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Early detection of autism is important.

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.

As providers, what can we do?

We can help communities better understand the impact of the pandemic on early identification of autism and anticipate future service needs as these children get older.

We can empower parents and caregivers with tools to monitor their child's developmental milestones and support them in taking action if they have concerns using CDC's Learn the Signs. Act Early resources.

We can each work within our systems to create plans for how early identification and services can continue during times of emergencies.

Please visit our website to learn more. Let's join together and ensure all children and families have access to the supports and services needed, not only today but every year throughout their lifetime.