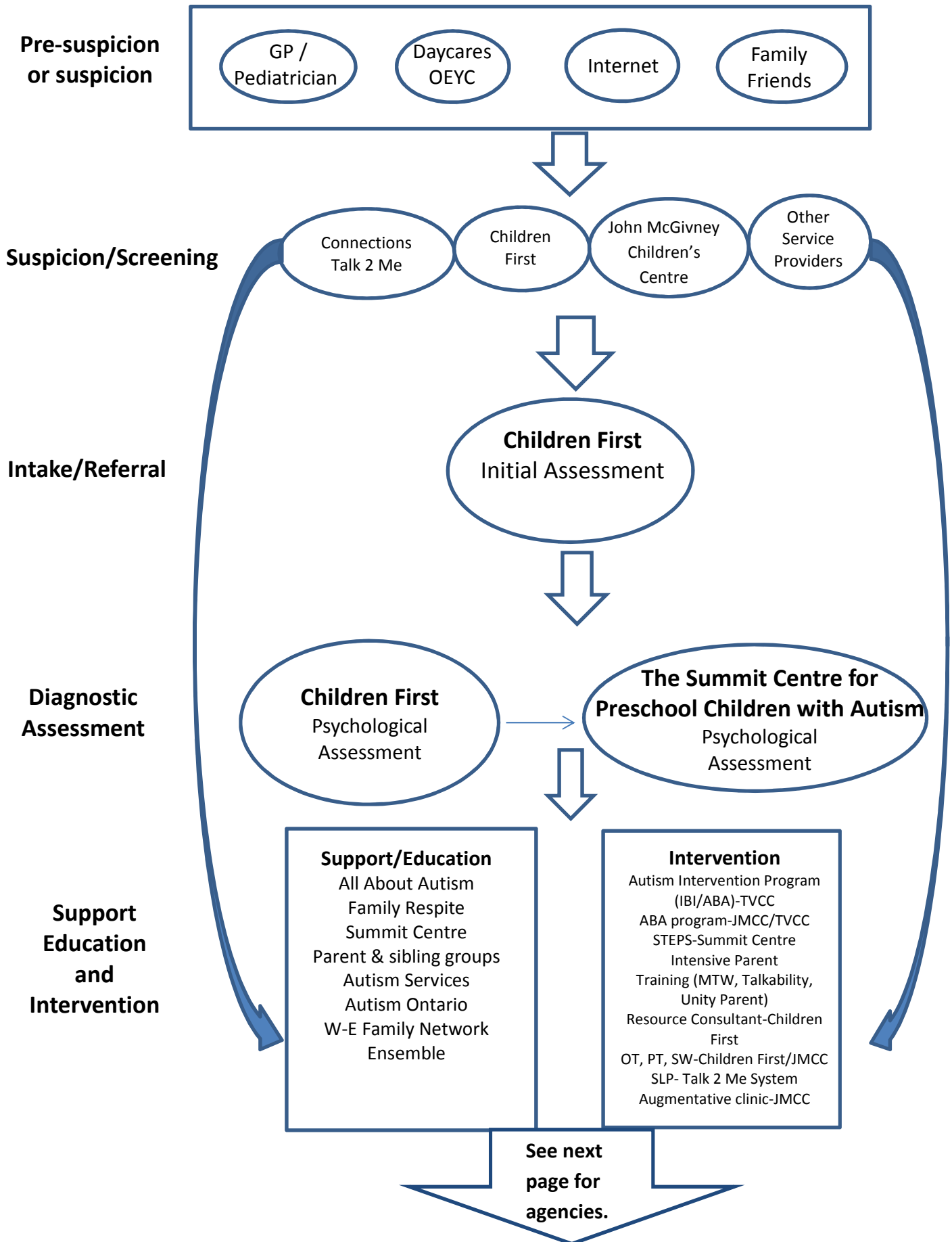


# Early Signs Autism Pathway – for Parents and Community Information



Stage	Descriptions	Contact Information
<p><b>Pre-suspicion or concerns development is not right</b></p>	<p>Resources in the community will help with your concerns that your child may have delays in development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speak to your family physician when you are concerned about your infant or child’s development. Your child should have a well-baby check-up at 18 months.</li> <li>• Healthy Babies/Healthy Children - A team of Public Health Nurses and Family Home Visitors assists families (prenatal up to 6 years) with parenting and promoting of healthy child development.</li> <li>• Many child care centres and Ontario Early Years Centres have access to professionals that can visit and provide services including Children First, Talk 2 Me, and the Early Signs project.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Healthy Babies/Healthy Children</b> 519-258-2146 ext. 1350 <a href="http://www.wechealthunit.org/family-health/healthy-babies-healthy-children">www.wechealthunit.org/family-health/healthy-babies-healthy-children</a></p> <p><b>Children’s Services</b> <a href="http://www.citywindsor.ca/residents/socialservices-/Childrens-Services/">www.citywindsor.ca/residents/socialservices-/Childrens-Services/</a></p>
<p><b>Suspicion/Screening that child may have autism</b></p>	<p><b>Talk 2 Me</b> is a collaborative service of 3 organizations: Connections Early Years Family Centre (lead), Children First and John McGivney Children’s Centre. If you are concerned with your child’s speech and language development (birth to 5 years) contact Talk 2 Me.</p> <p><b>Children First:</b> is an early intervention program for children birth to six years who have developmental or mental health concerns.</p> <p><b>John McGivney Children’s Centre:</b> provides services for children from birth to 21 years &amp; their families, when there are concerns with physical and motor development.</p>	<p><b>Talk 2 Me</b> 519-252-0636 <a href="http://www.connectwithus.ca/talk_2_me/index.html">www.connectwithus.ca/talk_2_me/index.html</a></p> <p><b>Children First</b> 519-250-1850 <a href="http://www.children-first.ca">www.children-first.ca</a></p> <p><b>John McGivney Children’s Centre (JMCC)</b> 519-252-7281 <a href="http://www.jmccentre.ca">www.jmccentre.ca</a></p>
<p><b>Intake</b></p>	<p>When any of the organizations above suspect a child may have autism, they refer to <b>Children First</b>.</p> <p>During intake, the Resource Consultant completes a comprehensive initial assessment and provides support and intervention to the family through the diagnosis.</p> <p>The child may be referred for specialized therapy (see below under <b>Intervention – Specialized therapies and Supports and Education</b>).</p>	<p><b>Children First</b> 519-250-1850 <a href="http://www.children-first.ca">www.children-first.ca</a></p>
<p><b>Assessment &amp; Diagnosis</b></p>	<p>Assessment and diagnosis will be completed by a psychologist either at <b>Children First</b> or <b>Summit Centre</b>.</p>	<p><b>Children First</b> 519-250-1850 <a href="http://www.children-first.ca">www.children-first.ca</a></p> <p><b>The Summit Centre for Preschool Children with Autism</b> 519-255-1195 <a href="http://www.summitcentre.org">www.summitcentre.org</a></p>

