Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Signs, Screening, and Resources

Knowing the key milestones and signs of concern can aid in early identification



Developmental

Milestones

To educate the caregiver on baby and toddler key developmental milestones and developmental resources, see: <u>Developmental Milestones</u> and <u>Development Support (Minnesota Department of Human Services)</u>

Signs and Symptoms of ASD

To educate the caregiver on identifying signs and symptoms, the importance of initiating interventions early helps, and opportunity to improve developmental and behavioral outcomes for their child, see: Minnesota Autism Portal (MN.Gov)

Screening and Identification

Screening helps determine if the child is meeting critical developmental milestones

Child and Teen Checkups

For provider facts about ASD Screening in Early Childhood, see: <u>ASD Screening Fact Sheet (Minnesota Department of Health)</u>

From Screening to Evaluation

Screening results may indicate the need for a comprehensive medical evaluation by the primary health care provider to determine the most appropriate and effective treatment to meet the child's needs. For a video on the path to evaluation and services, see: Pathway to EIDBI Services for Families (MN.Gov)

Distinction Between Medical and Educational Identification

Identification and supports available through medical and educational are different. For an overview, see: Medical Identification and Educational Determination of ASD (Minnesota Department of Human Services)



Additional Resources

Caregivers may be overwhelmed navigating resources

Next steps following identification

For guidance on next steps following identification, see: <u>Pathway to Services and Supports (Minnesota Department of Health)</u>

Websites

Minnesota Autism Portal (MN Gov.) Center for Disease Control (CDC)