

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

Concern by caregiver or providers for autism and/or developmental delay in child 12 – 36 months of age



Concerns identified by universal standardized developmental screening (18, 30 months) and/or autism (18 & 24 months)

- AAP Guidelines for Autism and/or Developmental Delay
- Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers



Developmental Delays

(Referral for Children's Mercy specialty clinics for isolated developmental delays can be initiated prior to **-or**- in lieu of autism evaluation)

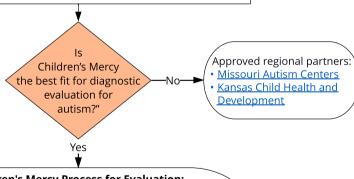
Children Mercy Services for Developmental Delays:

- Behavioral
 - RUBI Parent Training Program
 - Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT)
- Hearing and Speech
- Fine and/or gross motor
- Refer to Cerebral Palsy Screening Pathway as needed
- <u>Hypotonia/hypertonia</u>
- Sensory processing
- Feeding
- Vision
- Genetics
- Refer to early intervention resources

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Additional Concerns for Autism

- Deficits in social communication skills / social interaction
- Restricted and repetitive behaviors, interests, and/or activities



Children's Mercy Process for Evaluation:

- 1. Getting started at Children's Mercv
- Parent/guardian must contact Children's Mercy
 Developmental and Behavioral Health by completing (Online Form) or call 816-234-3674.
- 3. Physician may submit records (not required)

The parent or guardian MUST complete an intake to be put on the waitlist. Physician referral alone DOES NOT place a child on the waitlist for evaluation.



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