



## AUTISM SCREENING QUIZ

### Does your child have any symptoms of autism?

#### Check if your child ...

- does not respond to his/her name.
- cannot explain what he/she wants.
- has language skills or speech that is delayed.
- doesn't follow directions.
- at times, seems to be deaf.
- seems to hear sometimes, but not others.
- doesn't point or wave bye-bye.
- used to say a few words or babble, but now he/she doesn't.
- throws intense or violent tantrums.
- has odd movement patterns.
- is hyperactive, uncooperative, or oppositional.
- doesn't know how to play with toys.
- doesn't smile when smiled at.
- has poor eye contact.
- gets "stuck" on things over and over and can't move on to other things.
- seems to prefer to play alone.
- gets things for him/herself only.
- is very independent for his/her age.
- does things "early" compared to other children.
- seems to be in his/her "own world."
- seems to tune people out.
- is not interested in other children.
- walks on his/her toes.
- shows unusual attachments to toys, objects, or schedules (i.e., always holding a string or having to put socks on before pants).
- spends a lot of time lining things up or putting things in a certain order.

\*Refer to a Speech Language Pathologist if the child has more than 10 items checked

If you checked 10 or more of the items above, your child seems to have some of the signs and symptoms that should prompt an evaluation for autism or other communication disorder. Keep in mind that this doesn't mean that anything is wrong with your child, but rather that he has some 'red flags' that signal that more of an evaluation should be done.

#### Did you know ...?

- Speech therapy is most effective when children are less than 3 years old
- Early referrals avoid later problems
- Speech problems run in families, so if you have an older child with speech problems, you should refer your younger children too!
- You don't have to ask your doctor for a referral. You can call and make the referral yourself.