



More Than Meets the Eye: An Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders

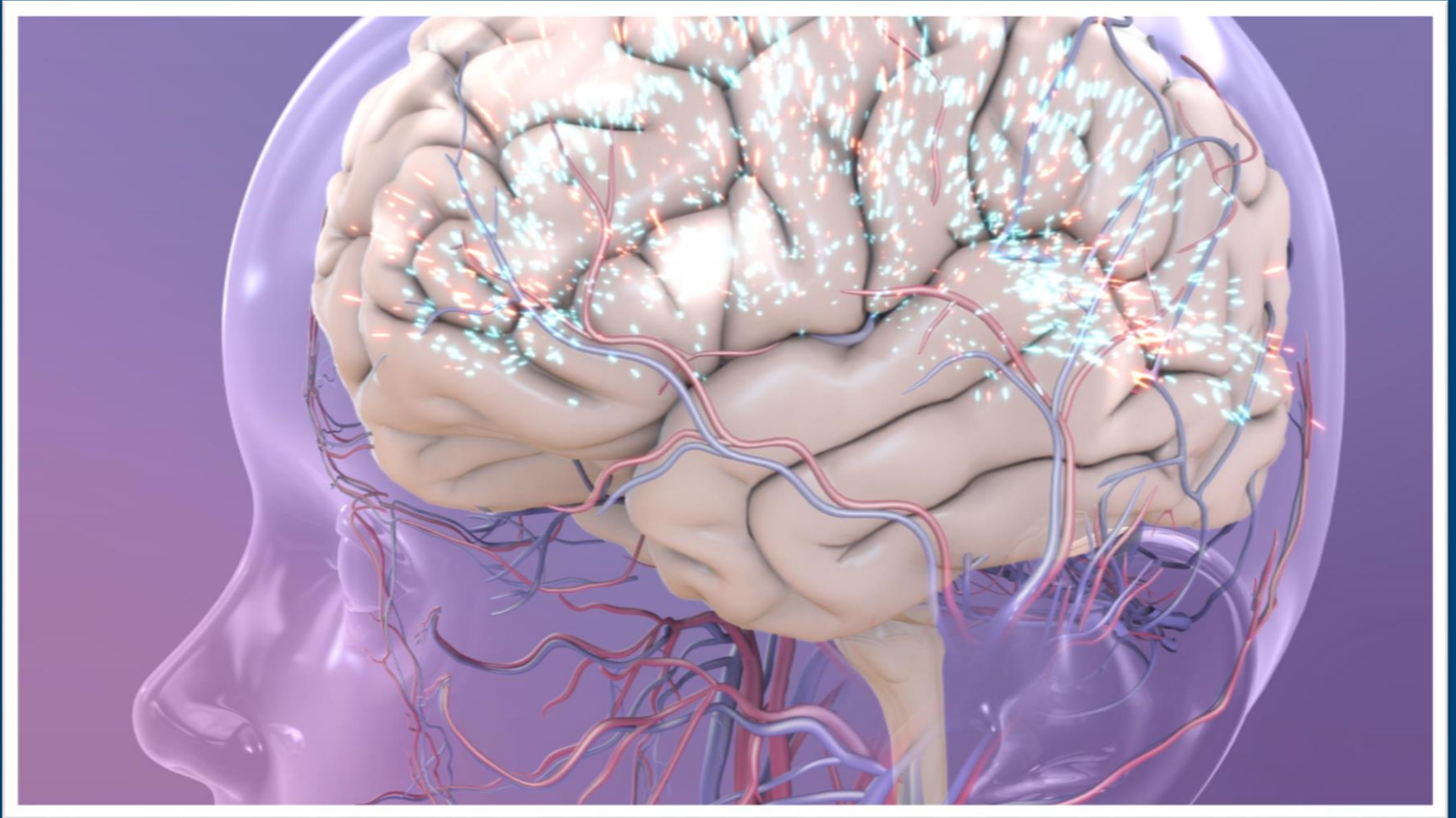
Christen A. Szymanski, Ph.D.

Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center


What is Autism?



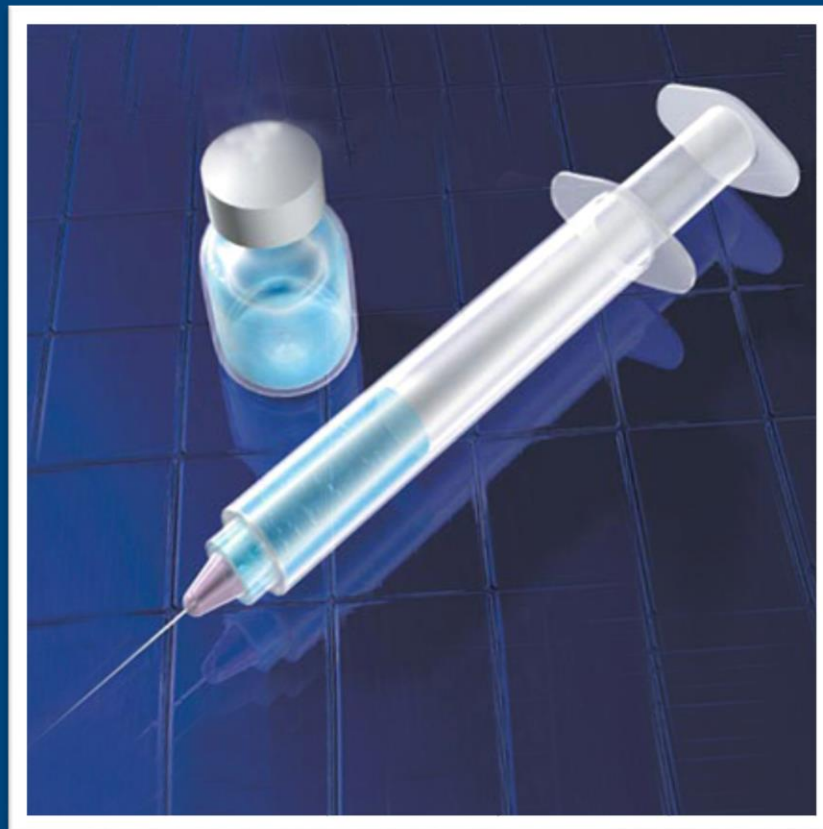
What causes Autism?



What does **NOT** cause autism

- 
- Bad parenting
 - Food Allergies
 - Gluten
 - Parents with high or low intelligence

