

FUNDING FOR AN AUTISM DIAGNOSIS WITH DR MIKE RIOS, DEVELOPMENTAL PEDIATRICIAN

Welcome to Maximum Chances. Our purpose is to help children with Autism Spectrum Disorders gain access to education services, therapies and cutting edge bio-medical treatments. This application is for potential funding of services for **Dr. Mike Rios**. If you have a child you suspect to be on the autism spectrum and you need assistance in paying for the medical testing or supplement costs associated with **Dr. Mike Rios** we would like to help.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR FUNDING

Your application will be considered based on our selection criteria for funding, which aims to provide funding to the neediest applicants. Funding will be allocated based on the following criteria:

- ***EXTENT TO WHICH CHILD MAY BENEFIT FROM SERVICES***
- ***HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND SIZE****
- ***INSURANCE COVERAGE RELATIVE TO TREATMENT NEEDS***
- ***NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS WITH ASD/APSPERGER'S DIAGNOSIS***
- ***CURRENT FAMILY SITUATION INCLUDING HARDSHIPS AS A RESULT OF THE DIAGNOSIS***
- ***PARENTS ARE ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY***

Along with the application, you will be asked to submit the last 2 years tax returns to the Maximum Chances Foundation for verification.

Getting your child an autism diagnosis can be a lengthier and more difficult process than anticipated. Insurance companies usually have a strict criterion on who can and cannot give an autism diagnosis. If not given by an approved diagnostician, they will likely not approve funding for various therapies that your child will possibly benefit from need going forward.

Once you have found an approved diagnostician, the waiting lists can be extremely long, possibly up to a year's wait. The fact is the earlier you can get your child diagnosed and working with appropriate therapists, the better the potential outcome for your child and the whole family.

If you suspect your child needs an evaluation, ideally you would have a referral from a pediatrician or healthcare provider indicating they may not be meeting developmental milestones.

We currently provide funding for an autism diagnosis with Grapevine based Developmental Pediatrician, **Dr Charles (Mike) Rios**.

Dr Rios evaluation process for suspected Autism Spectrum Disorder is a four-appointment process. If Dr Rios does not feel like your child requires all four appointments as they may not meet all the criteria for suspected delays, he will discuss that with you early in the appointment process.

-The first appointment is a review of history and documentation, answering potential questions discussing an assessment plan.

-The second appointment will begin the diagnostic testing.

-The third appointment continues diagnostic testing if recommended.

-The fourth appointment will review the findings of the evaluation, provide a report and recommendations on moving forward.

To be considered for funding for an autism evaluation with Dr Rios from Maximum Chances, please provide us with a referral from your healthcare provider indicating that your child is currently showing or is at risk developmental delays. Please also check that your family meets the financial criteria listed below to receive a grant from us.

You will be required to send us your most recent tax return. Please also explain any relevant hardships that might contribute to your situation, particularly if you might not meet the financial criteria. Please see the Federal Poverty guideline below as a guide to see if your family might qualify for funding.

Please note that **Maximum Chances requires all parents/ guardians to pay Dr Rios the first \$150 towards the first appointment directly** and then all subsequent appointments will be covered. Please check the box below to confirm that you understand and consent to this agreement. The receipt for your payment of \$150 can be emailed to you, receipts for the remaining balance will all be sent back to Maximum Chances.

**Family income below 400% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines will be considered as a baseline for this criterion. Selection will not be limited to this guideline, as other criteria will be considered. The table below shows these incomes for 2024.*

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Income (\$)	60,240	81,760	103,280	124,800	146,320	167,840	189,360	210,880

CHECKLIST

- Application form with child's details.
- Referral from your health provider regarding your child's need for an evaluation.
- Most recent tax return.
- Signature and tick box indicating you understand and consent to the pre-payment required for the first appointment with Dr Rios.