

# It's not what your child is doing that worries you...

## ...it's what they're not doing.

Very young children with Autism Spectrum Disorders show delays in the development of social behaviours and communication. Ask your doctor if you have any concerns about your child missing these critical developmental milestones.



### 12 months

- X Your child doesn't babble, or babbles less than you would expect
- X Your child doesn't gesture (pointing, waving bye-bye, etc.), or gestures less than you would expect
- X Your child doesn't respond, or rarely responds, when you call his or her name

### 16 months

- X Your child has no single words or very few

### 24 months

- X Your child doesn't use two-word spontaneous phrases, not including echolalia (parroting) or repetitive speech

### Any Age

- X Your child seems to regress or loses any language or social skill
- X Your child doesn't look to share attention with you (for example, pointing at something to indicate interest, or following your point to look at something of interest)

## Don't wait and see.

If you are worried about what your child isn't doing, ask your doctor to screen your child for Autism Spectrum Disorders, or other developmental delays, today.

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