

Children's Therapy and Family Resource Centre

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Red Flags for Autism Spectrum Disorder

Red Flags "Does your child...?"

- Not speak as well as other children the same age?
- Have poor eye contact?
- Not respond when his or her name is called?
- Act as if he or she is in his or her own world?
- Seem to "tune others out"?
- Not smile socially in response to someone smiling at them?
- Seem unable to tell you what he or she wants, preferring to lead you by the hand or get desired objects on their own, even at risk of danger (ie: climbing counters, shelves, etc)?
- Have difficulty following simple commands?
- Not point to interesting objects or events to get you to look at the same thing?
- Not bring things to you simply to "show" you?
- Have unusually long and severe temper tantrums?
- Have repetitive or odd behaviours?
- Show an unusual attachment to inanimate objects?
- Prefer to play alone?
- Not play with toys in a typical way, or the way the toy should be played with?
- Not engage in pretend play (if older than 2 years)?

What is An Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)?

A difficulty with language development AND social interaction skills.

The BEST PRACTICE intervention for a child diagnosed with ASD is early and intensive therapy – this therapy is available in Kamloops.

If you observe any of these red flags Please call the Children's Therapy and Family Resource Centre at (250) 371-4100 and speak to the Coordinator of the Autism Diagnostic Team.

What Will Happen Next?

A home visit will be arranged with the family to do some play-based assessment with the child, and to discuss if a referral for an assessment of possible ASD is appropriate.