



For further information and resources regarding Autism Spectrum Disorders, contact the following research and education organizations:

Autism Speaks
212-252-8584
www.autismspeaks.org

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)
1-866-615-6464
www.nimh.nih.gov

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)
1-800-370-2943
www.nichd.nih.gov
E-mail: NICHDInformationResourceCenter@mai.nih.gov

NIH National Institute of Neurological Disorders & Stroke (NINDS)
1-800-352-9424
www.ninds.nih.gov

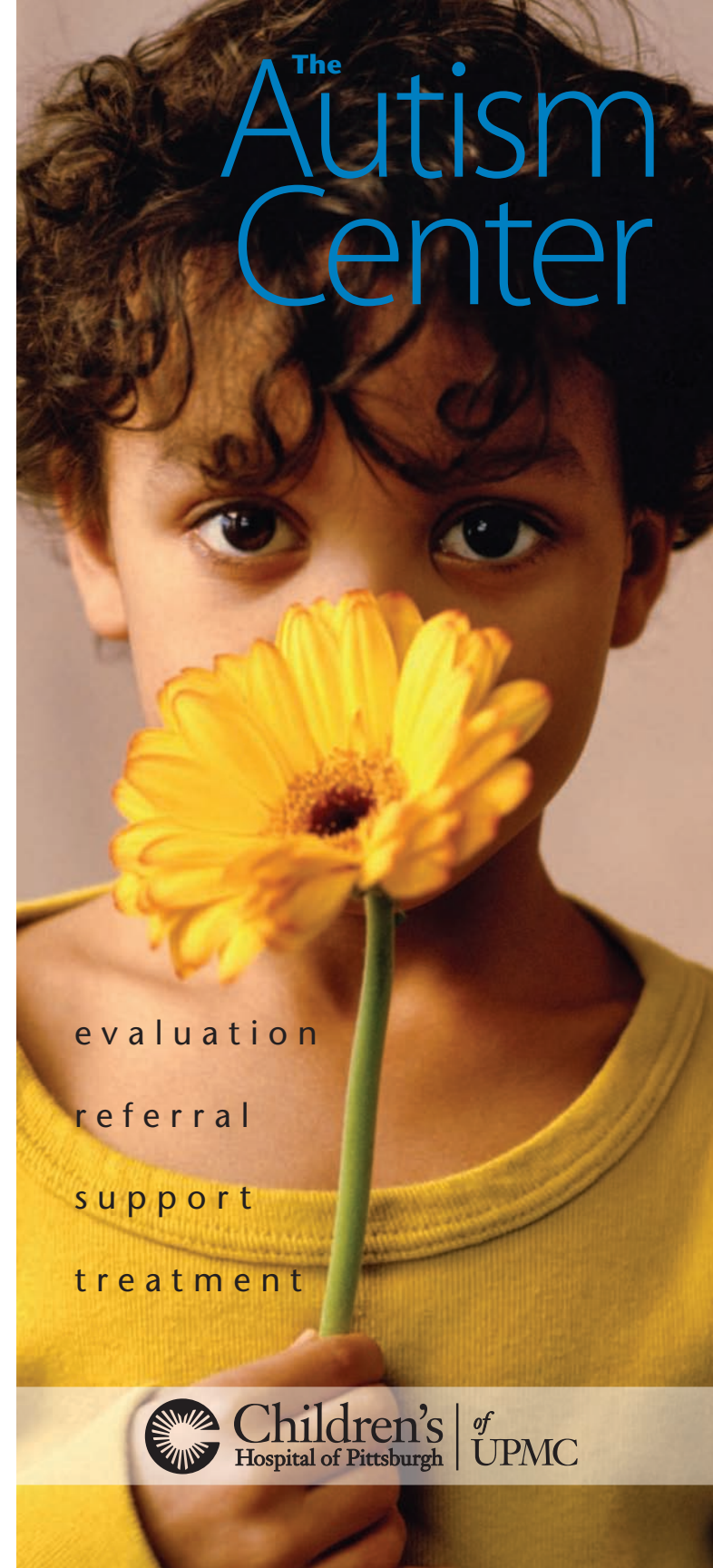


www.chp.edu/autism

The Autism Center
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The Autism Center

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The Autism Center at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC provides evaluations, referral coordination and support, and treatment options for young children suspected to have an Autism Spectrum Disorder. We strive to improve the lives of these young children and their families through service, research, and education.



Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) are neurologically based developmental disorders of childhood onset characterized by impairment in social interactions and communication as well as restricted or stereotyped patterns of behavior and interest. As many as one in 110 children may be affected by ASD. Young children with ASD can vary in their developmental differences. Many children with ASD have significant developmental delays while others have above-age expectancy skills. Challenging behaviors often co-exist. These include severe tantrums, aggression, impulsivity, hyperactivity, and self-injury. Many children with ASD often have sleep disorders, eating problems, and sensory sensitivities.

Diagnosis, early treatment and family support are critical to the functioning of the child and family.

Specialists from the Autism Center at Children's Hospital provide:

- Comprehensive developmental and behavioral assessments
- Appropriate referrals
- Training, education, and support
- Research information
- Resource information

If you have questions please call us at 412-692-8404 and we will help direct you to the appropriate services. You also may visit our website at: www.chp.edu/autism

The following services are provided by Children's Autism Center:

Assessments

- Physical exam and comprehensive medical history with an emphasis on function and development
- Screening test, lab tests, and diagnostic procedures
- Family-centered plan of care
- Consultations with other health care providers, as needed

Referrals

- Additional medical evaluations may include audiology, neurology, gastroenterology, and genetics
- Speech and language therapy
- Physical/occupational therapy
- Nutritional counseling
- Early intervention wrap-around services and psychiatric services

Research

- Autism Treatment Network
- Information about other current research studies

Resources

- Community and advocacy connections
- Information and reference materials on Autism Spectrum Disorders

Training, Education and Support

- Family support group
- Parent training
- Community education for educators, health care professionals, and other interested individuals
- In-service training

