

What are the signs of Autism?

Children with autism may have problems with social, emotional, and communication skills. They might repeat certain behaviors and might not want change in their daily activities. Many children also have different ways of learning, paying attention, or reacting to things. Typically, a child with autism may:

- not play "pretend" games (pretend to "feed" a doll)
- have trouble relating to others or not have an interest in other people at all
- avoid eye contact and want to be alone
- have trouble understanding other people's feelings or talking about their own feelings
- appear to be unaware when other people talk to them but respond to other sounds
- be very interested in people, but not know how to talk, play, or relate to them
- repeat or echo words or phrases said to them, or repeat words or phrases in place of normal language (echolalia)
- repeat actions over and over again
- have trouble adapting when a routine changes
- have unusual reactions to the way things smell, taste, look, feel, or sound
- lose skills they once had (for instance, stop saying words they were once using)

* information provided by the Centers for Disease Control



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What Is Autism ?

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), as many as one in 166 children will be diagnosed with autism. Autism is a neurological disorder that affects learning and social and communication skills. Autism is often called a spectrum disorder, because symptoms can range from mild to severe. The signs of autism typically appear before a child turns three years of age. The causes of autism are not yet known. While there is no cure, most children make significant progress with early diagnosis and treatment.



The Autism Early Identification Diagnostic Treatment Center is coordinated by the Dr. Gertrude A. Barber National Institute and funded by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare. We are here to provide families and professionals with expertise and services to help children with autism.

The Autism Early Identification Diagnostic Treatment Center, located in the Forest-Warren County Department of Human Services building at 27 Hospital Drive in North Warren, will provide:

- Staff trained to identify the early symptoms of autism
- Wrap-around behavioral services coordinated in the home and school
- 24-hour Crisis intervention with behavior specialists
- Family support groups
- Parents Enabling Parents – a program linking parents experienced and living with autism with families to assist in finding resources and meeting new challenges
- Parent resource library with internet access
- Teleconferencing and Telepsychiatry – enables child psychiatrists in Erie to conduct live video evaluations, reducing the need to travel to Erie for high quality assessment and treatment by a physician specializing in autism
- Ongoing training to assist professionals in enhancing their skills with the latest, best-practice approaches

