More Than Meets the Eye: An Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders

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What is Autism?
What causes Autism?
What does **NOT** cause autism

- Bad parenting
- Food Allergies
- Gluten
- Parents with high or low intelligence
Vaccinations do **NOT** cause autism
SOCIALIZATION
COMMUNICATION
Autism in Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children
Developmental milestones
Learn the Signs. Act Early.

Developmental Milestones

Skills such as taking a first step, smiling for the first time, and waving "bye bye" are called developmental milestones. Children reach milestones in how they play, learn, speak, behave, and move (crawling, walking, etc.).

Click on the age of your child to see the milestones:
- 2 months
- 4 months
- 6 months
- 9 months
- 1 year
- 18 months
- 2 years
- 3 years
- 4 years
- 5 years
- Download the milestone checklists

"Learn the signs. Act early." materials are not a substitute for standardized, validated developmental screening tools.
Key warning signs

• Difficulty being soothed, avoidance of touch
Key warning signs

• Doesn’t copy actions
Key warning signs

• Motor skills... not walking or running smoothly
Key warning signs

• Prefers to be alone
Key warning signs

- Unusual reactions to noises or sights
Key warning signs

These behaviors are not related to language
Key warning signs - Language
Making a diagnosis
Making a diagnosis –
Play without language
What should you do next?

Observe
Ask for help
Pool your resources
Unrecognized Experts - Parents
Do you have questions for Dr. Szymanski?

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