

# SIGNS OF Autism

## Signs of Autism in babies

### By 6 months

- Few or no big smiles or other warm, joyful and engaging expressions
- Limited or no eye contact

### By 9 months

- Little or no back-and-forth sharing of sounds, smiles or other facial expressions

## SIGNS OF AUTISM IN TODDLERS

### By 12 months

- Little or no babbling
- Little or no back-and-forth gestures such as pointing, showing, reaching or waving
- Little or no response to name

### By 16 months

- Very few or no words

### By 24 months

- Very few or no meaningful, two-word phrases (not including imitating or repeating)

## SIGNS OF AUTISM AT ANY AGE

- Loss of previously acquired speech, babbling or social skills
- Avoidance of eye contact
- Persistent preference for solitude
- Difficulty understanding other people's feelings
- Delayed language development
- Persistent repetition of words or phrases (echolalia)
- Resistance to minor changes in routine or surroundings
- Restricted interests
- Repetitive behaviors (flapping, rocking, spinning, etc.)
- Unusual and intense reactions to sounds, smells, tastes, textures, lights and/or colors