What Do We Know About Early Signs and Detection of Young Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)?

Abstract

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a neurodevelopmental disorder that is characterized by significant qualitative impairments in social interactions, communication and repetitive patterns of behavior, interests and activities (American Psychiatric Association, 2013). An understanding of the presentation of ASD in young children is a crucial first step to improve early detection of children who might be considered at risk of the disorder and in need of further assessment, intervention and services. This talk will incorporate research findings and clinical experience from the speaker to understand what are the early signs of ASD in children from 12 to 36 months old, and also the possibility and feasibility of early identification of these children. It is the speaker’s intention that this talk will be an informative session to bring about an increased level of public awareness of signs of ASD in young children.

Biography

Dr Nah Yong Hwee (Fei) is a Research Scientist at the Centre for Research in Child Development in NIE. Fei is also a registered psychologist both in Singapore and Australia. He has more than a decade of working experience as a psychologist and has assessed/worked with more than 1000 individuals with ASD ranging from 10 months to 60 years old. Both his research and clinical interests are in the early detection of ASD in young children, as well as ASD across the lifespan.

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