



Studies have found
black children are diagnosed
with autism 1.5 - 2 years
later than white children.

**Easterseals is here
to change that.**



Are you worried about your child's development?

DOES YOUR CHILD:

- Lack eye contact?
- Not respond to their name or have delayed speech?
- Tune others out or prefer to play alone?
- Have long meltdowns?
- Engage in repetitive behavior?

These could be signs of autism.

Easterseals Midwest can help you with next steps.

Data shows it can take up to 3 years after sharing concerns with a doctor for a black child to be diagnosed with autism.

We're working to change this.



Family Navigators at Easterseals Midwest are available to listen to your concerns and guide you through the next steps including:

- Screening your child to see if pursuing a diagnosis is necessary
- Diagnosing or referring to a doctor with autism experience
- Developing a plan for your child
- Identifying supports & services that will help you
- Finding resources in your community
- Introducing you to Easterseals services
- Having follow up discussions to help with your journey

Navigating the autism world can be difficult and very stressful. You do not have to do it alone. Let us help you!

Family Navigation can be provided at no cost to you, so please call us today.

Easterseals Midwest is a nonprofit serving over 5,000 children and adults with disabilities and their families each year.

From early interventions for toddlers diagnosed with autism to in-home independent living supports, Easterseals delivers programming specific to individuals in any stage of life, and with any level of ability through our four program areas: Autism Services, Employment Services, Community Living Services, and Early Childhood Services.



"I am so blessed to have someone that finally understands."

Testimonial

"On a phone call, I spoke with a woman whose daughter was not diagnosed with autism. By the time I got done talking with her, we had done a phone screening, we had scheduled an assessment for her daughter, and a meeting for her to talk with a family navigator was scheduled. She told me she feels like she is finally talking with someone who understands her and her daughter, that she has direction, and that she finally has hope for her daughter."

– Easterseals Midwest Staff Member

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