



Wondering About Autism or Your Child's Development?

Every Child Develops in Their Own Way

Every child communicates, plays, learns, and experiences the world differently. You may be wondering whether differences you have noticed could be related to autism.

Learning more can help you better understand your child's strengths, needs and development.

What to Do Next

If you have questions about your child's development, a good first step is to share what you've noticed with your child's pediatrician.

You might talk about:

- How your child communicates, plays, and interacts with others
- Your child's strengths and interests
- Skills your child has stopped using
- Concerns raised by a family member, caregiver, or teacher

Your child's pediatrician can review your child's development and help determine whether further screening or evaluation may be helpful.

What Is Autism Screening?

If you're curious about your child's development, autism screening is one tool that can help guide next steps. Autism screening uses a brief, standardized process that helps pediatricians identify children who may benefit from further evaluation. Screening is not a diagnosis.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends autism screening at the 18- and 24-month well-child visits and whenever a parent, caregiver, or pediatrician has concerns about a child's development.

Learn More

Talk with your child's pediatrician or visit [HealthyChildren.org](https://www.healthychildren.org), the parenting website of the American Academy of Pediatrics, for additional information about autism, screening and evaluation.

For additional autism education, visit [YouTube.com/@Dr.SuzanneGoh](https://www.youtube.com/@Dr.SuzanneGoh) for video resources from Dr. Suzanne Goh, pediatric neurologist and Co-Founder & Chief Medical Officer of Cortica Whole Child Autism Center.



Finding Autism Resources Through Connected Care

Choosing the Right Support

Autism care and support are highly individualized. Every autistic child has unique strengths, needs and goals, and no single service is right for every child. Your child’s pediatrician can help you understand available options and discuss which services may be a good fit for your child and family.

Connected Care Autism Evaluation & Support Providers

The providers below offer a range of autism-related services, which may include diagnostic evaluations, ABA therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, and psychological services. Services vary by provider and location. Visit each provider’s website for additional details on current services and locations.

Ascend Behavior
North Phoenix
(480) 757-8090
ascendbehavior.com

AZ Autism United
Avondale, Phoenix, Chandler,
Glendale, Mesa
(602) 773-5773
azaunited.org

Bloomkidz
Chandler
(480) 846-0607
bloomkidz.org

Cortica Whole Child Autism Center
Formerly Melmed Center
East Mesa, Glendale/West
Phoenix, Scottsdale, Tempe
(480) 470-8562
corticacare.com

Soar Autism Center
Phoenix, Chandler, Gilbert,
Glendale, Mesa, Scottsdale,
Tempe, and other locations
(623) 263-3966
soarautismcenter.com

**Southwest Autism Research
And Resource Center**
Phoenix
(602) 340-8717
autismcenter.org

Need Help Finding a Provider?

Intel Connected Care can help your family understand your benefits and find in-network providers for autism support services.

Call the Connected Care concierge team at 1-800-974-4517

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. (Arizona time)

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