<p><b>Support &amp; Education; Autism-Specific</b></p>	<p><b>All About Autism:</b> is a joint initiative providing monthly education workshops.</p>	<p><b>Autism Ontario Windsor-Essex branch</b></p> <p>519-250-1893 <a href="http://www.autismontario.com">www.autismontario.com</a> Click on <i>Chapters and Resources</i> at the top right side of the page</p> <p><b>Autism Services Inc.</b></p> <p>519-966-7283 <a href="http://www.autismservicesinc.com">www.autismservicesinc.com</a></p>
	<p><b>Family Respite:</b> provides in-home and out of home respite support for families, including families with children who have autism.</p>	<p><b>Family Respite</b></p> <p>519-972-7281 <a href="http://www.familyrespite.org">www.familyrespite.org</a></p>
	<p><b>Early Signs Stay and Play drop-in pilot:</b> The Early Signs Community Working Group is providing a monthly drop-in specific to parents with children suspected of having ASD or recently diagnosed at Ontario Early Years Centres.</p>	<p><b>The Summit Centre for Preschool Children with Autism</b></p> <p>519-255-1195 <a href="http://www.summitcentre.org">www.summitcentre.org</a></p>
	<p><b>Sibling Support</b> – The Summit Centre provides monthly support and education groups for children aged 4 to 12 years, who have siblings with Autism Spectrum Disorders.</p>	<p><b>The Summit Centre for Preschool Children with Autism</b></p> <p>519-255-1195 <a href="http://www.summitcentre.org">www.summitcentre.org</a></p>
	<p><b>Sibling Group</b> – Family Respite and Children First provide peer support and information for children 6-12 years who have siblings with special needs/disabilities. There are 6 sessions, Oct. - March, in a recreational context. They are held after school and include a snack and dinner break.</p>	<p><b>Family Respite</b> or <b>Children First</b></p> <p>519-972-7281                      519-250-1850 <a href="http://www.familyrespite.org">www.familyrespite.org</a>   <a href="http://www.children-first.ca">www.children-first.ca</a></p>
	<p><b>Parent Support Groups</b> – The Summit Centre provides monthly support groups for parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders.</p>	<p><b>The Summit Centre for Preschool Children with Autism</b></p> <p>519-255-1195 <a href="http://www.summitcentre.org">www.summitcentre.org</a></p>
	<p><b>Autism Services, Inc.</b> – has a resource lending library, and provides a summer program for individuals between 6 and 21 years of age.</p>	<p><b>Autism Services Inc.</b></p> <p>519-966-7283 <a href="http://www.autismservicesinc.com">www.autismservicesinc.com</a></p>
	<p><b>Autism Ontario</b> – has a Family Support Coordinator who links families to available resources</p>	<p><b>Autism Ontario Windsor-Essex chapter</b></p> <p>519-250-9410 <a href="http://www.autismontario.com">www.autismontario.com</a> Click on <i>Chapters and Resources</i> at the top right side of the page</p>
<p><b>Support and Education; for families who have a child or adult with a disability</b></p>	<p><b>Windsor-Essex County Family Network:</b> provides family to family mentoring, a variety of education groups and resources for parents who have a child with a disability.</p>	<p><b>Windsor Essex County Family Network (W-E Family Network)</b></p> <p>519-974-1008</p>
	<p><b>Ensemble:</b> provides family to family support, education opportunities and resources for parents who have a child with a disability.</p>	<p><b>Ensemble</b></p> <p>519-776-6486 <a href="http://www.ensembleunderstands.com">www.ensembleunderstands.com</a></p>

