ELS FOR AUTISM FOUNDATION was established in 2009 by Liezl and Ernie Els shortly after their son, Ben, was diagnosed with autism. When seeing the need for quality programs and services, the world class pro golfer and his wife devoted their efforts to a game-changing philanthropic project – The Els Center of Excellence. Designed as a global hub to connect the international autism communities, the facility creates shared best practices and latest research for improved collaboration. The 26-acre facility in Jupiter, Florida, provides on-site programs and services for individuals of all ages, addressing needs in Education, Research, Global Outreach, Recreation, Therapies and Adult Services.

SPRING INTO ACTION (SIA) PROGRAM

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Programs designed to help children grow and succeed.

SPRING INTO ACTION
Early Education Program

Spring Into Action: Early Educational Services are designed to support the development of social, communication, play and pre-academic readiness skills for children up to age 5 years, 11 months.

Plans are developed to target the unique strengths and learning opportunities present for each child. One-on-one therapy services are provided to each child in an environment that best meets that child’s learning needs.

CLINICAL PROGRAMS

All services provided through Spring Into Action utilize a transdisciplinary model and incorporate evidence-based practices and family involvement to support skill development and decrease the likelihood of challenging behaviors.

APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS SERVICES

Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention Program
Comprehensive one on one behavioral services provided in a classroom environment.

1:1 ABA services
One on one clinic-based behavioral services targeting skills in a focused environment.

Picky Eating
A systematic, step-by-step procedure designed to introduce new foods into the diets of children who are picky eaters.

RUBI Parent Training
Parent education program that teaches parents to use applied behavior analysis techniques to manage their child’s challenging behaviors and to teach new skills.

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES
Designed to support the development of language and motor skills and are delivered in a 1:1 format.

Note that participants in Els for Autism Foundation programs are not required to have a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder.

These services may be covered by your health insurance or by the Gardiner Scholarship.

If you are concerned about your child’s development, please contact us to learn about Spring Into Action.

DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES

Below is a list of important developmental milestones to look for as a child grows.
By 2 years of age the child should:

» Share interest or enjoyment through eye gaze
» Respond by looking when name is called
» Use gestures to communicate
» Use coordinated non-verbal communication (combining eye gaze and word/gestures
» Play with toys appropriately
» Enjoy playing social games (peekaboo, pretend with dolls or stuffed animals)
» Say at least 50 words

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