



## North Carolina Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Project

**The Autism and Developmental Disorders Monitoring Network (ADDMM Network).** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is funding researchers in many states, including North Carolina, to develop programs to monitor the prevalence of autism spectrum disorders (ASDs) and other developmental disabilities. The goal of the ADDMM Network is to provide comparable, population-based estimates of the prevalence rates of autism and related disorders in different sites over time. For more information, please see: [www.cdc.gov/autism](http://www.cdc.gov/autism)

**The North Carolina Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Project** is a multiple-source investigation to determine and monitor the number of 8-year-old children in the population with an ASD and intellectual disability (ID). This study will help establish, for the first time, an accurate count of the number of North Carolina children with autism starting with the year 2002. Other years will include 2004, 2006 and 2008.

**What part of North Carolina is included in NC ADDMM?** The project includes the following counties: Alamance, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Forsyth, Guilford, Johnston, Orange, Randolph and Wake.

**How many people 3-21 years of age are classified as having autism by the North Carolina Department of Education?** In the 2000-2001 school year, 136 8-year-old children were classified as having autism under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). IDEA is the federal law that supports special education and related services for children and youth with disabilities. However, there are additional children with ASDs who are classified in other disability categories under IDEA. There are also other children with ASDs and intellectual disability who are in regular education classes, who attend private school, or who are home schooled.

**How common are ASDs among children who live in North Carolina?** Data available from NC ADDMM from the 2002 study year found that 6.5 per 1,000 children had an ASD. This resulted in 135 8-year-old children being identified with an ASD within the North Carolina study area.

**What kinds of education and training programs will the project offer to people who work with children who have ASDs and other developmental disabilities?** NC ADDMM plans to train nurses, physicians, educators, and other providers of health and educational services to screen children for signs of developmental disabilities and ASDs. Information will be shared through the mailings to parents and support groups, the media, scientific publications, and presentations at professional conferences. The NC ADDMM website has links to information for parents, educators and clinicians.

**What are some of the resources available in North Carolina for children with developmental disabilities and their families?** Children's Development Service Agency, Division of Treatment and Education of Autistic and related Communication-handicapped Children (TEACCH), Autism Society of North Carolina, Autism Society of NC summer camp program, Families for Early Autism Treatment (FEAT) of North Carolina.

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