

Michigan Department of Community Health Autism Program

Children's Special Health Care Services
Regional Meetings



Autism Spectrum Disorder Facts

- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the United States
- ASD impacts the normal development of the brain in the areas of social interaction, communication skills, and cognitive functioning.



Autism Spectrum Disorder Facts

- Autism costs the nation around \$137 billion per year, a figure expected to increase over the next decade.
- An average lifetime cost of \$1.4 million for a person affected by autism without an intellectual disability.
- 40% of children are non-verbal.



Autism Spectrum Disorder Facts

- CDC new report estimates that about 1:68 children has been identified with ASD.
- 1:50 school age children.
- 16,591 students in Michigan public schools with ASD eligibility for services.



Autism Spectrum Disorder Facts

- ASD occurs in all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups, but is almost five times more common among boys (1:42).
- Early intervention and treatment can improve challenges associated with autism spectrum disorders.
- Delay in a diagnosis means that children with ASD might not get the early help they need.



Autism Spectrum Disorder Characteristics

Communication

- Challenge understanding words
- May need pictures to communicate
- Echo words and phrases
- Talks to self or no one specifically
- Difficulty expressing needs and wants
- Verbal or non-verbal communication
- Inappropriate giggling or laughing
- If verbal, may have difficulty with tone and volume
- Appear deaf, may cover ears and/or look away



Autism Spectrum Disorder Characteristics

Social

- Prefers to be alone
- Lacks gestures
- Difficulty interacting with others
- Attachment to objects
- Dangerously attracted to water sources, roadways, disaster debris, and emergency vehicles
- May attempt to enter occupied or unoccupied dwellings



Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qb_pX7n3ZRI

Autism Spectrum Disorder Characteristics

Sensory

- Avoid eye contact
- Exhibit avoidance of touch
- Demonstrate apparent insensitivity or high tolerance for pain
- Rock back and forth
- Spin or twirl objects
- Sustain unusual repetitive actions
- Limited fine motor skills
- Unusual responses to lights, sounds or other sensory input
- Display clumsiness, toe-walk or have difficulty running
- Display fascination with water, reflections, shiny objects and repetitive items
- Lack fear of real danger

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSfeYedNUNM>

Early Intervention



- Research shows that early intervention treatment services can greatly improve a child's development.
- Scientific studies have demonstrated that early intensive behavioral intervention improves learning, communication and social skills in young children with autism.
- While the outcomes of early intervention vary, **ALL** children benefit.

Applied Behavior Analysis

- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services for ASD
 - Focuses on increasing language acquisition, communication, peer interactions and social skills, responding to group instruction, academic/cognitive skills, following typical classroom routines, play skills, self-help and daily living skills, learning in and from the natural environment, and reducing inappropriate behavior(s).



Endorsements for ABA

- The following organizations endorse ABA as a scientifically proven approach for treating children with autism and related disorders:
 - American Academy of Neurology
 - American Academy of Family Pediatrics
 - American Academy of Pediatrics
 - American Academy of Occupational Therapy Association,
 - American Psychological Association
 - American Speech-Language Hearing Association
 - Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics
 - Autism Society of America
 - National Alliance for Autism Research
 - National Institute of Child Health & Human Development
 - National Institute of Mental Health

What does ABA look like?

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7jqhQ-Clcks>

MDCH Autism Program



- Manage the Medicaid/MI Child Autism Benefit.
- Liaison to external stakeholders including Michigan Departments, advocacy organizations and universities.
- Support families and agencies with challenges with services.
- Manage MDCH autism contracts.
- Coordinate and provide state and regional autism trainings for providers, specialty organizations and conferences.
- Provide support to the Autism Council.



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Welcome to the Michigan Autism Program Website. The Michigan Autism Program is located within the Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration within the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH). The Michigan Autism Program was established in 2013 to support the:

- Medicaid and MICHild Autism Benefit
- Michigan Autism Spectrum Disorders State Plan
- Autism Council
- Autism services provided throughout Michigan

It is our goal to be a leader and partner to support individuals with autism, their families/caregivers, and professionals servicing people with autism spectrum disorders so they can have a quality and fulfilling life.



Signing the Autism Insurance Reform Legislation





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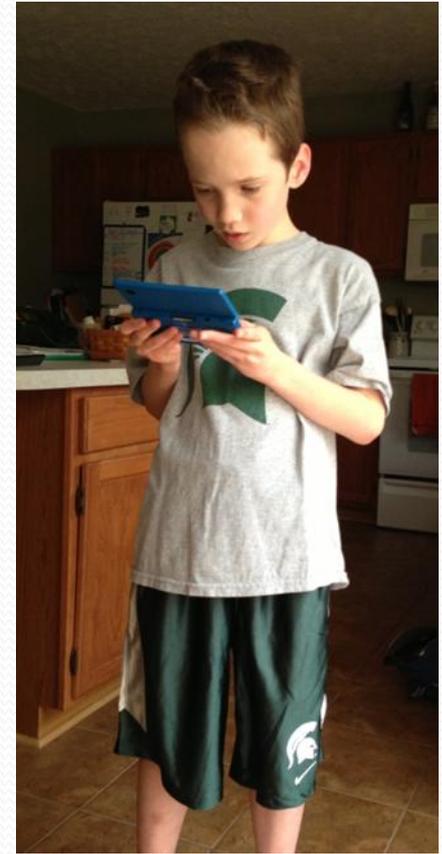
MDCH-Autism Program



- Medicaid/MI Child Autism Benefit launched **April 1, 2013**
- Families now have access to Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Services for children.
 - **960+** children 18 months through 5 years old covered by Medicaid/MI Child received Diagnostic Services.
 - **600+** children 18 months through 5 years old covered by Medicaid/MI Child receiving ABA and other services.
- Added Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA's) to the network of Medicaid qualified providers .

Michigan Successes

- Insurance Legislation Reform & Medicaid Benefit.
- **250+** children/adolescents with autism receiving services from legislative reform.
- **205** Board Certified Behavior Analysts in Michigan.



Resources

- Michigan Department of Community Health:
www.michigan.gov/autism
- National Autism Center:
www.nationalautismcenter.org



Resources

- Autism Society of Michigan
 - www.autism-mi.org
- Autism Speaks
 - www.autismspeaks.org
- Michigan Alliance for Families
 - www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org
- Michigan Department of Education, Office of Great Start
 - www.michigan.gov/mde, www.michigan.gov/greatstart,
- Autism Alliance of Michigan
 - www.autismallianceofmichigan.org



Questions



Thank You!

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