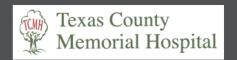


## **ECHO Autism**

A virtual network of autism experts improving care for patients with autism

**OUR ECHO AUTISM PARTNERS:** 







## Caring for kids?

Get access to a **local autism expert** to help your patients without the wait

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#### What is ECHO Autism STAT?

- A program that empowers community primary care providers to assess and diagnose autism spectrum disorder in children with the highest risk factors, ages 14 to 48 months
- Nationally recognized experts at the Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders help guide community providers through the diagnostic process
- Patients who receive a diagnosis from a STAT provider will be able to seek state service eligibility

### What are the qualifications of an ECHO Autism STAT Provider?

- A Primary Care Provider (Pediatrician, Family Physician, or Nurse Practitioner), who:
  - o Is a partner with the ECHO Autism Program at the University of Missouri Thompson Center
  - o Has extensive training in:
    - > Identification of autism spectrum disorder
    - Management of common medical and psychiatric concerns in children with autism spectrum disorder
  - Has received intense training and achieved reliability in the Screening Tool for Autism in Toddlers and Young Children, developed at Vanderbilt University

## How do I get connected to your local ECHO Autism STAT Provider?

 Make a referral to William Wright, M.D., ECHO Autism STAT Provider

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Phone: (417) 967-5639 Fax (417) 967-5667

Want to learn more? www.echoautism.org



#### Why should ECHO Autism STAT matter to you?

- Children can wait up to 18 months before seeing a specialist at a Center of Excellence for an autism evaluation
- 1 in 68 children have autism
- 50-80% have trouble with sleep
- 40-80% have GI issues
- More than 50% have co-occurring anxiety or ADHD
- Parents need medical support in their home communities
- You can make a significant difference for families in your community by helping them access services sooner!



Bringing the best autism care to primary care.

Bill Wright, M.D. Family Medicine Physician