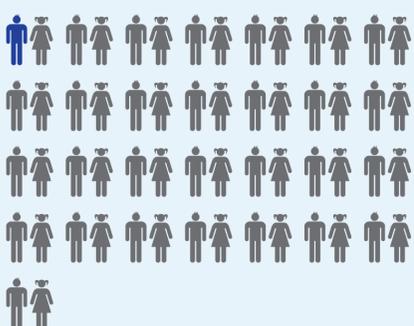


HRSA ADDRESSES AUTISM

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a developmental disability that can cause significant social, communication and behavioral challenges.

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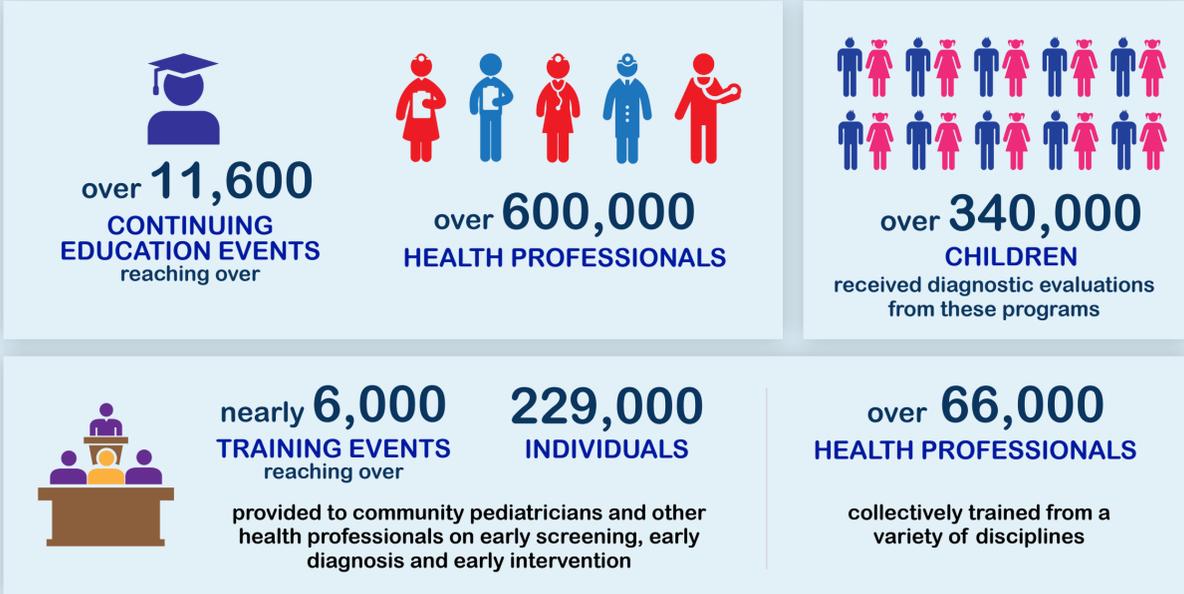
EIGHT YEAR OLDS HAS ASD



HRSA's Maternal and Child Health Bureau implements the Autism Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education and Support Act—**Autism CARES Act**—through grant programs. The Autism CARES Act seeks to improve the health and well-being of children and adolescents with ASD and other developmental disabilities (DDs).



TRAINING*



RESEARCH*



STATE INNOVATION



worked toward



INCREASING AWARENESS OF ASD/DD

Grantees:

- Developed shared resources to support care coordination and case management of ASD
- Shared ASD materials through media outlets targeting immigrant and refugee communities



TRAINING PROFESSIONALS & FAMILIES

Grantees:

- Developed in-person family leadership training
- Developed educational materials for providers, practices and parents



REDUCING BARRIERS TO ACCESS

Grantees:

- Established family navigator programs
- Piloted telemedicine projects in rural communities
- Developed strategies to address cultural and linguistic disparities in ASD service delivery

Get more information on how HRSA works to address autism.

ⁱ CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). (2018). Prevalence of autism spectrum disorder among children aged 8 years: Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network, 11 sites, United States, 2014. Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/67/ss/ss6706a1.htm>.

*All data is from FY 2014 – FY 2016