

AUTISM

The faces of Autism are smiling among us...

*Autism Affects 1 in Every 150 Children Today**

CHECKLIST AUTISM CHECKLIST

Individuals with autism usually exhibit at least half of the traits listed below. These symptoms can range from mild to severe and vary in intensity.

- Difficulty interacting with other children
- Insistence on sameness; resists changes in routine
- Does not point
- No real fear of dangers
- Little or no eye contact
- Sustained odd play
- Apparent insensitivity to pain
- Echolalia (repeating words or phrases in place of normal language)
- Prefers to be alone; aloof manner
- Uneven gross/fine motor skills
- May resist cuddling
- Spins objects
- Not responsive to verbal cues; acts as if deaf
- Inappropriate attachment to objects
- Difficulty in expressing needs
- Noticeable physical over activity or extreme under activity
- Tantrums; may display extreme distress for no apparent reason
- Unresponsive to normal teaching methods

Please note this symptom list is not a substitute for a full-scale diagnostic assessment. Consult your healthcare provider to obtain a complete diagnostic evaluation.

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MYTHS MYTHS OF AUTISM:

- MYTH! Autism is an emotional disability.
- MYTH! Children with Autism never make eye contact.
- MYTH! Children with Autism cannot show affection.
- MYTH! All children with Autism are exactly alike.
- MYTH! You can tell right away if someone has Autism.
- MYTH! Children with Autism do not talk.
- MYTH! Children with Autism do not smile.
- MYTH! Children with Autism do not want friends.
- MYTH! All children with Autism can perform amazing mental feats, such as memorizing the telephone book or multiplying large numbers in their heads.
- MYTH! Children with Autism are completely cut off from human relationships.

