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Early detection of autism is important.

The earlier a child is identified as having autism, the sooner they can get connected to the services and support they need, helping them do better in school and in life.

CDC's newest autism data show the COVID-19 pandemic caused dramatic disruptions in autism detection in young children and access to services for families.

These delays could have long-lasting effects.

CDC's *Learn the Signs. Act Early.* resources can help parents monitor their child's development and flag any concerns to be shared with the child's healthcare provider.

The program offers many free resources for parents including a mobile app with developmental milestone checklists for children as young as 2 months of age.

Please visit our website to learn more about these important resources and share them with your friends and family.

Together, we can help all children reach their full potential.