



# The Autism Center at Children's Hospital

Diagnostic Evaluation Clinic

## PROVIDER REFERRAL GUIDE

### Our Diagnostic Evaluation Clinic

- We provide comprehensive diagnostic evaluations to assess for autism spectrum disorder (ASD).
  - Evaluations typically include measures of developmental, cognitive, adaptive, and overall behavioral functioning, as well as measures specific to symptoms of ASD.
- We see children 18 months to 21 years of age.

### How to Refer a Child for a Diagnostic Evaluation

- Referring providers (e.g., pediatricians, psychologists, psychiatrists, neurologists, etc.) can **FAX** a referral to the Autism Center at 504-896-7273.
- Please include the child's name, date of birth, parent/caregiver name, contact information, and the diagnosis to be ruled out.
- Psychological testing usually requires a preauthorization from the child's insurance company. We must submit supporting documentation to justify the request for testing units. As such, we require referring providers to **include supporting documentation** when referring a child for evaluation. At least one of the following must be included with the referral:
  - Your last clinic note including the reason for referral and specific concerns and observations *and/or*
  - Another document that includes information about observations, previous assessment of symptoms, or concerns that prompted the referral for an evaluation in our clinic (e.g., an Early Steps evaluation, a school evaluation)
  - Results of an autism-specific screening instrument (e.g., M-CHAT, BISCUIT, SCQ, AQ-10) can be included, but may not be sufficient for insurance preauthorization purposes.
- After the referral is faxed, the parent/caregiver **must call** our office at **504-896-7272** to confirm placement on the wait list.
- We appreciate your understanding and look forward to working with you and meeting the children you refer to our clinic!

The Autism Center is located at 935 Calhoun Street, New Orleans, LA 70118

Call us at 504-896-7272 or fax us at 504-896-7273