

Autism is a disorder affecting social interaction, communication, and repetitive behaviors.



LSU research works for advancing autism care.



The LSU Pediatric Feeding Clinic **provides assessment and intervention for children with autism spectrum disorders** who have feeding issues. This is a multidisciplinary team consisting of speech-language pathologists and psychologists.

- LSU **created a widely used comprehensive autism screening test**, the Baby & Infant Screen for Autistic Traits, and **used it to evaluate more than 11,000 children** in Louisiana.
- An LSU autism researcher is developing a method to create **a personalized treatment plan that is more effective and reduces the cost** of care.
- The Children's Center at LSU Health Shreveport, **the only such facility in 200 miles**, offers multidisciplinary diagnostic evaluations for children ages 0-15 as well as speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, and social skills groups.
- The Louisiana Autism Spectrum and Related Disabilities Project, a collaboration between the LSU Health New Orleans Human Development Center and the Louisiana Department of Education, **improves educational practices and outcomes for students** with autism spectrum disorders.