

Red Flags for Autism

Parents should ask their child's family doctor for referral to a developmental pediatrician if there are concerns with any of the following:

Communication Red Flags



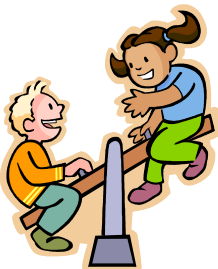
- No babbling by 11 months of age
- No simple gestures by 12 months (e.g., waving bye-bye)
- No single words by 16 months
- No 2-word phrases by 24 months (noun + verb – e.g., “baby sleeping”)
- No response when name is called, causing concern about hearing
- Loss of any language or social skills at any age

Behavioural Red Flags



- Odd or repetitive ways of moving fingers or hands
- Oversensitive to certain textures, sounds or lights
- Lack of interest in toys, or plays with them in an unusual way (e.g., lining up, spinning, opening/closing parts rather than using the toy as a whole)
- Compulsions or rituals (has to perform activities in a special way or certain sequence; is prone to tantrums if rituals are interrupted)
- Preoccupations with unusual interests, such as light switches, doors, fans, wheels
- Unusual fears

Social Red Flags



- Rarely makes eye contact when interacting with people
- Does not play peek-a-boo
- Doesn't point to show things he/she is interested in
- Rarely smiles socially
- More interested in looking at objects than at people's faces
- Prefers to play alone
- Doesn't make attempts to get parent's attention; doesn't follow/look when someone is pointing at something
- Seems to be “in his/her own world”
- Doesn't respond to parent's attempts to play, even if relaxed
- Avoids or ignores other children when they approach

To help your child succeed,
help them to communicate.



Technology for human expression.

- Autism is treatable and early intervention is critical.
- Enabling communication is an essential component of an intervention program.
- DynaVox Technologies offers a wide range of speech-output solutions that can help your child make meaningful connections with the world.

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Know the warning signs of autism in young children. Act early.

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