Black Children More Likely to Receive Late Autism Diagnosis

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While the rate of diagnosis forautism spectrum disorders (ASD) is the same among all racial groups, black kidstend to get diagnosed later than white children and receive longer and moreintensive interventions, according to a study published in the journal SocialWork in Public Health and reported by Newswise.

Autism is a general term for a spectrum of developmentaldisorders that affect a child's social and communication skills. Children withautistic conditions, such as Asperger's syndrome, have difficulty talking withothers, interacting socially and in personal relationships and controllingrepetitive behaviors. Currently, rates of diagnosis hover around one in 110 forchildren of all races. But when children are diagnosed varies dramatically.

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