

Your child might have autism...



We can help.

Autism Ontario has chapters serving families and communities across Ontario.

Call your local chapter to talk with a parent to learn more about services for families with children with autism.

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Signs of Autism in Early Childhood

If you think your child exhibits a number of these signs, we recommend that you ask your family doctor, pediatrician, psychologist or psychiatrist for a referral for a developmental assessment or referral to a developmental specialist.

Communication

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

Behaviour

- Odd or repetitive ways of moving fingers or hands
- Oversensitive to certain textures, sounds or lights
- Lack of interest in toys, or, plays with toys in an unusual way (opening and closing toy parts rather than playing with the toy)
- Compulsions or rituals (has to perform activities in a certain sequence; prone to tantrums if rituals interrupted)
- Preoccupations with unusual interests, such as light switches
- Unusual fears

Social

- Rarely makes eye contact while interacting with people
- Does not play peek-a-boo
- Doesn't point to show things that he or 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 or look up when someone is pointing at something
- Seems to be “in his or her own world”
- Doesn't respond to parent's attempts to play, even if relaxed
- Avoids or ignores other children who approach them

Remember

Autism is treatable. Early intervention is critical. Act early.



Autism Ontario is here to help!

Call us to learn more about autism. Autism Ontario is a not-for-profit charitable organization that is a strong voice for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). We work to ensure that every individual with ASD is provided the means to achieve quality of life as a respected member of society. Our programs include:



REALIZE
COMMUNITY
POTENTIAL
PROGRAM

A service for families, providing support from autism experts, workshops and community experiences for children and youth.

www.autismontario.com/rcp



A Listing of Ontario Autism ABA Providers

A web resource for families to identify and locate qualified Ontario autism service providers.

www.abacuslist.ca



A campaign that supports autism awareness and research in Canada.

www.togetherforautism.ca

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