



# **Early Detection**

*Developmental differences in  
children with ASD*

# Developmental Differences:

## 0 - 1 Year

- Does not babble, point or make meaningful gestures **by 1**
- Irritable, not easily soothed
- **Does not respond** to his or her name
- **Avoids** eye contact
- **Doesn't smile** (socially-unresponsive to smiles directed at them)
- At times **seems to be hearing-impaired**

# Developmental Differences:

## 1 - 2 Years

- Does not speak 1 word **by 16 months of age**
- Does not combine 2 words **by 2 years of age**
- Doesn't seem to know **how to play with toys**
- **Repetitive behaviors and absence of functional object play**
- Lack of creativity in play
- Is **attached to one particular toy** or object

# Developmental Differences:

## 2 - 5 Years

- Doesn't respond to their **name** and seems generally unresponsive
- Doesn't use their index-finger to **point** to objects to indicate what he or she wants or to show you something
- Have intermittent or no **eye-contact**
- Still does **not speak** or has stopped speaking
- Absence of **joint attention**

# Developmental Differences:

## 2 - 5 Years

- **Demonstrates odd or idiosyncratic speech, language, or behavior**
- **Demonstrates a regression in overall behavior:**
  - Communication
  - Play
  - Social skills
- **Experiences emotional volatility and tantrums** that are out of control



# **Summary:**

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