



Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs)

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Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life and is the result of a neurological disorder that affects the normal functioning of the brain, impacting development in the areas of social interaction, communication skills and behavior. Autism is a spectrum disorder and it affects each individual differently and to varying degrees.

It is important to understand that regardless of the specific diagnosis, persons on the autism spectrum can learn, function productively, and show gains from appropriate education and interventions.

If you have any questions or concerns about the development of your child you should talk with your pediatrician.

Family Information And Support Resources:

- Child Development Infoline – <http://cdi.211ct.org/>
- Autism Society – <http://www.autism-society.org>
- Autism Society (Spanish) <http://www.autism-society.org/en-espanol/>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/index.htm>
- ECTA Center, The Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center – <https://ectacenter.org/>
- Autism Speaks – <http://www.autismspeaks.org/?gclid=CKCuza-C1pMCFsj2QAodGDjCiA>

To Find Providers in Connecticut's Community Resources Database:

Search by service names:

- [Disability Rights Groups](#)
- [Parent to Parent Networking](#)

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