Autism Spectrum Disorder

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NRS LifeSpan Autism/Developmental Assessment Program

The NRS LifeSpan Autism/Developmental Assessment Program focuses on the evaluation of autism spectrum disorders and developmental delays. We provide comprehensive evaluations that include the “gold standard” in autism assessment, the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule, Second Edition (ADOS-2). Additional objective measures to assess cognitive ability, neurocognitive functioning (e.g. attention, concentration, processing, memory, and learning), psychological/emotional difficulties, and academic achievement may be administered.

The assessment identifies the child’s cognitive strengths and weaknesses, provides diagnostic clarity and most importantly develops a comprehensive plan including recommendations to support the child’s learning. In addition, NRS LifeSpan collaborates directly with the child’s school through consultation and information for 504 Planning and Individualized Education Program (IEP). The assessment results are also utilized for further interventions such as speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, social skills training, medication management, etc.

According to the American Academy of Neurology and Child Neurology Society, reasons for immediate referral for ASD include any of the following:

1. No signs of babbling, pointing, or similar gestures by the age of 12 months.
2. Lack of speech production by age 16 months
3. Lack of 2-word spontaneous (not echolalic) phrases by 24 months
4. Loss of language or social skills at any age

For older children, reasons for referral may include:

1. Difficulties with social interaction and making friends.
2. Difficulties understanding the perspectives of others.
3. Problems understanding nonliteral forms of communication (e.g. figures of speech, humor, sarcasm, etc.).
4. Obsessions with facts, details, or collections (e.g., video games, television shows, animals, etc.).
5. Rigidity/problems adjusting to changes in routine.

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