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Autism Resources

- [Children's Mercy Autism Clinic](#)
- [Appointment Support at Children's Mercy](#)
- [Debunking Common Autism Myths](#)
- [Autism Education Webinars](#)

Caregivers Can Self-refer to Children's Mercy for Autism Evaluation

- Contact Children's Mercy Developmental and Behavioral Health by completing ([Online Form](#))
- or-
- Call 816-234-3674

Descriptions:

- **Autism Spectrum Disorder:** Delays and/or differences in social communication, restricted/repetitive behaviors
- **Developmental Delay:** Delays in multiple domains (e.g., cognitive, language, motor, etc.)

Early Intervention Resources

Under 3 years:

- [Missouri First Steps](#)
- [Kansas Infant Toddler Services](#)

Over 3 years of age:

- Refer to child's school district for evaluation for early childhood special education

Finding the Best Fit for Diagnostic Evaluation

- **Location:** Local, in-state centers are preferred.
- **Existing Care:** If a family already receives specialty care from a provider offering diagnostics, staying within that system may be beneficial.
- **Access:** Consider insurance, wait times, and interpreter availability when evaluating options.

Approved regional partners:

- [Missouri Autism Centers](#)
- [Kansas Child Health and Development](#)

