



Autism Services FAQ

What does the treatment/program involve?

The program currently serves children with autism, PDD, NOS (Pervasive Developmental Disorder, not otherwise specified), or Asperger’s disorder between 3 and 8 years of age. The focus of intervention depends on your child’s need. If she / he has behavioral excesses (e.g., aggression, crying, head-banging), then assessment and treatment procedures will be designed to reduce the problem behaviors. If your child has behavioral deficits (e.g., delay in his speech, does not socialize with other children, does not know how to play with toys appropriately, is not toilet trained, does not know how to dress himself), then these skills will likely be added to your child’s educational plan. All procedures used are based on principles of applied behavior analysis (ABA).

How much does it cost?

Costs to families will be subsidized partially by a grant based on families’ financial needs. If your child is enrolled in the program, your monthly fee is due on the first day of service of each month. If your child is absent on a scheduled day of service, your fee is not refundable.

33.5 hr/week.....	\$4,000/month of service
27 hr/week.....	\$3,300/month of service
20.25 hr/week.....	\$2,500/month of service
13.5 hr/week.....	\$1,800/month of service
6.75 hr/week.....	\$1,000/month of service

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* Important Note: Proof of Texas residence is required to receive subsidy from the grant. Acceptable documentation as proof of residence are: (1) a valid Texas driver’s license, (2) utility bill for water, electric, gas or telephone that indicates that the billing is in the parent/guardian’s name and is being sent to the house, or (3) rental/lease agreement, mortgage document or current property assessment document in the parent/guardian’s name.

Over \$150,000/year.....	full price
\$100,000-\$149,999.....	75%
\$75,000-\$99,999.....	50%
\$50,000-\$74,999.....	25%
< \$50,000.....	12.5%

What happens when funding runs out?

We hope to secure other sources of funding so the program can continue. In the event that we cannot do that, services may still be available to families. However, costs will not be subsidized at the current rate.

How long will the program last?

The grant allows us to provide intensive treatment to up to 80 children at reduced cost until September, 2009. Length of treatment will also be influenced by your child's clinical needs.

How do I enroll my child?

Your child must be a current patient of the Child Study Center to participate in this program. Place your child on our referral list by calling 817-390-2880. When an opening is available, Autism Services staff will select children from the referral list.

What is the difference between a "waiting list" and a referral list?

The term "waiting list" implies that children are enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis. We do not maintain a waiting list. We do, however, maintain a referral list. The referral list allows us to offer enrollment to children, whose needs are best served by our current resources.

What is your admission process?

The Admissions Committee for the Autism Services Department includes several members of the Center's professional staff. It is the collective responsibility of the Admissions Committee to determine the degree to which the clinical needs of a child match the services provided by the Autism Services Department at the Child Study Center. In making this determination, several factors are considered. Those factors include the degree of developmental delay and behavior patterns that may limit the child's availability to instruction, such as high levels of stereotypy, aggression, or self-injury. These factors are then considered in the context of the clinical needs of the students already enrolled in the program. In the end, the members of the Admissions Committee ask the following question: "Will the Autism Services Department be able to meet the child's clinical needs without compromising the success rates of the existing patients?" Further, the Admissions Committee also assesses parents' ability to bring their child to our Center on a consistent basis and whether parents would be willing to work with Child Study Center staff cooperatively. When the answer to each question is "Yes," and space is available, enrollment is offered.

What if my child is not a current patient of the Child Study Center?

Your child must become a patient of the Child Study Center.

1. Download the Client Services application from the website www.cscfw.org, or we can mail an application to you.
2. Complete the Client Services application
3. Mail the Client Services application to the Autism Services office.
4. Someone from the Autism Service office will contact you for an appointment.

How soon can my child start?

If a child is accepted into our program, s/he can typically start within 4 to 6 weeks of being evaluated by an Autism Services Department's clinician (typically a behavior analyst). It is important to note that, as of 05/01/08, we have approximately 200 children on our referral list. Not all of these children may be appropriate for treatment, but undoubtedly not all children will be able to be served by the program.

What are the hours?

The hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

How many hours per week?

Up to 33.75 hours per week (6.75 hours per day, five days per week). Your child may also participate in the program on a part-time basis. That is, your child can participate in the program 6.75 hours (6.75 hours per day, one day per week), 13.5 hours (6.75 hours per day, two days per week), 20.25 hours (6.75 hours per day, three days per week), or 27 hours per week (6.75 hours per day, four days per week).

My child goes to school full-time and the program hours will conflict with the school schedule.

What do I do?

It is up to the parents to decide how much time their child will be in school and how much time their child will participate in our program. You might want to talk to your child's counselor to schedule make-up time, etc.

My child is in pre-K. Do I need to switch his school hours?

If school schedules present a conflict, you will likely have to do some rescheduling with your preschool program.

Do my child's immunizations have to be up-to-date in order to participate in the program?

Yes, you will be required to provide your child's current immunization records and they must be up-to-date based on the America Academy of Pediatrics guidelines and recommendations in order for your child to participate in the program.

How many children will be in the program?

As of 12/15/08, our program has 39 children. Each child will be provided a 1:1 teacher to student ratio, regardless of how many other children are in the program.

What about lunch?

The children will bring their own lunch and will eat lunch with their friends at the Child Study Center.

What if my child does not have a diagnosis of autism?

Your child must have a diagnosis of autism, PDD, NOS (Pervasive Developmental Disorder, not otherwise specified), or Asperger's disorder to participate. If diagnosis has not been made, your child can be evaluated by one of the clinicians at the Child Study Center or by other clinicians. If a diagnosis is made by other agencies, then you must provide documentation to support that your child has one of the above diagnoses.

What about academic skills?

Some academic skills will be taught to your child. However, if your child is currently in a **public** school, then efforts must be coordinated to make sure that some items in his IEP are not duplicated while in our program. If your child is not in a public school, then most relevant academic skills will be taught.

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