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Marion County

Health Bulletin

The Mission of the Marion County Health Department is to improve the quality of life through preventing disease and preventative health maintenance.



Autism Acceptance Month, previously named Autism Awareness Month, in April aims to celebrate and promote acceptance for the condition that occurs in one in every 54 children as of 2020 in the United States. Autism, a complex developmental condition affecting the patient's ability to interact, communicate, and progress, has not one but many subtypes. First held in 1972 by the Autism Society, Autism Acceptance Month emphasizes the need for public awareness to promote acceptance, celebrate the differences, and be more inclusive towards autistic individuals around us. Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) begins before the age of 3 years and can last throughout a person's life, although symptoms may improve over time.

Signs and Symptoms

Social communication and interaction skills. Some examples are: avoids or does not keep eye contact; does not respond to name by 9 months of age; does not show facial expressions like happy, sad, angry, and surprised by 9 months of age; does not play simple interactive games like pat-a-cake by 12 months of age; uses few or no gestures by 12 months of age.

Restricted or Repetitive Behaviors or Interests. Some examples:

Lines up toys or other objects and gets upset when order is changed; repeats words or phrases over and over; plays with toys same way every time; is focused on parts of objects (for example, wheels); gets upset with minor changes; has obsessive interests; must follow certain routines; and flaps hands, rocks body, or spins self in circles.

Most people with ASD have other related characteristics. These might include: delayed language skills; delayed movement skills; delayed cognitive or learning skills; hyperactive, impulsive, and/or inattentive behavior; epilepsy or seizure disorder; gastrointestinal issues (for example, constipation); unusual mood or emotional reactions; and unusual eating and sleeping habits.

Diagnosis

Diagnosing ASD can be difficult since there is no medical test. Doctors look at the child's behavior and development to make a diagnosis.

Treatment

Current treatments for ASD seek to reduce symptoms that interfere with daily functioning and quality of life. ASD affects each person differently, meaning that people with ASD have unique strengths and challenges and different treatment needs. Treatment plans usually involve multiple professionals and are catered to the individual.

Contact your child's doctor if you think your child might have ASD or if you have any other concerns about the way your child plays, learns, speaks, or acts. If you are still concerned, ask the doctor for a referral to a specialist who can do a more in-depth evaluation of your child. Specialists who can do a more in-depth evaluation and make a diagnosis include: developmental pediatricians, child neurologists, or child psychologists or psychiatrists. To call for a free evaluation from the state depends on your child's age. If your child is under 3 years old, call the Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA) at 919-962-2001. If your child is over 3 years old or older, contact your local public school system.

Research shows that early intervention services can greatly improve a child's development. In order to make sure your child reached their full potential, it is very important to receive services as soon as possible.



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February 2023 Statistics

Clinics

Blood Pressure / Blood Sugar	
Persons served: Blood Pressure	1
Persons served: Blood Sugar	1
Paternity Testing Clinics	1
Number of Persons Tested	1

Immunizations

Number of Clinics	7
No. of adults	32
No. of adults immz. adm	20
No. of peditrics	35
No. of peditrics immz. adm	78
Total of vaccines administered.....	98

Children's Immunizations

Pediarix.....	11
Pediatric Flu	1
Hib	11
Prevnar	11
Rotavirus	5
Hep A.....	8
Dtap	2
MMR.....	7
Tdap.....	0
Hepatitis B.....	1
Varicella.....	7
Kinrix.....	2
Gardasil.....	9
Meningitis	1
Pentacel	0
ProQuad	2
IPV (Polio).....	0
Td.....	0
Men. B.....	0

Adult Immunizations

Hepatitis A	1
Hepatitis B	4
Flu.....	2
Men. B	0
Meningitis	0
MMR.....	1
Pneumonia 23	1
TD.....	1
Tdap	6
Typhoid.....	0
Varicella.....	3
Yellow Fever	0
Prevnar 13.....	0
Shingrix.....	1

Maternal Child Health (MCH)

Maternal Health Encounters	389
WIC Caseload	1,146
WIC Clients receiving Education	156
WSSM / WIC Education	6
Internet WIC Education.....	7
Individual WIC Education	19
Phone Education	124
Lead.....	10
Hemoglobins	44
ASQ Developmental Screenings ...	83
Depression Screenings	49
EPSTD'S.....	9
Flouride Varnish (Oral Health).....	14
Number of Vision Tested	0
Number of Hearing Tested	0
Pregnancy Tests.....	0

Family Case Management

APORS Investigations	6
Healthworks Caseload.....	72

Communicable Disease Investigations

Chickenpox	0
Cryptosporidiosis	0
Hepatitis B	1
Hepatitis C	5
Histoplasmosis	0
HIV/AIDS Cases Investigated	0
HIV Test	4
Salmonellosis	0
Streptococcal Infections (Group A) ..	1
Whooping Cough (Pertussis)	0

Sexually Transmitted Disease

Chlamydia	14
Gonorrhea	1
Syphilis.....	3

TB (Tuberculosis)

Tests Administered.....	19
New Prophylactic Patients	0
New Investigations	2
New Active Cases.....	0

Lab Draws

Private Pay	
Salem Office	63
Centralia Office	26
Total Private Pay Lab Draws	89

Quest Lab Draws

Salem Office	0
Centralia Office	4
Total Quest Lab Draws	4

Environmental Health

Food

Routine Inspections.....	9
Follow-up Inspections	12
Complaint Inspections	0
Temporary Inspections	0
Pre-Operational Inspections	1
Emergency Incident Inspections	1
Number of Permits Issued	14

Sewage

Routine Inspections.....	6
Complaint Inspections	0
Realty Inspections	0
Sewage Systems Installed.....	7
Number of Permits Issued	8

Water

New System Inspections.....	0
Existing Water Well Inspections.....	0
Realty Inspections	0
Complaint Inspections	0
Water Wells Sealed	0
Number of Permits Issued.....	0

Closed Loop Wells

Closed Loop Well Inspections	0
Systems Installed	0
Number of Permits Issued	0

Tanning

Routine Inspections.....	0
Follow-up Inspections	1
Complaint Inspections	0

Body Art

Routine Inspections.....	0
Follow-up Inspections	0
Complaint Inspections	0

Miscellaneous

Animal Bites.....	2
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FIT Test

Female.....	0	Male.....	0
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