



Building Blocks Autism Assessment Program

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THE BUILDING BLOCKS AUTISM ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

The Building Blocks Autism Assessment Program is one of several specialized services provided at the Community Child Guidance Clinic. It was developed out of our awareness that early identification and treatment in addressing problems at a young age is of critical importance. The goal of the program is to identify children with autism-spectrum concerns, and then assist parents and providers in attaining appropriate and timely treatment.

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

The Building Blocks Autism Program includes highly qualified and licensed professionals, including a child psychiatrist, a clinical psychologist, clinical social workers, an occupational therapist, a speech language pathologist, a marriage and family therapist, and Community Child Guidance Clinic administrators.

HOW/WHEN TO APPLY TO THE BUILDING BLOCKS AUTISM ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Custodial parents/guardians, or professionals may make referrals. Families may apply for assessment consideration directly by calling (860) 643-2101. Families are required to contact their local school districts in order to determine eligibility for special education, development for an individualized education program, and to determine eligibility for extended school year services. The child must also have a current medical referral indicating autism-spectrum concerns.

THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Over the course of three weeks, a multi-disciplinary team of highly qualified, licensed specialists will conduct autism-specific measures, enabling the clinicians to evaluate social and communicative skills in the context of observed social interactions.

Some examples of the focus of the formal assessment:

- Sensory sensitivity
- Fine and gross motor skills
- Peer interactions
- Play skills
- Receptive/expressive language
- Attention
- Temperament
- Toileting skills
- Pivotal response behaviors
- Social interactions
- Behaviors
- Sleep

In addition, the interdisciplinary team assesses the environmental arrangement and accommodations at home, school, and elsewhere in relevant community settings. Completion of these assessment tools may involve interviews with the family, or require team members to observe family interactions with the child.

ELIGIBILITY

The service is available to children between the ages of 24 months and 17 years, within the Clinic's fourteen town catchment area. The towns served are: Andover, Bolton, Columbia, Coventry, East Hartford, Ellington, Glastonbury, Hebron, Manchester, Marlborough, South Windsor, Stafford Springs-Stafford, Tolland and Vernon-Rockville.

SERVICE COSTS

Fees are set on a sliding scale based on a family's ability to pay. Fees may also be covered by private medical insurance and Title XIX.