



## Who is the ASD Program for?

Our program is for children and youth who have a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families, who live in Hamilton.

## Where is the ASD Program located?

Ron Joyce Children's Health Centre  
325 Wellington Street North  
Hamilton, Ontario

We see children, families and others:

- In their homes
- In the community
- In the centre

## For more information call:

Autism Spectrum Disorder Program  
1.855.707.1177

## Helpful Links:

McMaster Children's Hospital  
Family Resource Centre:

The Centre is available for patients, families, staff and the community. Books, DVD's, pamphlets and online information is available.

For more information, please call:  
905.521.2100 Ext. 77243

[www.mcmasterchildrensfamilyresourcecentre.ca](http://www.mcmasterchildrensfamilyresourcecentre.ca)

Autism Ontario  
[www.autismontario.com](http://www.autismontario.com)

Geneva Centre for Autism  
[www.autism.net](http://www.autism.net)

Autism Speaks  
[www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org)



## Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Program McMaster Children's Hospital



# Welcome to the Autism Spectrum Disorder Program

The well-being of the children and youth with an ASD, their families and caregivers is our main concern. Our team of clinicians provide a range of services to meet the needs of children and families.



Our care is 'child and family centred'. This means that the child and family are an important part of the healthcare team.

## The ASD Program strives to give:

- excellent care based on evidence from research and guidelines for best practice
- the best possible experience across all of our services

## How will the ASD Program know what a child and family needs?

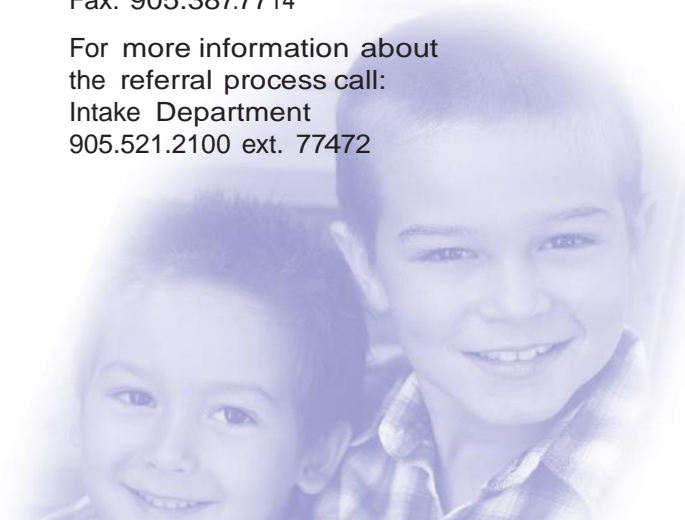
When a family first meets with the staff from the ASD Program, they will talk about the needs of the child and family. They will work with the family to develop a service care plan that is best for the child and family.

## How are referrals made?

Referrals are accepted from family physicians, psychiatrists, developmental pediatricians, psychologists and psychological associates.

Fax referrals to:  
Intake Department  
Fax: 905.387.7714

For more information about the referral process call:  
Intake Department  
905.521.2100 ext. 77472



## ASD Program:

- Provides information for parents and caregivers
- Works with other care providers that are involved with the child in the centre or in the community
- Talks with parents to understand the needs of their child as well as their family's needs
- Works with children, youth and parents to help them learn new things
- Helps parents understand and manage their child's behaviour
- Tells parents about other services in the community
- Provides specialized doctor care as required
- Provides emotional support to help manage family life