<b>Intervention: Autism-Specific</b>	<b>Talk 2 Me:</b> More than Words & Talkability are <i>Hanen Parent Training Programs</i> . <b>More Than Words</b> is for parents of children 18 months to 5 years with Autism Spectrum Disorders or related social communication difficulties. <b>Talkability</b> is for 3-5 year olds with High-Functioning Autism, Asperger Syndrome or Social/Pragmatic delays.	<b>Talk 2 Me</b> 519-252-0636 <a href="http://www.connectwithus.ca/talk_2_me/index.html">www.connectwithus.ca/talk_2_me/index.html</a>
	<b>Summit Centre for Preschool Children with Autism:</b> provides the <b>STEPS</b> program using <b>Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA)</b> for 30+ hours per week (children with ASD up to 4 years). The Centre also provides the <b>Unity intensive parent training program</b> which trains parents in ABA for 180 hours over 12 weeks (up to 6 years).	<b>The Summit Centre for Preschool Children with Autism</b> 519-255-1195 <a href="http://www.summitcentre.org">www.summitcentre.org</a>
	<b>John McGivney Children’s Centre (JMCC) in partnership with Thames Valley Children’s Centre (TVCC):</b> provides Applied Behaviour Analysis-based services ( <b>ABA</b> ). Consultation, teaching and guidance is provided for caregivers to use ABA-based techniques to support 1 priority goal in daily living skills, communication, social/interpersonal or behaviour management. For children and youth with ASD up to 18 years. <i>Families call TVCC to register.</i> Free training and workshops are offered to anyone working with children and youth with autism including agencies and persons in the community. <i>For this training call JMCC.</i>	<b>John McGivney Children’s Centre</b> 519-252-7281 <a href="http://www.jmccentre.ca">www.jmccentre.ca</a>  <b>Thames Valley Children’s Centre</b> 1-866590-8822 ext. 54082 <a href="http://www.tvcc.on.ca">www.tvcc.on.ca</a>
	<b>Thames Valley Children’s Centre (TVCC):</b> provides <b>the Intensive Behavioural Intervention (IBI) program</b> . Eligibility is established by assessment through TVCC. IBI provides 25 hours per week of one-to-one intervention with the child. Parent coaching component is included throughout the treatment period. Consultative transition services before and after discharge from IBI are provided by the ABA-based services program (see description above).	<b>Thames Valley Children’s Centre (TVCC) – Windsor</b> 519-967-9214 <a href="http://www.tvcc.on.ca/autism-program-2.htm">www.tvcc.on.ca/autism-program-2.htm</a>
<b>Intervention: Specialized Therapies</b>	<b>Children First:</b> provides a resource consultant who offers appropriate developmental programming, service coordination and support to the parents and child. Therapies including occupational therapy (OT), physiotherapy (PT), speech and language (SLP), and social work (SW) are also provided.	<b>Children First</b> 519-250-1850 <a href="http://www.children-first.ca">www.children-first.ca</a>
	<b>John McGivney Children’s Centre:</b> provides a range of therapies including occupational (OT), physiotherapy (PT) and speech and language (SLP). They also have the <b>Augmentative Communication Clinic</b> .	<b>John McGivney Children’s Centre</b> 519-252-7281 <a href="http://www.jmccentre.ca">www.jmccentre.ca</a>
	<b>Connections-Talk 2 Me:</b> provides a range of speech and language therapies.	<b>Connections Early Years Family Centre</b> <b>Talk 2 Me</b> 519-252-0636 <a href="http://www.connectwithus.ca/talk_2_me/index.html">www.connectwithus.ca/talk_2_me/index.html</a>

The above agencies work together to provide earlier identification and earlier intervention for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) in Windsor/Essex. We believe in family-driven services, with open communication in plain language. Families deserve to have accurate and up-to-date information about ASD that is based on the widest research support. Families may enter the system anywhere, and will be warmly guided to where their children’s needs may best be met in a timely manner.

Contact any of the agencies listed for more information.