

Learner Outcomes

Unit 1 — Improving Early Detection



Welcome to the Autism Navigator.

The learner outcomes for **Unit 1 – Improving Early Detection** are described below.

Upon completing Unit 1 of this course, you will be able to:

- List three reasons why early detection is important for children, families, providers and society at large.
- Describe the two diagnostic domains of ASD and list core features of each.
- List four reasons why prevalence has increased.
- List trends in current research on the causes of autism and identify three evidence-based web sources for research information.
- List specific red flags for each of the core features in the two diagnostic domains.
- Describe the unfolding of early red flags of ASD from birth to three years of age.

Tips for a successful completion of the course:

- Your level of energy and attention may be greater earlier in the day rather than at the end of a long workday. You may want to schedule your sessions earlier in the day.
- Break the unit down into small sections. The units are organized into sections that begin with a question. Consider working through one question at a time.
- Keep a notebook nearby to jot down notes, thoughts, and questions.
- Print the unit audio script and highlight information that you find important.