



Early Evaluation Consultation

Parent Information Sheet

Why is my child being referred for Early Evaluation?

Your child is being referred for Early Evaluation because he/she may have some delays in speech, social, behavioral and/or other developmental skills. Your child will be evaluated for the possibility of developmental delay or autism spectrum disorder. The consultation is located at:

Parkview Children's Clinic
11115 Parkview Plaza Dr.
Fort Wayne, IN 46845
Telephone: 260-266-5400

How should I prepare for the consultation?

Your child's evaluation will last approximately two hours. We realize this can be challenging with a young child, and we will do everything we can to make you and your child comfortable. Please prepare by ensuring that your child is well-rested and fed before the visit, bringing a preferred toy/comfort item, bringing preferred snacks and drinks, and finding care for other children so you can leave them at home.

What will happen at the visit?

- You will be asked to fill out a form that covers the following areas. A nurse can help you.

Child's health information	Talking and behavior
Parent concerns	How/what child is eating
Development	Medications and other health concerns
Mother's health/child's birth history	Past medical, family and social history
- Your child will have his/her blood pressure, height and weight taken, and then you and your child will go to an exam room.
- A pediatrician with experience in behavior and development will talk with you about information on the form you provided, including any concerns, and previous medical work-up.
- The STAT (Screening Tool for Autism in Toddlers and Young Children) will be performed. This is an interactive tool involving a set of toys and includes a snack. (**Please inform the nurse or doctor if your child has any food allergies. Snack is usually fish crackers and/or gummy bears. If your child cannot have these items, please bring an acceptable finger snack from home. **)
- The pediatrician will develop a summary of your child's visit with any diagnosis (new and old), medications, referrals, resources and next appointments. He/she will talk to you before you leave to tell you of any diagnosis and recommendations. A copy of this visit summary will be sent to your primary care physician after your appointment.