

Autism Spectrum Disorder

Autism Spectrum Disorder is a severe, chronic, developmental disability. It is usually diagnosed between 18- 36 months of age. Autism Spectrum Disorder affects pivotal behaviours of an individual such as communication with others, expression of personal feelings, social interaction, and development of relationships. Over 2000 Manitobans are affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Funded by the Province of Manitoba, the St. Amant Autism programs provide province-wide best practice treatment to children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. The programs assist preschool and school aged children to *learn how to learn* in areas such as communication, play and social skills, personal care, and motor and academic activities. The programs also assist children in dealing with challenging behaviours which interfere with their participation in learning activities.