

**A** lifelong developmental disability resulting from a neurological disorder that effects brain functioning ( ‘wired different’ ).

**U** usually occurs during the first 3 years of life.

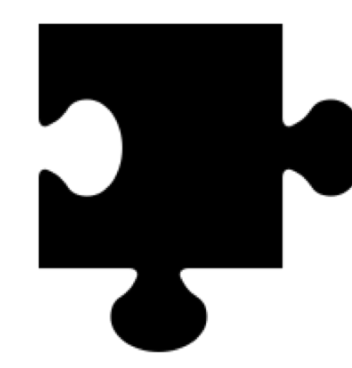
**T** herapy early and throughout the life span greatly increases chances of productive, independent life.

**I** nterferes with social interaction, communication, and learning.

**S** ensory input poses problems for these individuals.

**M** ild to severe in symptoms.

## ASD Severity Level



Level 3: Requiring very substantial support

Social communication:

- few words, rarely initiates interaction

Restricted, repetitive behaviors:

- interfere w/ functioning in all spheres

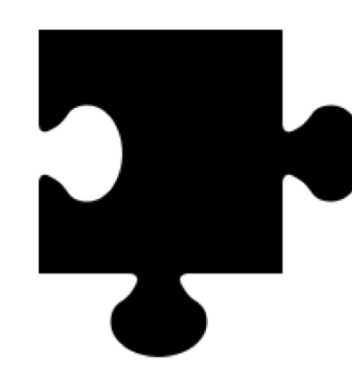
Level 2: Requiring substantial support

Social communication:

- simple sentences, narrow interests, odd nonverbal communication

Restricted, repetitive behaviors:

- obvious to casual observer, variety of contexts



Level 1: Requiring support

Social communication:

- full sentences, difficulty making friends

Restricted, repetitive behaviors:

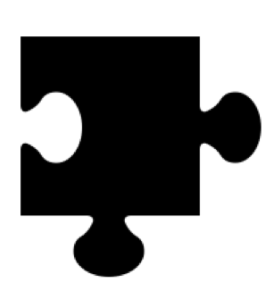
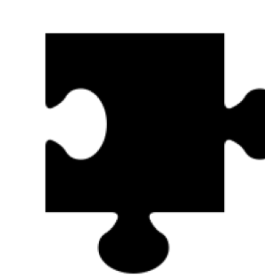
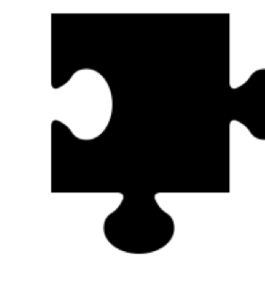
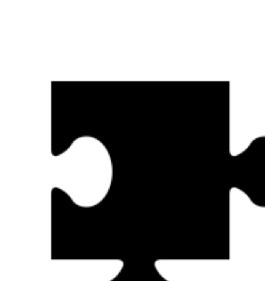
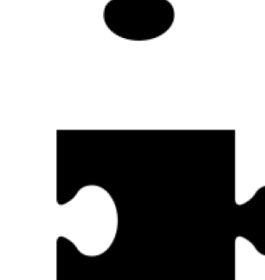
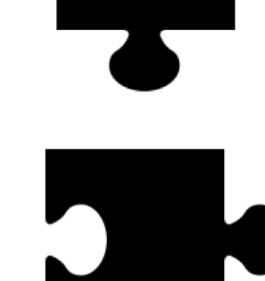
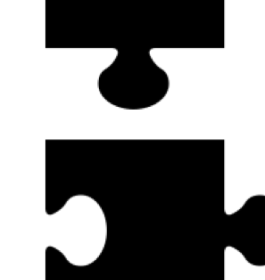
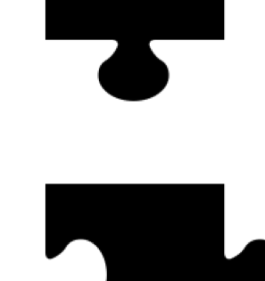
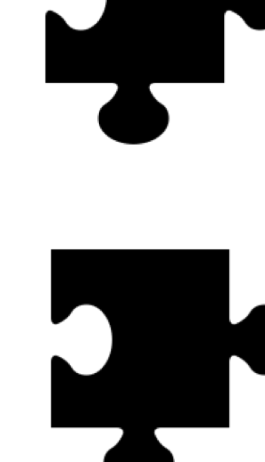
- organization and planning problems



## Southern Psychological & Behavioral Services

### Early Identification of Autism is Critical!

Look for these **RED FLAGS** in Children Under 24 Months

-  No back-and-forth sharing of sounds, smiles, or other facial expressions by 9 months
-  No babbling by 12 months
-  No responding to name by 12 months
-  No gesturing (pointing, waving bye-bye) by 12 months
-  No single words by 16 months
-  No pretend use of objects by 18 months
-  No 2-word spontaneous (not just repeating) phrases by 24 months
-  ANY loss of ANY language or social skills at ANY age
-  Impairment in nonverbal behaviors (e.g., eye to eye gaze, body postures, facial expressions)

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