

S.T.A.R.T. PROGRAM

Specialized Team for Autism Related Therapies

The S.T.A.R.T. Program at the Casa Colina Children's Services Center is designed for children under three years of age with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder or at risk for autism. This multidisciplinary program seeks to facilitate each child's optimal development in the areas of communication, sensory integration, cognition, motor skills, social interaction, adaptive behaviors, play skills, and self-help skills. The program also offers in-home and community outings for working on behavior approaches, implementing goals, and generalizing new skills learned.



The S.T.A.R.T. Program is offered Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Casa Colina Children's Services Center in Pomona. The program is staffed by a speech therapist, occupational therapist, early interventionists, and family resource specialist, in consultation with a pediatric neurologist.

Signs of Autism in Your Child

- ◆ May avoid eye contact
- ◆ May prefer to be alone
- ◆ Echoes words or phrases
- ◆ Difficulty interacting with others
- ◆ Spins objects or self
- ◆ Insistence on "sameness"
- ◆ No real fear of dangers
- ◆ Inappropriate attachment to objects
- ◆ Inappropriate laughing or giggling
- ◆ May not want cuddling
- ◆ Difficulty expressing needs (may use gestures)
- ◆ Inappropriate response or no response to sound

This program is funded by regional center. For more information, please contact 909/596-7733, ext. 4200 or jshannon@casacolina.org.

