Early Diagnostic Clinic

The Early Diagnostic Clinic is designed for families with children ages 4 years and younger seeking a comprehensive evaluation for autism spectrum disorder (ASD). The clinic offers families an opportunity for a two-session evaluation with our skilled clinical psychologist: an initial session for intake and standardized evaluation and a feedback appointment one week later. As part of the initial evaluation, families will be scheduled to meet with our Family Support Clinician for a separate virtual session about services for ASD. Families will also have the opportunity to schedule a future appointment with our Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrician who will provide ongoing care.

Gillian Erhabor, PhD

Dr. Erhabor is a clinical neuropsychologist who has dedicated her career to the evaluation of children with ASD and other neurodevelopmental and behavioral disorders. Dr. Erhabor specializes in the diagnostic and neuropsychological assessment of children within the early developmental period.

The first appointment with Dr. Erhabor will include gathering a detailed history and completion of standardized assessments of your child’s motor, cognitive, language, and communication skills. During the second appointment, Dr. Erhabor will review the test results, answer questions, provide a specific diagnosis (if appropriate), and offer targeted treatment and educational recommendations, including a written report.

Ellen Roth, MSW, LICSW

Ellen Roth, MSW, LICSW is a clinician for our Family Support Team that provides ongoing help for families. Ms. Roth focuses on providing support and information to the families of newly diagnosed children and children under the age of 14.

Ms. Roth, or another Family Support Team member, will meet with families following the feedback appointment with Dr. Erhabor. During this meeting, she will review questions related to the diagnosis, if applicable, and guide parents on next steps to accessing services.

Ms. Roth and the team will be available between appointments to answer parents’ questions and provide support.
Yamini Howe, MD

Dr. Howe is a developmental-behavioral pediatrician specializing in early diagnosis and ongoing care for children with ASD and other developmental or behavioral problems that present in childhood.

In her role as developmental-behavioral pediatrician in the Early Diagnostic Clinic, children may be scheduled with Dr. Howe for medical evaluation after the initial diagnostic assessment with Dr. Erhabor. Dr. Howe will provide the ongoing developmental and medical guidance for families. This initial visit gives families both an opportunity to meet Dr. Howe and receive a medical assessment that is essential for the Lurie Center’s integrated model of care.

Katri Toivanen-Hubbard, RN

Katri Toivanen-Hubbard is a member of our nursing team whose unique professional background includes working with families as an early intervention nurse. She brings with her an insight and understanding of how developmental delays in this age group can impact the home life and daily routines of families.

Katri’s role in the Early Diagnostic Clinic is to support children and families in understanding and implementing their individual plan of care. She is available to answer questions, provide information and feedback between doctor’s appointments, and assist in the coordination of complex care needs.

**Newly Diagnosed Caregiver Workshop**

Receiving a new diagnosis can be a life changing experience for caregivers. This interactive workshop is geared towards caregivers of young children. It provides support and general education about autism spectrum disorder, available treatments, and community services for families. This class is free and open to everyone but requires pre-registration.

Facilitator: Ellen Roth, MSW

Class is offered twice per month, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, from 12-1:00 PM.

Registration: Email LurieCenter@partners.org or call 781.860.1700.