

Autism awareness has grown over the years leading to an increase of diagnosing Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Though the average age of diagnosis of ASD is 5 year old, children present the signs and symptoms of ASD from a young age. Here's some facts and information to keep in mind when working with your infants and toddlers. Free Zoom Training! Toddler Circle Time Strategies

April 16th 6:30pm-8:30pm Call or email Sally or Rosemarie to sign up!

- Currently 1 out of 36 children will be diagnosed with ASD.
- ASD is defined as having a combination of social/communication difficulties and repetitive behavior. High or low Intelligence is not a requirement for ASD diagnosis.
- Up to 90% of individuals with ASD have Sensory Processing Disorder. This can show in children seeking or avoiding behaviors, though it is different for every child.
- Early Intervention is the best resource to help children with speech delays.

Screening tools such as the Ages & Stages Developmental Questionnaire (ASQ) and the Ages & Stages Social Emotional Questionnaire (ASQ:SE) can help in determining possible delays. Contact Sally, the Infant Toddler Specialist if you would like help using the ASQ and ASQ:SE in your program.

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