

Autism: What's Blocking The Way to Early Treatment?

New survey shows 15-month delay to starting treatment as parents grapple with series of obstacles.

While 99% of parents surveyed believe early intervention is important for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), on average it took 15 months to start treatment.

2.8 Years Old
Notice Signs of Autism



3.8 Years Old
Get Diagnosis



 MONTHS TO TREATMENT

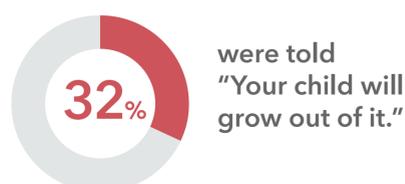
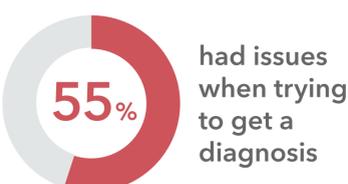
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Early Months: A Time of Confusion

Parents begin noticing signs of ASD when a child is about 2 years and ten months old. But since they do not know where to turn for help, they spend several months seeking information and referrals.

False Starts and Other Time Wasters

During their "learning curve," 7 in 10 parents received conflicting advice on treatment plans, which contributed to the delay in diagnosing their child.



More Months Getting Diagnosed

Almost every parent found the process for diagnosis to be stressful and over half found it difficult, with an average of 8.3 medical visits completed before diagnosis.



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Starting Treatment: More Delays

Majority of parents (89%) encountered more difficulties and setbacks before treatment could begin.

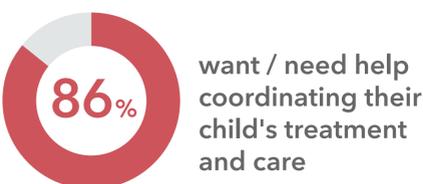


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TREATMENT FINALLY BEGINS

Ongoing Care: So Many Hours. So Little Help.

Parents say time spent coordinating treatment for a child with ASD is like having an extra part-time job.



ABA: Putting Time Back On Their Side.

While there is no cure for ASD, Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is the clinical preferred treatment. ABA is the only evidence-based behavioral therapy proven to treat the core symptoms of ASD or ASD-related disabilities and to support long-term outcomes. ABA has been endorsed by the U.S. Surgeon General.¹

If you are or know a parent who suspects their child may have autism, don't waste a moment. Learn more about the Parents' Survey, ASD, ABA and Centria Autism, a leader in ABA therapy at www.centriaautism.com