

Winter 2021 Wait Times for Developmental and Autism Evaluations*

*These wait times are based on providers' self-report at the time of the survey and may not be up-to-date. Please contact the provider for the most recent wait time. Most clinics will require a referral from your child's doctor. Most evaluations and services are billed through insurance or private pay.

Contact your child's insurance provider to see if the evaluation is covered and if there are copays. See www.whatcomtakingaction.org for [insurance handouts](#) and tools you can use to follow up with your child's insurance provider.

Whatcom County					
Program/Provider	Contact	Autism Specific	Developmental	Medicaid/Apple Health Accepted?	Ages
<u>Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT)</u>	SEAS Line (360) 715-7485	N/A	2-4 Weeks	Yes	0-3
	Anyone can refer a family to ESIT. Referrals taken as normal via SEAS. Evaluations and coaching sessions are being done by using Zoom.				
<u>School Districts</u>	Special Services office by district.	N/A	2-6 Months	N/A	3-21
	Please contact SEAS (360-715-7485) or your local School District Special Services Office form more information about Child Find Screenings and Evaluations. *COVID-19 precautions are different for every school district. If you have questions about these please ask the district when contacting them.				
PeaceHealth (GIDES/Developmental clinic) COE Provider	PeaceHealth Pediatrics (360) 752-5246	10-12 Months (PeaceHealth only)	10-12 Months (PeaceHealth only)	Varies by clinic. Most plans accepted.	0-8 for an evaluation, 0-21 for support services.
	Evaluations are only being offered for PeaceHealth patients 8 and under at this time. Contact your PCP at PeaceHealth for a referral. SEAS will contact patients for intake. Send a referral to SEAS.				
<u>Sendan Center</u> COE Provider	(360) 305-3275	1.5-2 Years	N/A	No	4-18
	Sendan Center is doing in-person and telehealth appointments whenever possible. They are experiencing a high number of calls. Please refer to their FAQ before calling with questions: https://sendancenter.com/2020/03/covid-19-updates/				

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Elizabeth Schnippell, ND COE Provider*	Touchstone (360) 788-4225	Will fill appointments as available.	N/A	Yes	Any, including adults.
	Requires a doctor's referral. Patient will receive an intake packet after referral. Once packet is completed, patient will receive an email to schedule an appointment.				
<u>Marianna Wright, ND</u> COE Provider*	Pediatric NDT and SI Clinic (360) 605-0211	1-2 Weeks	N/A	Molina, Coordinated Care, and United Health Care Community Plan	All ages at this time.
	Patients will receive an intake form online when they schedule their visit and should fill this out prior to visit time. Also, you can upload any relevant evaluations/screenings & current (within past year) lab results into their 'Documents' section on the Patient Portal. All initial visits are conducted via telemedicine. Evaluations are done in multiple visits, and there will be at least one visit performed in-office. When coming to the office - all patients are required to wear masks & they will be screened with a thermometer & screening questions.				

*Important COE Provider Information:

- A COE or Center of Excellence is someone who has gone through the COE training and has been judged by the Washington Health Care Authority to make an **autism diagnosis** and write a prescription for [ABA therapy](#). For those on Medicaid, they will need to have a diagnosis from a COE to get ABA therapy covered by insurance. Even if your child has private insurance, it may be a good idea to choose a COE provider, as they may become eligible for Medicaid through the Developmental Disability Administration (DDA) or by other means.
- *Dr. Wright and Dr. Schnippell are both COE trained providers and can make referrals to ABA therapy. DDA will not accept an Autism diagnosis from a Naturopath at this time. Find more info on DDA [here](#).
- A COE providers list for all of Washington State can be found [here](#).
- A COE provider is not necessary for most developmental evaluations, like a school district or ESIT evaluation.

