

## Toddler/Preschool Clinic (18 months to 5 years)

- **1<sup>st</sup> Visit** (1 hour): Intake with Psychologist for clinical review and observation.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Visit** (1-2 hours): Testing with Psychologist (ADOS with Psychologist, SLP assessment if needed).
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Visit**: Virtual feedback with the Psychologist to review assessment results and diagnostic impressions and provide next steps for intervention, educational planning, and medical evaluation.
- **4<sup>th</sup> Visit** (45 minutes) Neurology Team: If your child has been diagnosed with ASD, we recommend a consultation with our neurology team for a medical work up. This includes metabolic and genetic testing, if indicated, and ruling out other medical co-morbidities (i.e. seizures) and treatable conditions that present with autism symptoms. You will meet for 45 minutes with the Nurse Practitioner. The Nurse Practitioner consults with Dr. Nevada Reed. When test results are back, a 15 to 20 minute phone call will be scheduled to review results and direct plans for additional medical treatment if needed.



**KidsLink**  
Neurobehavioral Center

## **AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC**

*(Multidisciplinary team including Neurology, Psychology, and Speech Pathology)*

**INITIAL INTAKE WITHIN 4 to 8 weeks!**

*Since its inception over 15 years ago, KidsLink Neurobehavioral Center has offered expert evaluation for suspected autism spectrum disorders. Our clinical psychology team includes 2 fellowship trained pediatric psychologists. Leading the team, Dr. Michelle DePolo and Dr. Amy Ciardi have specialty training and extensive experience in autism diagnostic evaluations. When an autism diagnosis is ruled in, medical work up is necessary. Dr. Nevada Reed, Nurse Practitioner Amanda Bettis, and Nurse Practitioner Ashley Toussant comprise our Neurology Team. One-third of children with Autism have an additional medical component such as Fragile X, Rett Syndrome, Prader-Willi Syndrome and Angelman Syndrome. Medical comorbidities include PANS/PANDAS, ADD/ADHD, and seizures. These medical presentations require additional treatments.*

*Timely diagnostic assessments for children with suspected neurodevelopment delays are critical to initiation of intervention as soon as possible. Research supports the need for immediate intensive intervention for children with a behavioral diagnosis. Timely intervention at an early age supports the best outcome. Given the recent growth in cases of ASD and related disorders, many area hospitals and clinics have extended waiting lists. Concerned over the lengthy wait lists for such evaluations, KidsLink has developed 2 models for evaluation that are comprehensive and streamlined.*

***KidsLink Family of Services is a privately owned company with a long-standing reputation for setting the standard for autism diagnosis and treatment since 2007.***

**Health Insurance Claim Forms are provided to the family to submit on their behalf.**



## School Age Clinic (6 to 10 years)

- **1st Visit** (1 hour): Parents meet with the psychologist for a clinical interview. Next steps for the evaluation are determined at this visit.
- **2nd Visit** (3 hours): Child meets with the psychologist for ADOS assessment and an additional 1-2 hours of testing geared toward the specific needs of the child. Typical areas assessed include: cognitive development, adaptive behavior, and social-emotional functioning.
- **3rd Visit** (1 hour): Parents meet with the psychologist to review testing results, diagnostic impressions, and discuss recommendations for educational and treatment planning.

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