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Thom's Diagnose

The paediatrician at St. Joseph's Hospital in Eindhoven, referred Thom on the 12th of May, 1997, to the Mental Health Care for Children to be diagnosed. The diagnosis by a **child psychiatrist** reads: »high functioning autistic person«.

The psychologist reached the following specific conclusions:

- The lack of turn taking in the communication;
- The lack of growing in connections;
- Integration and tuning in problems;
- The big gap between intellectual and social-emotional development;
- The lack of functioning play skills;
- Thom's poor understanding of social circumstances and social skills development.

The Treatment Advice sounded:

- Parent course for parents from children with autism;
- Intensive ambulant help within the home situation;
- Parent counselling at The Mental Health Care Centre.

The Marte Meo Process – Started 17-2-2000:

When you read the concrete and specific diagnosis of the psychologist, you will see during the process, that we worked concretely on the exact mentioned points in our process.

The parents waited for years to get this practical help with concrete information.

As mentioned they got other help before, but it just did not help.

The Marte Meo Diagnosis:

The Marte Meo diagnosis is done with the help of pictures from Thom and his family in their own every day life.

You can find the dialogue with the parents about that subject in this book (See the chapter about the first review at 17-2-2000, page 21 et seq.).

And in the first part of the film you will find examples about how you can see in daily life the most remarkable gaps in the development of Thom.