

Autism Identification Assessment

Do you, or your child's school, suspect your child may have an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) including Aspergers Syndrome or Autistic Disorder?

This can be a very stressful time of uncertainty for families. The aim of the ASD Assessment is not to label your child but to enable you to understand how your child experiences the world on a daily basis, as well as identifying any challenges they may face.

QLD government regulates that a formal diagnosis of an ASD must be completed by a medical professional such as paediatrician or psychiatrist. Often the medical professional will seek reports from other professionals who have had the opportunity to spend more time with the child in question or to observe the child in their natural setting (day programmes or home). The ASD assessment conducted at Fabic can help you to decide whether to proceed with a formal diagnosis with a medical professional and should you decide to proceed; this report will support the medical professional in their diagnostic process.

The process will help you to feel confident of an accurate and thorough diagnosis.

Fabic has extensive experience in working with people with an ASD and can therefore readily detect ASD traits which other professionals may miss.

Fabic uses a well recognised diagnostic tool, the Childhood Autism Rating Scale 2nd Edition (CARS 2), which is designed to evaluate children over the age of two suspected of having autism.

CARS 2 examines and scores a number of factors which help to distinguish children with autism from other developmental challenges. It covers fifteen different types of behaviour, characteristics and abilities and rates them against the expected development of typical children to see whether they present with characteristics consistent with an ASD.

What?

The ASD Assessment consists of:

- An initial interview with significant carer
- The Childhood Autism Rating Scale 2nd Edition (CARS 2) assessment including an hour interview with the parent and an hour with the child
- Two observations in different settings (e.g. home and school) or different two different times
- A comprehensive written report with recommendations
- A feedback session

Where?

The meetings take place at our FABIC office in Worongary. We observe the child in two different settings or in the same setting at two separate times. We can arrange more observations for an additional fee. The cost of observations depends on how far it is from the FABIC office (more than 15 minutes from FABIC incurs extra travel cost).

For more information, call Fabic on (07) 5530 5099