Vaccinations do **NOT** cause autism



Autism

Socialization

Communication

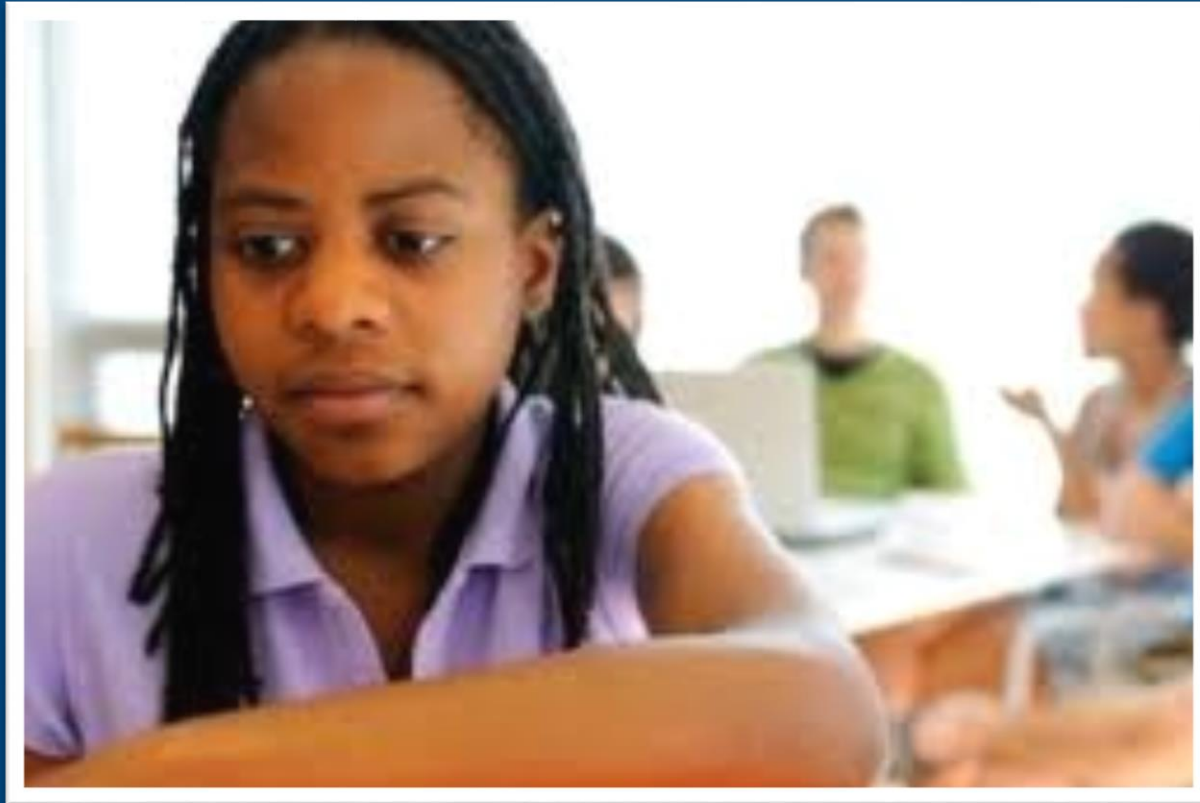
Behavior



BEHAVIOR



SOCIALIZATION



COMMUNICATION



Autism in Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children



Developmental milestones



cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones/index.html

CDC Home
CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDC 24/7: Saving Lives. Protecting People.™

A-Z Index [A](#) [B](#) [C](#) [D](#) [E](#) [F](#) [G](#) [H](#) [I](#) [J](#) [K](#) [L](#) [M](#) [N](#) [O](#) [P](#) [Q](#) [R](#) [S](#) [T](#) [U](#) [V](#) [W](#) [X](#) [Y](#) [Z](#) <#>

Learn the Signs. Act Early.

Learn the Signs Home

- Milestones**
 - 2 months
 - 4 months
 - 6 months
 - 9 months
 - 1 year
 - 18 months
 - 2 years
 - 3 years
 - 4 years
 - 5 years
- If You're Concerned
- Facts
- Free Materials
- Multimedia & Tools
- Info For Families
- Info For Healthcare Providers
- Info For Early Childhood Educators
- Info For Partners

[Learn the Signs Home](#)

[Recommend](#) 876 [Tweet](#) 190 [Share](#)

Developmental Milestones

Skills such as taking a first step, smiling for the first time, and waving "bye bye" are called developmental milestones. Children reach milestones in how they play, learn, speak, behave, and move (crawling, walking, etc.).

Click on the age of your child to see the milestones:

- 2 months
- 4 months
- 6 months
- 9 months
- 1 year
- 18 months
- 2 years
- 3 years
- 4 years
- 5 years
- Download the milestone checklists 

"Learn the signs. Act early." materials are not a substitute for standardized, validated developmental screening tests. 



[Email page link](#)

[Print page](#)

[Get email updates](#)

[Subscribe to RSS](#)

[Listen to audio/Podcast](#)

View page in:

[Español \(Spanish\)](#)

FOLLOW US ON [twitter](#) 

