



NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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Autism Information and Resource Sites

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **National Institutes of Child Health and Development**
 - www.nichd.nih.gov/health/topics/asd.cfm
- **National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities**
 - www.nichcy.org/Disabilities/Specific/Pages/Autism.aspx
- **National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke**
 - www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/autism/autism.htm
- **American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)**
 - www.aap.org/healthtopics/Autism.cfm
- **National Institute of Mental Health**
 - www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/topics/index-autism-publication-all.shtml
- **Department of Developmental Services (DDS)**
 - www.dds.ca.gov/autism
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**
 - www.cdc.gov/autism
- **University of Washington Autism Center**
 - <http://depts.washington.edu/uwautism>

DIAGNOSIS/RED FLAGS

- **Autism Society of America**
 - www.autism-society.org/site/PageServer?pagename=about_diag
- **Learn the Signs. Act Early.**
 - www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/actearly/autism.html
- **First Signs**
 - www.firstsigns.org
- **DDS Best Practice Guidelines for screening and diagnosis (2002)**
 - www.dds.ca.gov/autism/

HOW COMMON IS AUTISM? (Prevalence)

- **CDC surveillance summaries**
 - www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/faq.htm

WHAT CAUSES AUTISM? (Information on proposed etiologies)

- **Autism and Genes – NICHD**
 - www.nichd.nih.gov/publications/pubs/upload/autism_genes_2005.pdf
- **NIH News Autism Risk Higher in People with Gene Variant**
 - www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2008/autism-risk-higher-in-people-with-gene-variant.shtml
- **Autism and MMR Vaccine –NIH/ AAP/CDC**
 - www.nichd.nih.gov/publications/pubs/autism/mmr
 - www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/vaccines.htm
- **SEED/CADDRE – Early Development and Risk Factors**
 - www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/seed_faqs.htm



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- **National Children's Study – Environmental exposures study**
 - www.nationalchildrensstudy.gov

INTERVENTION

- **National Standards Project/National Autism Center – ASD guidelines for Effective Intervention**
 - www.asdguidelines.org

AUTISM CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE- Research Studies

- **UCLA**
 - www.autism.ucla.edu