



# How and Where to Obtain a Diagnosis/Assessment in Indiana

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When an individual is suspected of having an autism spectrum disorder, obtaining an accurate diagnosis can be a time consuming, costly and confusing process. However, the process can be made easier when qualified personnel are located who can thoroughly assess the individual to determine if they meet the diagnostic criteria for an autism spectrum disorder, including Asperger's syndrome, autism and other pervasive developmental disorders.

An initial screening can be done by a psychologist and/or medical doctor who has training and experience in understanding autism spectrum disorders and other developmental disabilities. Remember that there is no medical test for autism. While professionals can suggest, based on observation or a brief office visit, that your child may have an autism spectrum disorder, an accurate diagnosis requires an appropriate and thorough assessment and observation.

An accurate diagnosis is based on an observation of specific behavioral characteristics across a variety of environments/situations and a comprehensive history of early development. The behavioral characteristics typically used are listed in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) of the American Psychiatric Association. A copy of the current diagnostic criteria outlined in the DSM can be obtained from the Indiana Resource Center for Autism at [www.iidc.indiana.edu/irca](http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/irca).

The Indiana Resource Center for Autism recommends an interdisciplinary assessment that includes a psychologist and family members. Since communication is always affected to some degree, it is important to include a communication assessment from a certified speech language pathologist. If the individual seems to be exhibiting sensory processing difficulties, it would be appropriate to have an assessment performed by a qualified professional. Often times, occupational therapists have the necessary training to assess individuals for sensory processing difficulties. Medical personnel, including neurologists, psychiatrists and pediatricians should be involved when there are issues related to medication and to assess for potential neurological, genetic or physical difficulties (e.g., seizures, brain lesions, Fragile X, allergies, digestive system problems). If the child is in a school program, an educator should be involved in the assessment to address a child's performance in the school curriculum, and to determine additional educational support needs. Other team members who might be involved include social workers, physical therapists, audiologists, and other health professionals.

For infants or toddlers ages 0-2, local First Steps Service personnel may be able to assist in locating trained personnel. The phone number for your local First Steps can be obtained by calling 1-317-232-1144 or 1-800-441-7837. You will need to provide the name of the county in which you live and they will provide you with the number to call for your county.

If you are seeking a diagnosis and/or assessment for an individual of school age, including ages 3 through 5, contact your local school district for information. School districts employ psychologists and other professionals who can assess school-age children to determine if they meet eligibility criteria for an autism spectrum disorder. If your child is between the ages of 3 to 21, an educational assessment with a team of qualified professionals will be needed to determine eligibility for special education and related services. A “medical diagnosis” from a physician does NOT necessarily qualify an individual for educational services. Evaluations conducted through the school district are conducted at no cost to parents.

The Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services (BDDS) provides diagnostic/evaluation services for individuals in need of residential services. Individuals will have to be assessed to determine initial and continuing eligibility for services. BDDS is also the main entry point for three of Indiana’s Medicaid (HCBS) Waivers: the Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver, the Autism Waiver and the Support Services Waiver. Call the state BDDS office at 1-317-232-7933 or 1-800-545-7763 to request contact information (e.g., phone numbers, names, addresses) for the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Field Service Office for the county in which you live.

If a family or agency wants a private or second evaluation, the following agencies and individuals have experience diagnosing and assessing autism spectrum disorders. Some of the professionals on this list also may be able to provide assistance with medications, educational programming, speech therapy, behavioral support, and/or with counseling or psychiatric services. The Indiana Resource Center for Autism does not recommend a specific organization or person. When contacting those listed below, discuss the cost of the evaluation, the testing procedures and assessment instruments used, and the type of follow-up report. A thorough assessment should allow the examiner to gather sufficient information about areas of strength and need, educate the family regarding the diagnosis, and provide information that logically leads to programming recommendations at home and elsewhere. When pursuing a private evaluation, contact your insurance company to determine how much and what portions of the assessment will be covered. And ask the person/agency doing the testing, whether they accept Medicaid or if there are other payment options they will or will not accept.

Once a diagnosis is made, contact the Indiana Resource Center for Autism at 812-855-6508 for more information about autism spectrum disorders. Or visit our web site at [www.iidc.indiana.edu/irca](http://www.iidc.indiana.edu/irca) to learn more about the activities of the Indiana Resource Center for Autism.



**Resources for the Diagnosis/Assessment of  
Children and Adults Across the Autism Spectrum  
Updates by City 2/22/11**

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## **Indiana Health Group**

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[www.indianahealthgroup.net](http://www.indianahealthgroup.net)

## **Connersville**

### **Whitewater Valley Care Pavilion**

Jeff Prater, NP  
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Connersville, IN 47331  
(765) 827-7890  
(800) 959-4929  
Fax: (765) 825-6628  
(Child and Adolescent Psychiatry)

## **Danville**

### **Hendricks Therapy**

Dr. Rick Robertson  
202 Myers Road  
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## **Evansville**

### **Stacy Blankenbuehler, Ph.D., HSPP**

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### **Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center**

Lisa Fisher, MA, CCC-SLP  
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Evansville, IN 47714  
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(Has a team including a clinical psychologist.)

### **Ireland and Luzio Behavioral Services, Inc.**

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Fax: (812) 479-5014  
[www.luzioassociates.com](http://www.luzioassociates.com)



**St. Mary's Center for Children  
Pediatric Sub-Specialty Clinic**  
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## **Fort Wayne**

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**Developmental Disabilities Systems, Inc.**  
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(Also sees adults)

**Meridian Youth Psychiatric Center, P.C.**

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**Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at St. Vincent  
Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics**

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**Professional Psychological Services**

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Indianapolis, IN 46290  
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**Riley Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Clinic  
Christian Sarkine Autism Treatment Center**

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**Muncie****Ball State University Psychoeducational, Diagnostic, and Intervention Clinic**

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**New Albany****The Autism Diagnostic and Treatment Program  
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## **Out of State: Most of These Serve Indiana Also**

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**Little Friends Center for Autism, Inc.**  
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- ◆ School improvement and inclusion;
- ◆ Transition, employment, and careers;
- ◆ Aging issues;
- ◆ Autism spectrum disorders;
- ◆ Disability information and referral;
- ◆ Planning and policy studies; and
- ◆ Individual and family perspectives.

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