



PARENT CHECKLIST: AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS **Speech Therapy Department**

- Does your child have very limited speech or no speech at all?
- Does your child have difficulty following directions?
- Does your child seem oversensitive to noise?
- Have you ever wondered if your child is deaf?
- Do you wonder if your child understands what you're saying?
- Does your child struggle to tell you what he/she wants?
- Does your child seem 'behind' other kids his/her age?
- Are there only certain toys that your child plays with?
- Is your child very attentive to certain details or parts of toys or objects?
- Does your child sometimes stare at nothing or wander with no purpose?
- Is it difficult for your child to express or understand emotions?
- Does your child have difficulty when shifting between tasks or activities?
- Does your child like things to be in the 'routine', and struggles when they are out of the routine?
- Did your child once have some of these skills and has appeared to 'lose' them?
- Is your child a 'picky' eater?
- Does your child need their clothes to be a 'certain way'?



NEXT STEPS

If you have checked any of these behaviors, you should discuss it with your pediatrician. A referral to a pediatric speech language pathologist for further assessment related to communication and/or feeding issues may be warranted.

OUR SERVICES

The Hendricks Regional Health Speech Therapy Department offers assessment and treatment of autism spectrum disorders. Call (317) 745-3414 to learn more.