

If You Think Your Child Has Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), There is Help

Signs of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

- Little or no speech.
- Odd speech.
- Avoids being with others, likes to be alone.
- Plays with things in an odd way: spinning, staring at lights or fans, lines things up over and over.

If your child has these or any other unusual behaviors:

- Talk to your doctor. Ask for tests to rule out other problems such as hearing loss or seizures.
- Make an appointment with a developmental pediatrician or other doctor who can help with autism. Your doctor can help you find one.
- Call First Steps if your child is under 3, at 1-800-441-7837, or e-mail FirstStepsWeb@fssa.in.gov for early intervention.
- Call Head Start if your child is over 3, at 317-233-6837 in the Indianapolis area, or go to www.in.gov/fssa/dfr for more information.
- Talk to your child's teacher if he or she is in school. The school can help find out if your child's behavior may be Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

For help being a parent:

- Autism Society Indiana
317-695-0252
www.autismsocietyofindiana.org
- About Special Kids
800-964-4746
www.aboutspecialkids.org
- Indiana Institute on Disability and Community
Indiana Resource Center for Autism
812-855-6508
www.iidc.indiana.edu
- www.in.gov/medicaid/members
For help with medical care

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