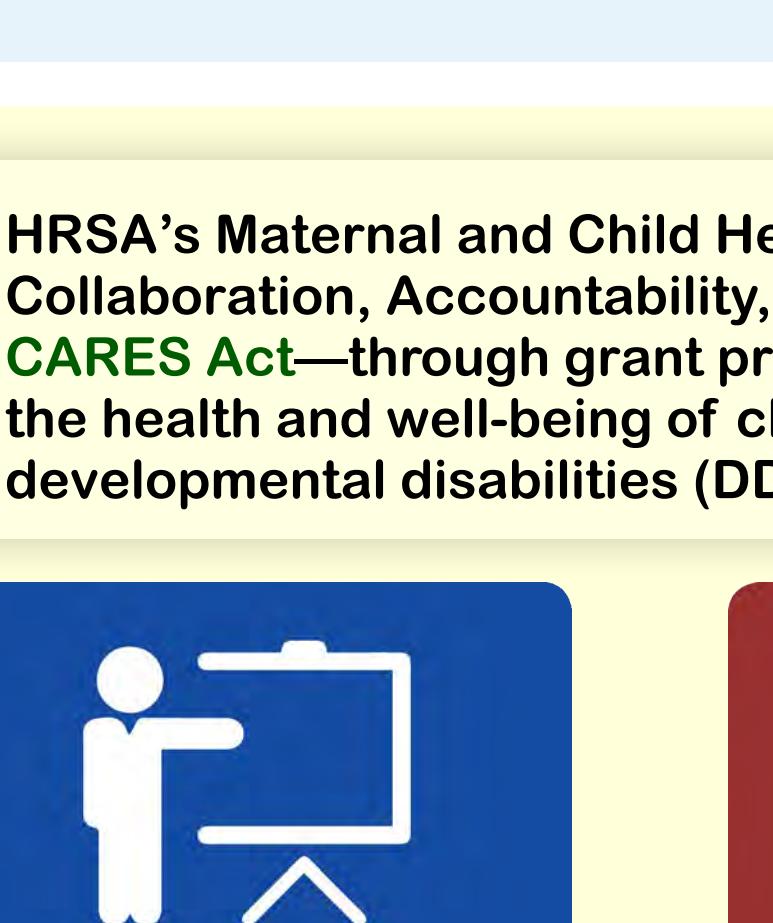


# HRSA ADDRESSES AUTISM

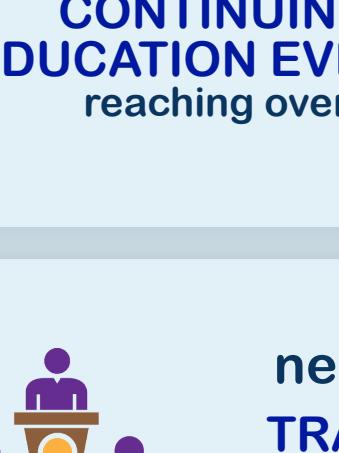
Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a developmental disability that can cause significant social, communication, and behavioral challenges.

1 in 54<sup>1</sup>

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

## TRAINING\*



over 11,600  
CONTINUING  
EDUCATION EVENTS  
reaching over



over 600,000  
HEALTH PROFESSIONALS



over 340,000  
CHILDREN  
received diagnostic evaluations  
from these programs



nearly 6,000  
TRAINING EVENTS  
reaching over

229,000  
INDIVIDUALS

over 66,000  
HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

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

collectively trained from a  
variety of disciplines



## RESEARCH\*



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

19

toolkits for healthcare/  
educational professionals,  
families and caregivers

13

medical and  
behavioral treatment  
guidelines



51  
RESEARCH SITES  
focused on physical,  
medical, social and  
behavioral interventions

276

new investigators and  
trainees supported and  
engaged in autism research  
projects

over 200

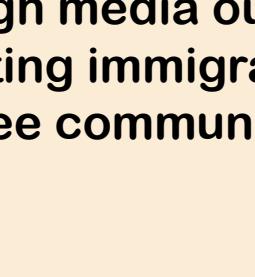
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## STATE INNOVATION

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State Innovation  
Grantees



### 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.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2020), Prevalence of Autism Spectrum Disorder Among Children Aged 8 Years - Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network, 11 sites, United States, 2016. Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.

\*All data is from FY 2014 – FY 2016

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