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<u>Center on Human Development and Disability (CHDD - UW)</u> Seattle COE Provider	206-598-3327	3 - 5 Months	3 - 5 Months	Yes	2-16, older on individual basis.
	Requires a referral from your child's doctor. Please call to ask about waitlist and cancellation list options. Regular appointments can be made. When appropriate, telehealth appointments can also be made. Visit their Coronavirus updates page for the most up to date information. https://www.uwmedicine.org/coronavirus				
<u>Mary Bridge Neurobehavioral Medicine</u> Tacoma COE Provider	253-403-4437	16 Months	16 Months	Yes	0-18
	Requires a referral from your child's doctor. If you have an appointment scheduled (on the waitlist) you can also call to get on the cancellation list. The waitlist for those 3 and younger is only 4 months. To find out more please call the clinic or visit https://www.marybridge.org/coronavirus/				
<u>ICAN</u> Bellevue - North and South Unknown if COE provider	425-657-0620	1-6 Months	6 Months	Will take Provider One/Medicaid. Managed Care Plans will be accepted in the near future.	Diagnosis: 0-18 Services: 0-21
	Requires a referral from your child's doctor. Wait times depend on the type of provider the clinic matches you with. Call the ICAN center after your referral is sent to the clinic to get screened in. Please call to ask about waitlist and cancellation list options. They also assess for ADHD. ICAN is following special procedures for all appointments. Please go their COVID-19 updates page for the most recent update on these procedures https://i-can.center/covid-19-response/				
<u>Seattle Children's Autism Center</u> Seattle COE provider	206-987-7098	18-22 Months	N/A	Yes	0-18
	Requires a referral from your child's doctor. Please call to make sure you are on the waitlist and cancellation list. Already scheduled appointments may be cancelled, postponed, or rescheduled if safe to do so. If you have an appointment only one parent or caregiver may join the child. Some appointments may be done via telehealth. Call the clinic for more information. Visit the website for additional updates surrounding COVID-19 procedures.				

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<u>Seattle Children's Neurodevelopmental Clinics</u> Multiple	206-987-2210 All Locations	N/A	1-2 Months, all locations	Yes	0-21, have to be established by age 18.
	<p>Requires a referral from your child's doctor. Scheduling is done by need urgency. Please call to ask about waitlist and cancelation list options. Autism "rule out" appointments are done at these clinics. If they can't rule out autism then they send a new referral to Seattle Children's Autism Center.</p> <p>Already scheduled appointments may be cancelled, postponed, or rescheduled if safe to do so. If you have an appointment only one parent or caregiver may join the child. Some appointments may be done via telehealth. Call the clinic for more information. Visit the website for additional updates surrounding COVID-19 procedures.</p>				
<u>UW Autism Center</u> Seattle & Tacoma COE Provider	(Sea) 206-616-8642 (Tac) 253-692-4711	12 Months (Sea) 17 Months (Tac) (Sooner for children up to age 4)	N/A	Molina, CHPW, United Health Care, & Coordinated Care.	0-18 (Sea) 0-18 and over (Tac)
	<p>Completing the registration forms are the only way to get on the waitlist. You do not need a referral prior to getting on the waitlist. Information and intake forms can be found here: https://depts.washington.edu/uwautism/clinical-services/intake/</p> <p>Limited in-person appointments can be made. When appropriate, telehealth appointments can also be made. Visit their Corona Virus updates page for the most up to date information. https://www.uwmedicine.org/coronavirus</p>				
<u>Hope Central: Pediatrics & Behavior Health</u> Seattle COE Provider	206-455-9845	Varies. 7 Months for ADOS testing.	N/A	Yes	0-20. 21-22 on an individual basis.
	<p>Requires a referral from your child's doctor. Parents need to call the clinic once a referral is sent. A PhD intern will conduct a screening to determine next steps, and it happens as soon as possible. Clients are being seen in clinic. Clinic COVID-19 precautions can be found here: https://www.hopecentralhealth.org/clinic-procedures</p>				

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Karen Toth, PhD Licensed Clinical Psychologist Seattle COE provider	360-220-6040	4-6 weeks	N/A	Molina, CHPW, and Coordinated Care	10 months to adults
	Requires a referral from your child's doctor. Referrals must include details about behavior which warrants and autism evaluation. Parents will need to email Dr. Toth after a referral is sent informing her of the referral and send her their child's insurance information for preauthorization. Karentoth22@gmail.com				
Yellow Brick Clinic Seattle COE Provider	425-777-5467 425-736-9609	2 Months	2 Months	Yes	Children, teens and adults
	Have your child's doctor send a referral if you have Medicaid or an HMO insurance plan. Tele-health services are offered based on the discretion of the provider.				
Providence Health Boyden Family Autism Center Everett Last updated 06/2020	425-258-7097	7-10 months	N/A	Molina, CHPW, and Coordinated Care	Birth to 18
	Requires a referral from your child's doctor. Families should call the clinic after their child's doctor has sent a referral. A patient navigator will send a packet of information with next steps. Children ages birth to 3 must be enrolled in ESIT (see first page). COVID-19 updates can be found here: https://coronavirus.providence.org/wa-updates				

Additional Information:

- It's possible your child can get onto more than one waitlist for an evaluation. Check with your doctor to see if they can send multiple referrals. Insurance may restrict this.
- Each clinic and program have different procedures and paperwork. Call all clinics and programs you wish to use to find out what you need to do before your child can be seen or to get on the waitlist. Some clinics may have you fill out paperwork, others may have you complete something online.
- Keep track of all of the people you talk to from each clinic and program, as well as when you talked to them and what they said. Put it all together in a file or accordion folder.
- [Find waitlist tips here.](#)