 12 months.

Autism Spectrum Disorder is a neurodevelopmental disorder usually recognized in the first three years of life. The Center for Disease Control estimates that 1 in 68 children born in the U.S. on are on the autism spectrum. Boys are four times more likely to have autism than girls.

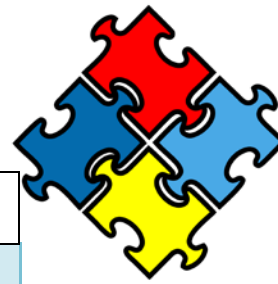
Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is named this, because the symptoms of autism **can range from mild to severe.**

Autism Spectrum Disorders/Pervasive Developmental Disorders include:

- Autistic Disorder
- Asperger's Disorder
- Rett's Disorder
- Childhood Disintegrative Disorder



Autism Resources



Screening, Assessment, and Information	
<i>Autism Speaks Illinois</i>	Autism Response Team (ART) (888) 288-4762
<i>Alexian Brothers Autism Spectrum and Developmental Disorder Resource Center</i>	ResourceCenter@alexian.net (874) 755-8536
<i>Advocate Health Hospital (Hope Children's Hospital)</i>	Pediatric Development Center (773) 296-7340 http://theautismprogram.org/
The Autism Program of Illinois (TAP)	 https://www.rush.edu/services-treatments/psychiatry/autism-resource-center
Rush Resource Center	
Support Groups	
<i>Online</i>	https://www.facebook.com/AutismMomsSupportGroup/ http://nationalautismassociation.org/family-support/find-a-support-group/
Therapeutic Services	
<i>Genesis Therapy Center</i>	http://www.genesistherapy.org (708) 535-7320

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