

WHAT to EXPECT in an AUTISM EVALUATION

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Schedule an Evaluation

Speak to an intake coordinator to set up the appointment. The evaluation may take place across several sessions depending on the provider. The intake coordinator may ask questions about your child, request medical records and send questionnaires or checklists to complete before the first appointment.

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Wait for the Evaluation

You may have to wait a few weeks or longer from the time you first call until your appointment. This is often due to a shortage of professionals who assess for autism.

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Attend the Evaluation

You and your child will meet with the evaluator, either together, separately or a combination of both. The evaluator will gather developmental, medical, social and any educational history, directly observe and interact with your child, may provide additional questionnaires or checklists to complete, and give the opportunity for you to ask questions and discuss concerns. They may also complete other evaluations related to cognitive functioning, adaptive skills, speech-language and occupational therapy skills.

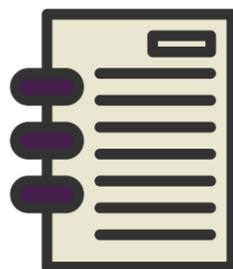
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Wait for the Results

After the evaluation you will schedule a follow up appointment to go over the results of the evaluation and get copies of the report. This appointment may take place anywhere from one to several weeks after the evaluation.

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Get the Results

During the follow up, the provider will answer questions and make recommendations based on results to make sure you are getting the right supports for your child. They may recommend specific services such as speech-language therapy, occupational therapy, behavioral supports or services within the school. This is the best time to ask questions and to make sure you understand the results completely.