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**We should consider a special assessment in the presence of the following **AUTISM RED FLAGS:****

### **6- 12 months**

- No big smile or joyful expressions
- No response to attempts of shared enjoyment
- Don't seek out for parent's gaze
- No cooing or babbling
- Lack of eye contact
- No interest in people's face
- Failure to respond to name
- High pitched squeals
- Fixations in objects
- Social and emotional passivity
- Over sensitive to stimuli such as sound or touch
- Feeding problems (over sensitive for taste or smell)

### **12 months**

- Any signs of regression
- Poor eye contact
- Poor pointing or gestures
- No reaching or waving
- Poor imitation
- Failure to respond to name
- No sounds like: "ma", "ba", "na", "da"

### **16 months**

- Any signs of regression
- No single words
- No exchange in back-and-forth smiles, sounds or gestures

### **24-36 months**

- Any signs of regression
- Can't explain what he/she wants
- No 2-word phrases
- Echoing what others say
- No spontaneous speech
- Repetitive behavior or insistence in sameness
- Difficulties transitioning from one to another activity (throws long tantrums)
- Difficulties with social interaction
- Difficulties following daily routine
- Difficulties with sensory integration (sight, sound, touch, taste, and smell)
- Odd interest in fans, lights, spinning
- Some children can have a rich vocabulary and be socially active, but there is some eccentric way in how he/she talks, or it sounds strange to other people's ears. Or he/she is attached to an inanimate object like a spoon, or has preference to sameness and difficulties with transition.