

Early Intervention

It is important to have early screening for autism to ensure that children are identified and receive access to services as early as possible. The sooner autism is identified, the sooner an intervention program can start.

With early and intensive interventions, children with autism can make remarkable progress in all areas.

If you are concerned about your child's development or you suspect that your child has autism, our team will provide an extensive evaluation to answer these questions.

1 in **36**
CHILDREN

According to the CDC, the rate of ASD in children aged 8 years old is 1 in 36.



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Our Programs

Adult Day Care
Autism Diagnostic Clinic
Community Center for the Deaf
Deaf Kids Enrichment Club
Home Delivered Meals
Kindergarten Readiness
Kinship Summer Camp
Non-Medical Transportation
Occupational & Speech Therapies
School-Based Behavioral Health
Vocational Services

CARF Accreditation

We are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) for our Outpatient Medical Rehabilitation Program, Adult Day Care and Vocational Services.



If you would like more information about our programs, please call 330.743.1168 or visit easterseals.com/mtc



Autism Diagnostic Services



Our Diagnostic Services

Our evaluation process has multiple steps which are outlined below.

Step 1: Referrals can be made by a physician or the child's primary caregiver.

Step 2: A licensed therapist will conduct a diagnostic interview which will last approximately one hour. During this appointment, we will gather information about your child's development.

Step 3: Our clinical team will conduct developmental testing which includes using a play-based assessment tool. They will assess your child's need for additional testing by a speech or occupational therapist.

Step 4: You will meet with our clinical team to review your child's test results. During this appointment you will have the opportunity to ask questions and review recommendations from our clinical team. They will offer recommendations for next steps in treatment and intervention.

Step 5: The final step of the assessment process includes meeting with our social worker to link your child to treatment.

Signs & Symptoms of Autism

One of the most important things you can do as a parent is to learn the early signs of autism and become familiar with the developmental milestones your child should be reaching.

- Fails to respond to his or her name or appears not to hear you at times.
- Resists cuddling and holding, and seems to prefer playing alone, retreating into his or her own world.
- Has poor eye contact and lacks facial expression.
- Doesn't speak or has delayed speech, or loses previous ability to say words or sentences.
- Performs repetitive movements, such as rocking, spinning or hand flapping.
- Fixates on an object or activity with abnormal intensity or focus.

Early Screening and Diagnosis

Autism is a developmental disorder that affects how people interact with others, communicate, learn and behave. It can be diagnosed at any age but typically appears in the first two years of life.

