

Screening Tools

Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers (MCHAT) (Robbins, Fein, Barton, Green, 2001)

This link provides the MCHAT at no cost as well as versions in 32 other languages:

http://www2.gsu.edu/~psydlr/Diana_L._Robins,_Ph.D..html

- 24 months of age and up
- 23 items
- 6 critical items
- Pass/fail
- <http://www.firstsigns.org/downloads/m-chat.PDF>

Ages and Stages Questionnaire –(ASQ-3) <http://www.agesandstages.com/>

Screens communication, gross motor, fine motor, problem solving, and personal-social, plus self-regulation, compliance, language, adaptive behaviors, autonomy, affect, and interaction with people

- 1 to 66 months of age
- 21, age specific questionnaires
- Results indicate: a) further evaluation b) monitor closely and/or c) share information with parents about a child's strengths and recommend activities for healthy development

For additional information and resources for screenings:

- <http://www.firstsigns.org/>
- <http://www.aap.org/healthtopics/autism.cfm>
- <http://www.aap.org/advocacy/releases/Oct07autism.htm>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/screening.htm>
- <http://www.pedstest.com/>