

HRSA ADDRESSES AUTISM

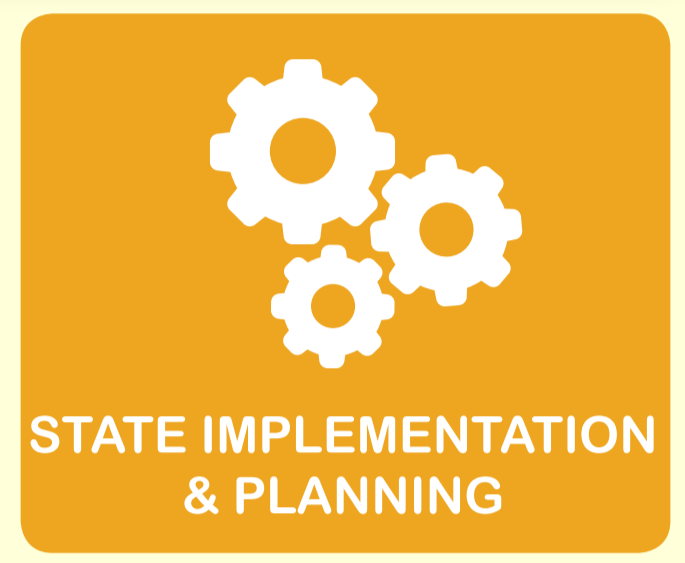
Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a developmental disability that can cause significant social, communication and behavioral challenges.

1 in 68ⁱ

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*



3,000 CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENTS reaching over **214,000** INDIVIDUALS

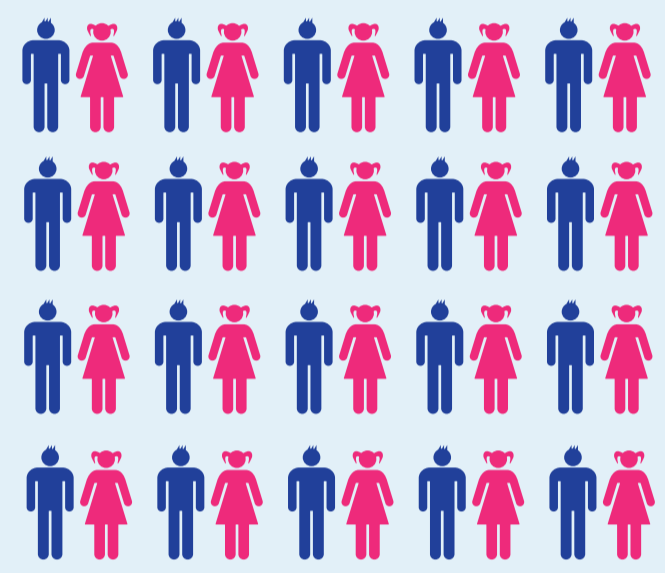
6,000 TRAININGS reaching over **162,000** INDIVIDUALS

provided to community pediatricians and other health professionals on early screening, early diagnosis, and early intervention



11,300 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

collectively trained from a variety of disciplines



224,000 CHILDREN

received diagnostic evaluations from these programs

RESEARCH*



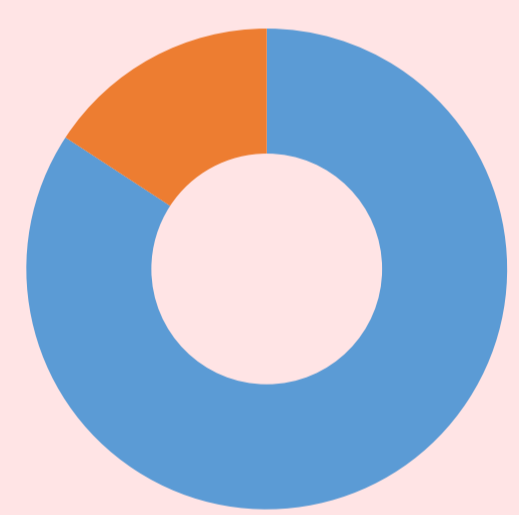
National research networks and projects conduct studies to advance the evidence base on effective interventions



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RESEARCH SITES

focused on physical, medical, social and behavioral interventions



16,000 new patients seen each year

3,000 diagnosed with ASD

20

toolkits created for researchers, health professionals and families

6

clinical practice guidelines developed

over **140**

articles published in peer reviewed journals

98

providers engaged through virtual medical education

STATE IMPLEMENTATION AND PLANNING*

4

State Planning Grantees

9

State Implementation Grantees

worked toward



INCREASING AWARENESS OF ASD/DD

Grantees:

- developed screening kits, autism toolkits, and community resource directories to medical providers and other professionals
- created resource roadmaps, directories, navigator guides, and autism guidebooks for families



TRAINING PROFESSIONALS & FAMILIES

Grantees:

- developed an in-person and web-based curriculum about medical homes for families of children with ASD/DD
- enacted a continuous quality improvement plan to increase timely identification and referrals
- developed educational materials for providers, practices, and parents



REDUCING BARRIERS TO ACCESS

Grantees:

- opened a specialty health care clinic within a rural public school
- piloted a telemedicine project
- developed strategies to address cultural and linguistic disparities in ASD service delivery

Get more information on how HRSA works to address autism.

ⁱChristensen DL, Baio J, Braun KV, et al. Prevalence and Characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorder Among Children Aged 8 Years — Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network, 11 Sites, United States, 2012. MMWR Surveill Summ 2016;65(No. SS-3):1–23. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.ss6503a1>.

*All data is from FY 2009 - FY 2014

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