



COPE CENTER FOR AUTISM



An Introduction from Dr. Jennifer Cope

In my 25 years as a pediatric neurologist at Neurology Group of Bergen County, I have often wished I could do more to help children showing signs of autism.

For several years, I tried to mitigate these problems by seeing Medicaid patients on my weekly day off and in borrowed office space. When this “vacation-day practice” developed its own long waitlist, it became clear to me that I needed a bigger solution. **And so, I created the Cope Center for Autism.**

Cope Center for Autism, located at 579 Franklin Turnpike in Ridgewood, specializes in autism evaluations of children up to age 21. Our medical staff conducts the gold standard of autism testing – **the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS) evaluation**. It’s a 60-90 minute exam, which results in a written report with an official diagnosis that parents can share with insurance companies and school districts.

If a child is diagnosed with autism, we follow up the exam with **a complimentary consultation with a Parent Support Specialist**. Our Parent Support Specialist will explain the diagnosis and guide parents about the options for therapy and school.

Our families say:

“It’s very supportive and helps us feel like we are getting answers.”

“Caring, compassionate group of providers. Appointment scheduled within 24 hours.”

We accept all forms of New Jersey Medicaid. We expect to accept most major health insurance policies soon. In the meantime, families not covered by New Jersey Medicaid can pay \$500 out of pocket for an evaluation.

Please keep us in mind for your patients who show signs of autism. Currently, we can schedule patients for appointments within one week. Parents can call for an appointment at 551-380-4870 or find us at www.CopeCenterforAutism.org.