PUBLIC HEALTH



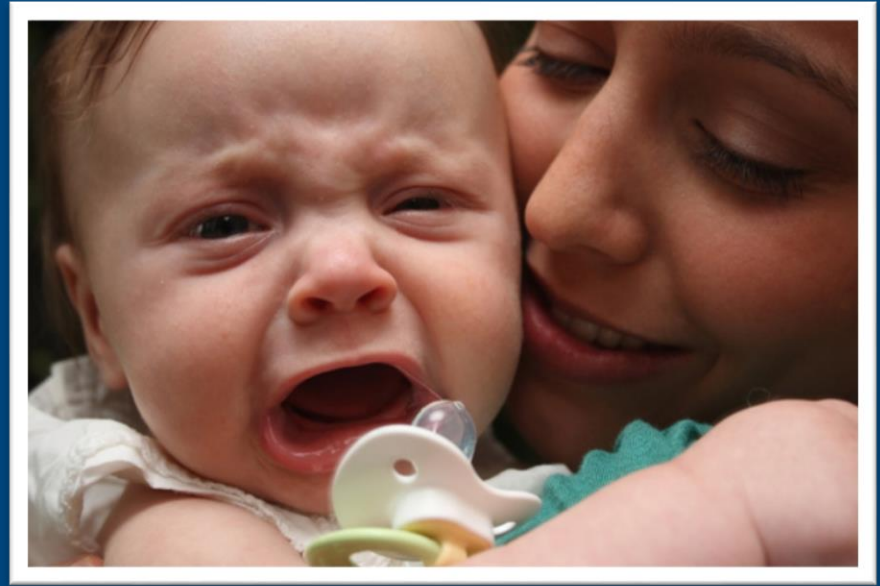
GRAND ROUNDS

"Where in health is disability?"

