

# EARLY SIGNS OF AUTISM



The following may indicate your child is at risk for an autism spectrum disorder. If your child exhibits any of the following, ask your pediatrician or family doctor for an evaluation right away.

## By 6 Months

- Few or no big smiles or other warm, joyful and engaging expressions
- Limited or no eye contact

## By 9 Months

- Little or no back-and-forth sharing of sounds, smiles, or other facial expressions

## By 12 Months

- Little or no babbling
- Little or no back-and-forth gestures such as pointing, showing, reaching, or waving
- Little or no response to name

## By 16 Months

- Very few or no words

## By 24 Months

- Very few or no meaningful, two-word phrases (not including imitating or repeating)

## At Any Age

- Loss of previously acquired speech, babbling or social skills
- Avoidance of eye contact
- Persistent preference for solitude
- Difficulty understanding other people's feelings
- Delayed language development
- Persistent repetition of words or phrases (echolalia)
- Resistance to minor changes in routine or surroundings
- Restricted interests
- Repetitive behaviors (flapping, rocking, spinning, etc.)
- Unusual and intense reactions to sounds, smells, tastes, textures, lights and/or colors



## RESOURCES FOR EVALUATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS

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- **NICOLE SWANN**

Evaluations, assessments and clinic-based Early Childhood Behavior and Speech services. For more information, please call 970-665-4744 or visit <https://www.pediatricpsychologyservices.com/>

- **CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL DENVER**

<https://www.childrenscolorado.org/conditions-and-advice/conditions-and-symptoms/conditions/autism-spectrum-disorders/>

- **MOUNTAIN FAMILY HEALTH IN GLENWOOD SPRINGS**

For more information, please call 970-945-2840 or visit <https://www.mountainfamily.org/>

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