

Potential Signs Of Autism

Developmental:

- Loss/regression of previously reached skills at any age.

Social:

- Limited or no eye contact.
- Prefers playing alone.
- Limited physical contact with others.
- Displays minimal facial expressions.
- Struggles making or keeping friends.

Communication:

- Delayed speech and language skills.
- Repeating words or phrases.
- Uses minimal or no gestures.
- Does not respond to their name.
- Loss of previously learned language.

Behavioral:

- Prefers routines, order, and rituals.
- Touch, smell, sound, sight, or taste preferences.
- Repeats actions or behaviors.
- Only wants to play with certain toys or objects.

This list does not include all signs of Autism. If you believe your child/young adult displays these signs, it does not mean they have Autism. Testing must be done to diagnose Autism.



Hours of Service

Monday and Wednesday

8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Emergency Services Available

24/7

989-463-4971

Gratiot Integrated Health Network

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St. Louis, MI 48880

ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-800-622-5583 (TTY: 7-1-1)

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Autism Services



How To Access Testing (Medicaid Recipients)

- If you suspect your child/young adult may have Autism, please call GIHN at 989-463-4971.
- The Autism Testing Specialist will require a minimum of two appointments to complete Autism Testing.
 - The first appointment will be with the parent/guardian. Please allow two hours for this appointment.
 - The second appointment will be with your child/young adult. If required, a parent/guardian may have to be in the room with the child and Tester.
- GIHN will then schedule a meeting with your family to review the results.
- If your child/young adult qualifies for the Medicaid Autism Benefit, the family will meet with a GIHN Case Manager and start the process of choosing an ABA provider.

Program Goals

GIHN's Autism Services improve social skills and independence. They also provide Behavior Analysis Programming and Case Management to meet your child's needs.

What Is Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)?

ABA service is widely accepted as a highly effective therapy for autism. Below are some of the areas ABA focuses on:

- Language Skills
- Social Skills
- Communication Skills
- Following Instructions
- Peer Interactions
- Following Daily Routines
- Self-Help and Daily Living Skills
- Behavior Challenges

To qualify for ABA service, your child or young adult must be eligible for Medicaid, under 21 years old, diagnosed with Autism, and meet the Autism Benefit requirements.

