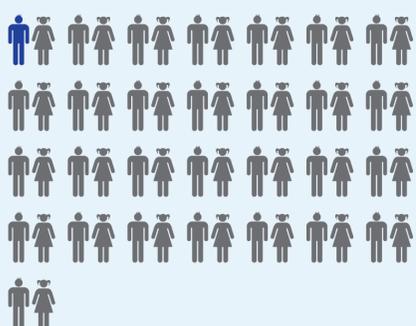


HRSA ADDRESSES AUTISM

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

1 in 54¹

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*

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

over 66,000
HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

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

articles
published

STATE INNOVATION



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State Innovation
Grantees

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.

¹Centers 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