

CONCERNS FOR AUTISM

I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT AUTISM, WHAT DO I DO NOW?

You know your child best. If you have concerns about your child's development, **don't wait to take action!** There are many professionals and organizations in Delaware who you can contact for support. The type of service options you receive will depend on the provider. A few of the places you can start are listed below.

WHO TO CONTACT	HOW THEY WILL HELP	WHAT THEY CAN DO
Your Child's Doctor	Your pediatrician or family doctor helps support your child's healthy development. If you have concerns about your child's development, make an appointment with your doctor. Your doctor can conduct developmental and autism screenings and connect you with local specialists to address your concerns.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Your doctor can screen for risk of autism.▶ A screening takes a closer look at your child's development.▶ A screening does not result in a diagnosis, but it can indicate risk for autism.▶ Your doctor can refer you to other specialists who can do a more in-depth evaluation of your child's needs.
Child Development Watch (CDW) New Castle County: 302-283-7140 Kent or Sussex Counties: 302-424-7300	CDW is Delaware's early intervention program for families with children under age 3. If you have concerns about your child's development, contact your local CDW. CDW will meet with you to discuss your concerns and options for evaluations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ CDW completes developmental evaluations.▶ If there are concerns for autism, CDW can complete autism-specific screening and evaluation.▶ CDW services are provided at no cost to you as a parent.
Child Find and Local School Districts For a list of phone numbers for each Delaware school district, visit www.doe.k12.de.us/ Page/3665	Child Find is your local school district's program for families of children ages 3-5. If you have concerns for autism, you can contact Child Find even if your child is under age 3. Your school district will connect with you to discuss your concerns and options for evaluations.	Your school district can complete an evaluation to assess your child's need for special education and related services.

WHERE DO I START?

You can call any or all of the providers above. You can also call Autism Delaware, a family-focused organization who can answer any questions you have, provide support and help you navigate your next steps.

Additional autism resource guides at:

delawareautismnetwork.org