



## **Red Flags of Autism**

Individuals with autism usually exhibit some of the traits listed below. These symptoms can range from mild to severe and vary in intensity from symptom to symptom. *Please note this symptom list is NOT a substitute for a full-scale diagnostic assessment.*

- Difficulty interacting or playing with other children
- Insistence on sameness; resists changes in routine
- Laughing or giggling during inappropriate situations
- No real fear of dangers
- Little or no eye contact
- Sustained odd play or repetitive play
- Apparent insensitivity to pain
- Echolalia (repeating words or phrases in place of normal language)
- Prefers to be alone; aloof manner
- May not want cuddling or physical touch
- Spins objects
- Not responsive to instructions or gestures; appears to ignore
- Inappropriate attachment to objects
- Difficulty in expressing needs; uses gestures or pointing instead of words
- Noticeable physical overactivity or extreme underactivity
- Tantrums - displays extreme distress for no apparent reason
- Unresponsive to normal teaching methods
- Uneven gross/fine motor skills (may not want to kick a ball but can stack blocks)