

SAAAC WALK-IN CLINIC

The **South Asian Autism Awareness Centre (SAAAC)** in partnership with **Autism Speaks Canada** is piloting a project that focuses on narrowing the wait time for an autism diagnosis followed by a timelier response to early intervention services.

What Is the Purpose of the Walk-in Clinic?

Research has shown that immigrant families receive delayed ASD diagnoses and interventions due to a lack of understanding of how to navigate through social, educational and health services. Moreover, there is also a lack of understanding of autism. The goal of the clinic is to increase access for families that are not already on a path to a diagnosis and early intervention. This culturally responsive project is aimed at intervening at the earliest possible time- especially for those parents who may have some concerns that there may be developmental issues with their child.

Criteria to Participate

- Children must be between the ages of 1 and 5 who do not have an ASD diagnosis
- Cannot be currently on a waitlist to see a Development Pediatrician
- Cannot be currently being assessed by General Pediatrician or Developmental Pediatrician

What Can I Expect?

The Walk-In Clinic will operate one weekend a month and include a three-step triage process: (i) Initial intake, (ii) Assessment by a clinical team comprised of an ABA Therapist, General Practitioner/ Family Physician, Case Manager and Translator (iii) For those with positive assessment screens, they will be further assessed by a Developmental Pediatrician.

Ultimately, this clinic will not only be a place to access information, but it also serves as a teaching venue for parents so that they can support their children effectively if an ASD diagnosis is actually made.

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