

## **Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)**

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a neuro-developmental disorder. As a spectrum disorder the symptoms and their severity vary widely from one individual to the next. However all individuals have symptoms regarding difficulties with social interactions, communication, behaviour and sensory differences. Many people with ASD also experience mental health challenges and often have additional diagnosis of other disorders alongside their ASD.

### **ASD Access Pathway “Getting Started”**

**Goal:** To provide an easy way to determine the most appropriate and efficient access point for anyone enquiring about ASD services and supports as of November 2019.

For ages 0-18 with a new diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder register for the MCCSS Ontario Autism Program by calling 1-888-444-4530.



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## Determine service direction through the following questions:

- How old is your child (or are you)?
- Has your child (or have you) had an assessment leading to a formal diagnosis of ASD?
- What service providers have you assessed or connected with to date?

### Birth to school entry

Not yet diagnosed

Diagnosed

Early Intervention Services  
Tel: 1-888-703-5437

### School entry to 18 years

Not yet diagnosed

Diagnosed

Children's Treatment  
Network Simcoe/York  
Tel: 1-866-377-0286  
Fax: 705-792-2775  
ctnsy.ca

Autism Ontario  
Service Navigation  
Tel: 1-800-472-7789  
ext 242  
autism.ontario.com

### 18+ years

Not yet diagnosed

Diagnosed

Developmental Services Ontario  
Central East Region  
Tel: 1-855-277-2121  
dsontario.ca

### Any age

- 211 Social Services Directory
- Connectability
- Respiteservices.com
- Partners for Planning
- Autism Ontario