

**Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Diagnostic Clinic**  
**Parent Information Sessions (Preschool)**

Please note that families must attend all 3 consecutive evening sessions or 1 all day session prior to being assigned a clinician for the diagnostic assessment(s).

**Where:** Child Development Centre; Main Floor, 3820 24 Avenue NW, Calgary AB

**Who:** Caregivers of children ages 0-5 years referred to the clinic with a question of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Caregivers are expected to attend all three information sessions as part of their child's diagnostic process. **Child care is NOT provided.**

**What:** **Session 1 – Does My Child have Autism?**

This session provides families with an overview of ASD, explains the diagnostic process and highlights the roles of caregivers, therapists and pediatricians in the process.

**Session 2 – Playing, Laughing and Learning with Your Child**

This session provides an overview of social communication skills in children. It offers hands-on strategies to promote the development of these skills in children through play.

**Session 3 – Funding and Community Resources for Preschool Children**

This session provides information to families on services and supports available to families of children with special needs, both with or without a diagnosis of ASD.

**When:**

**July 8<sup>th</sup> All Day Session\*:**

Friday, July 8, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**July 18<sup>th</sup> All Day Session\*:**

Monday, July 18, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**August 8<sup>th</sup> All Day Session\*:**

Monday, August 8, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**August 19<sup>th</sup> All Day Session\*:**

Friday, August 19, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**September Evening Sessions:**

Session 1: Monday, September 13 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Session 2: Monday, September 20 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Session 3: Monday, September 27 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**To register:** Please e-mail [Debra-Lynn.Poirier@ahs.ca](mailto:Debra-Lynn.Poirier@ahs.ca) or phone 403-955-5983. Please provide (1) your child's name; (2) the session(s) you will attend; (3) your name, phone number and email address.

\* *There will be a lunch break during the all-day sessions*