

Autism Screening

Endorsement of any of these areas
should warrant referral for evaluation

Children less than two years old:

Inactive

limp/floppy infrequent crying

Irritable

inconsolable soothed only by motion

limp/rigid when held

Limited Functional Communication

limited understanding and/or use of specific gestures

Limited Social Response

no social smile/gaze

limited engagement/awareness of others

Unusual Sensitivity (HIGH/LOW) to Environmental Stimuli

tactile auditory

visual

Children two years and older:

Little consistency in utilization of functional communication

cannot consistently express needs/desires limited conversation skills

Significant distress over even minor changes

placement of items change in play sequence

Significant time expended to achieve sensory feedback

spinning in circles wedging self in tight places slamming into objects/people

Significant time with repetitive movements of self or objects

self-injurious behavior repetitive movement of object repetition of motor activity

Any regression or loss of language skills

High pain tolerance

Engages others only to meet a particular need

play with sibling/peer to get chased ask mom to come over to fix a toy

Intense difficulty in understanding:

social interaction environmental safety rules

Focused and repetitive interests limit creative play

Visual processing of information is most developed