

# Do you recognize any of these symptoms in your child or any child you know?



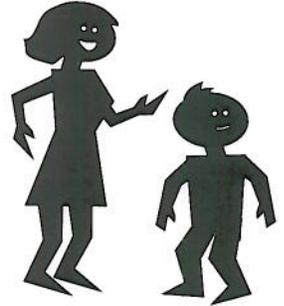
- inappropriate laughing or giggling



- difficulty in expressing needs; may use gestures yet will not point



- sustained unusual or repetitive play; uneven physical or verbal skills; spins objects or self



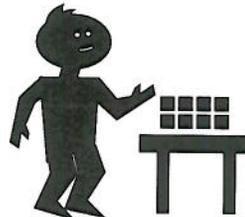
- may avoid eye contact



- may not want cuddling



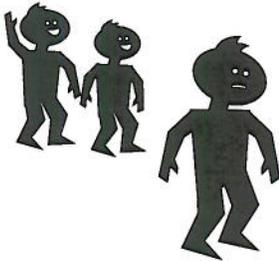
- echoes words or phrases



- insistence on sameness in surroundings and routine



- apparent insensitivity to pain



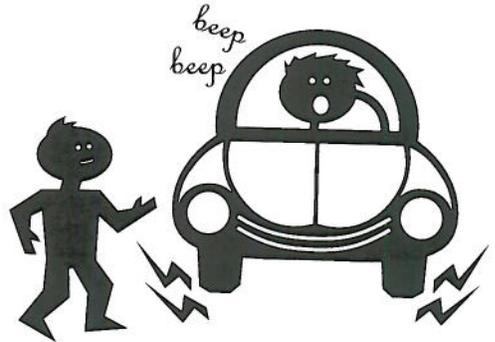
- may prefer to be alone; difficulty interacting with others



- inappropriate attachment to objects



- inappropriate response or no response to sound



- no real fear of dangers

Children with these symptoms *may* fall upon the Autism Spectrum Disorder curve. Facts:

Autism is the fastest growing serious developmental disability in the U.S.

A new case of autism is diagnosed nearly every 20 minutes.

1 in 166 children are diagnosed with autism.

Boys are 4 times more likely than girls to have autism.

Early intervention is vital in helping these children realize their full potential!

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