Children with Neurologic Disorders

Key warning signs

- Difficulty being soothed, avoidance of touch



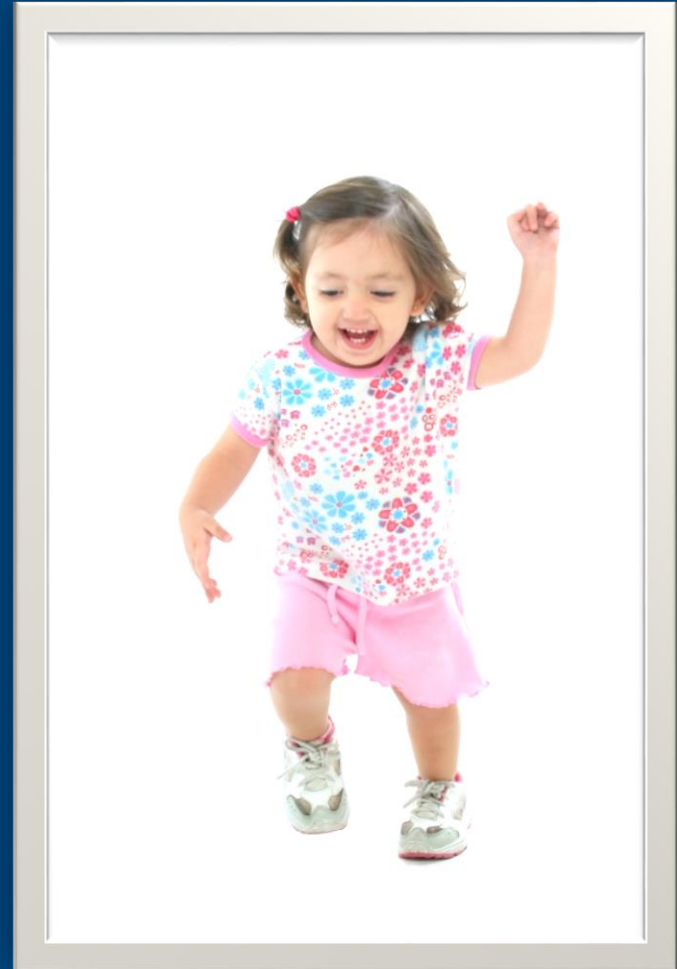
Key warning signs

- Doesn't copy actions



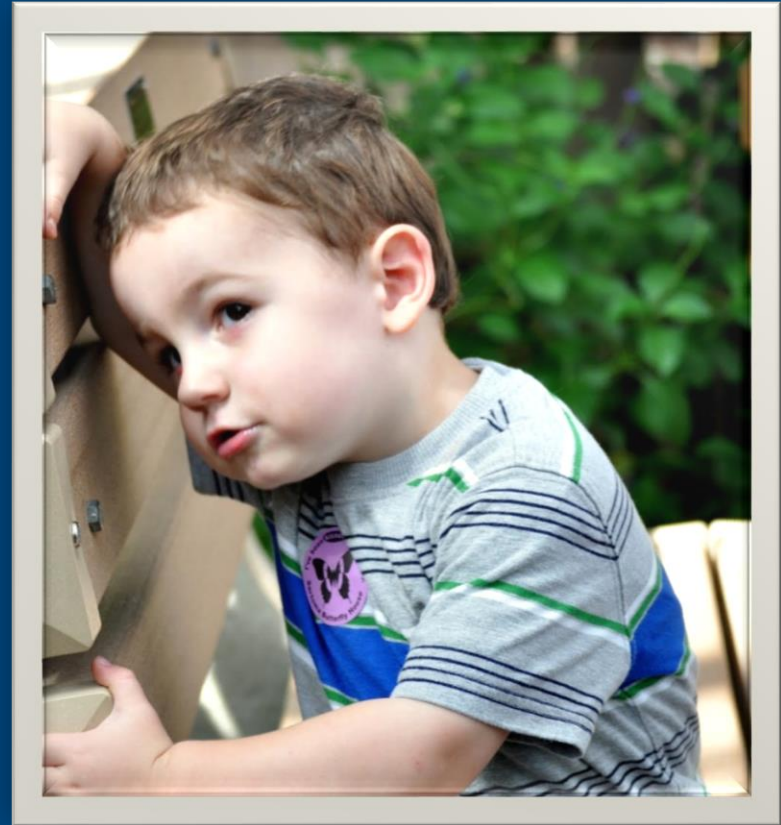
Key warning signs

- Motor skills... not walking or running smoothly



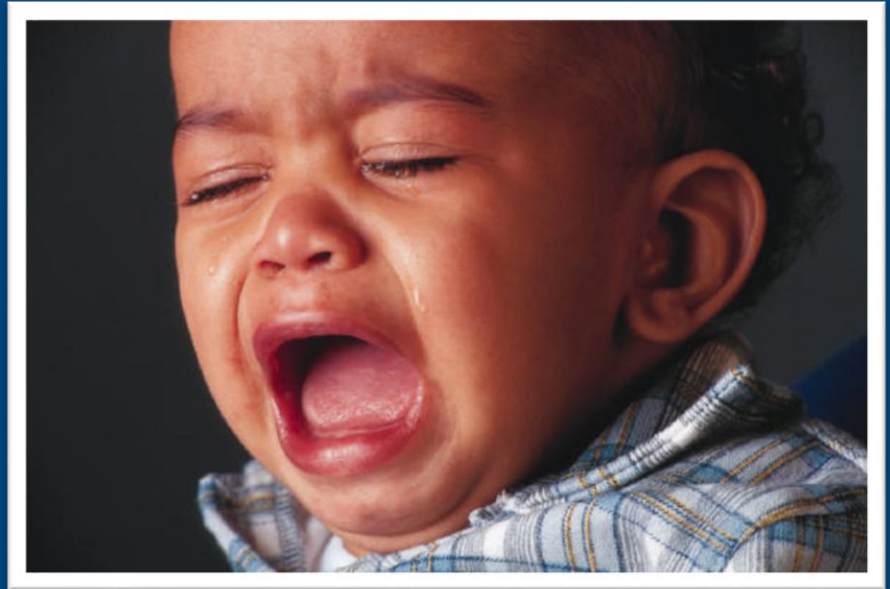
Key warning signs

- Prefers to be alone



Key warning signs

- Unusual reactions to noises or sights



Key warning signs

These behaviors are not related to language



Key warning signs - Language



Making a diagnosis



Making a diagnosis – Play without language



What should you do next?



Observe

Ask for help

Pool your resources

Unrecognized Experts - Parents





Do you have questions for Dr. Szymanski?

Send your questions to the
Deaf Students with Disabilities Network
DSWDN@gallaudet.edu
with subject heading: autism webinar