



The Center for Autism

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can I schedule an evaluation at the Center?

The Center for Autism provides year-round evaluation and assessment services to individuals of all ages. To schedule an appointment, please contact the Intake Department at 215-220-2121. An Intake Coordinator will collect basic information and ask questions about the person to be evaluated and/or assessed. To learn more about these services, visit:

<http://www.thecenterforautism.org/programs-services/evaluation-services>.

How long will it take to get an appointment for an evaluation?

Though scheduling times vary throughout the year, the Center can generally schedule you for an evaluation 2-4 months from the time that you speak with our Intake Department.

Can I be seen for an evaluation appointment at your Grant Avenue location?

Our Ford Road location is the primary site for all evaluation and assessment services.

What type of insurance do you accept?

Medicaid

The Center's services can be accessed & paid for through Medicaid in Philadelphia by Community Behavioral Health. In Pennsylvania, children with severe disabilities, like autism spectrum disorders, are eligible for Medicaid through Social Security regardless of the parent's income. This is known as the Pennsylvania Loophole. You can apply for PA Medicaid at <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/>.

Private Insurance

Pennsylvania's Autism Insurance Act (Act 62) requires private insurers to cover autism-related treatment & diagnosis up to \$36,000 annually for individuals under 21. If you are a resident of Pennsylvania and would like more information on autism coverage, please contact your insurer. Please contact the Intake Department at 215-220-2121 to find out if your private insurance covers our services.

What treatments programs do you offer at the Center for Autism?

The Center offers a variety of treatment programs for children with autism and their families. These include the Pre-K Program, First Friends Program, Social Competency Program and Individual Outpatient Therapy. To learn more about these programs, visit:

<http://www.thecenterforautism.org/programs-services/treatment-programs>.

How long will it take to get my child into a program?

The time-frame for program admission can vary. Children new to the Pre-K and First Friends Program begin attending in September. The Social Competency and Outpatient Programs admit new individuals throughout the year based on availability. To learn more about enrolling your child in a program, please call our Intake Department at 215-220-2121.

Is the Center for Autism a school?

The Center for Autism is not a school or an educational facility. We are an outpatient treatment facility, and use a comprehensive assessment to guide treatment/services. The goal of treatment is to alleviate the core deficits of autism, which are impairments in communication and social interaction, restrictive/repetitive play and other related underlying issues. Through treatment, we teach individuals how to communicate and build relationships with significant people in their life, and learn the skills they need to help succeed beyond their time in our programs.