

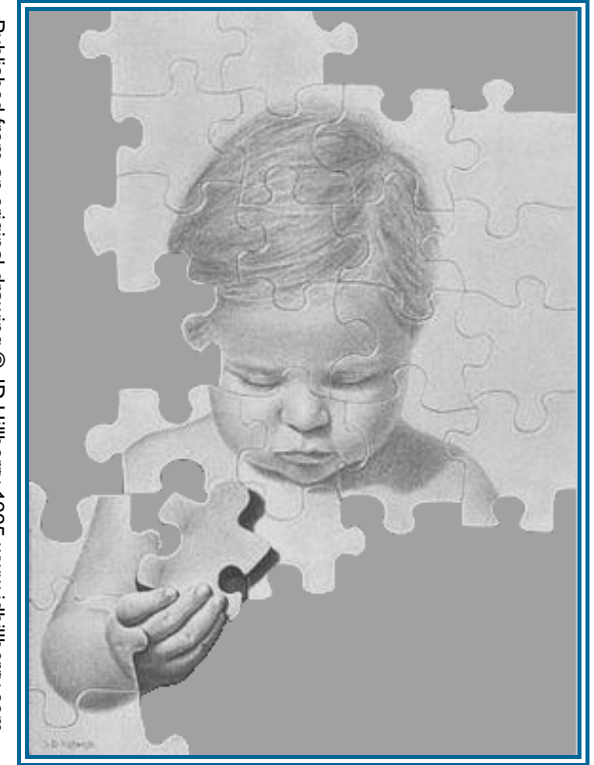
# Principles

- Although Autism is defined by a set of deficits, children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD), like all children, possess remarkable strengths. The Center is committed to helping identify and build on these strengths through comprehensive evaluation, treatment, education and supports.
- Autism is not a fate to be accepted, but a condition to be understood and treated. The Center strives to provide a treatment roadmap for each child based on what is revealed through a comprehensive diagnostic evaluation.
- Early identification and intervention are critical to achieving the best outcomes for those with autism, as are ongoing services and supports to ensure that improvements are maintained.
- The Center not only applies the best and most current available research on autism, but will conduct research of it's own to shed light on the various presentations of autism, and on what works best in diagnosing and treating ASD.
- We are committed to being a collaborative resource for those affected by autism. This means the Center staff will work together to coordinate care with families, schools, universities, state agencies, physicians and other health care providers.

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best in diagnostics,  
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# Services



## DIAGNOSTICS

The center's multidisciplinary diagnostic team uses state-of-the-art clinical assessment tools to provide the most definitive diagnosis of autism spectrum disorders (ASD). Following a thorough review of the child's developmental history and the diagnostic team's testing results, the psychologist and other team members will summarize the results in a *Multidisciplinary Evaluation Report*. The Psychologist will discuss the report with the family or other appropriate persons in the child's life.



## TREATMENT

The latest and most effective treatment interventions are available through the Center, or by referral, including:

- Social skills development
- Applied Behavioral Analysis
- Floor time
- Parent-Child Interactive Therapy
- Psychiatric/Medication Management
- Behavioral Day Treatment
- Children's Day Treatment
- In-home community support
- Sensorimotor Interventions
- Medical and Nutritional Treatments
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech and Language Therapy



## EDUCATION

Given the many faces of autism, its complexity and the ongoing evolution of our understanding about ASD, it is critical that knowledge be available to families, caregivers, teachers and service providers. The Center seeks to fill this need through:

- Family and caregiver educations and training; information on best practices in diagnosis evaluation, treatment and management of children with autism.
- Interdisciplinary training for current professionals and for professionals-in-training.



## RESEARCH

Although there is currently increased research activity in some areas of autism, in many important areas, little research is being conducted. In particular, there is a lack of understanding about distinct sub-types of autism (or whether there are in fact different autism categories not yet identified), and what constitutes effective treatments for individuals affected by ASD.

Research collaborations and funding will be sought to pursue answers to these kinds of research questions through ongoing field studies at the Center.

# Staff

*The Burrell Autism Center's staff represents many different professional disciplines relevant to diagnosis, treatment, education and research in ASD.*

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