Autism Services at Children’s Mercy

Diagnostic evaluations
We offer evidence-based autism/developmental diagnostic evaluations tailored to your child’s needs. Your evaluation report will include comprehensive recommendations to serve as a roadmap for the next steps to support your child’s developmental and behavioral needs.

Parent/caregiver coaching
We offer individual and group short-term parent/caregiver coaching on how to manage problem behaviors and support skill development in children under age 10, and can provide consultation/referrals for supportive services for children who are older or who have more significant behavioral needs. We do not have an ABA therapy clinic at this time.

Monthly educational sessions
We offer monthly live educational sessions for parents/caregivers focused on a range of popular topics. Visit childrensmercy.org/autism for upcoming trainings, and to join our monthly newsletter for notifications of future trainings. Recorded versions of previous trainings (listed below) are also on our website.

Free online family resources
- Taking Care of Business: Managing Your Child’s Home and School Programs
  A discussion of what the “rules of the game” are with school/home and what documentation and information is important to organize and keep.
- Managing Problem Behaviors
  Focuses on a variety of strategies to deal with common problem behaviors that can interfere with daily activities. Strategies are based on the basic concepts of applied behavior analysis.
- Toilet Training
  An overview of toilet training strategies often used with children with autism spectrum disorders in order to accomplish this important milestone.
- Eating and Enjoying It!
  Discusses behavioral strategies to deal with difficulties around mealtime, often a challenging time for children with autism and other developmental disabilities.
- Applied Behavior Analysis
  If your child has been diagnosed with autism, ABA therapy is often recommended. Discover what ABA therapy is and how it could benefit your child.
- Sleeping 101
  Discusses the biology of sleep and provides recommendations for dealing with challenges around bedtime that are common for children with autism and developmental disabilities.

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