

DHS Community Forums April 23 – May 8, 2008

Recommendations for prioritizing and delivering services to individual with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their families:

In 2006, 1 in every 98 school-aged child in Oregon was diagnosed with Autism. **Now it's 1 in 89. 20 years ago it was 1 in 10,000.**

Support Collaboration:

Increase collaboration with education and the health care system to provide coordinated services to children and adults experiencing ASD. Support creation of an Interagency Autism Spectrum Disorder Collaboration Committee.

Support Families:

Increase funding to support families caring for children with autism including in-home technical assistance, training, respite, in-home support, and needed environmental modifications.

Support Treatment:

Implement a time limited Home and Community Based Waiver to support intensive treatment and support to young children with ASD.

Support Employment:

Provide access to ongoing employment support for adults with ASD who have a demonstrated difficulty maintaining employment.

Support Licensure:

Identify an agency for oversight of certified behavior therapist licensure.

Support Training and Awareness within DHS:

Implement an internal training program to increase understanding of ASD and promote best practices within the Department and its contractors.

We Expect to Keep Families Thriving and Healthy.

* Adequate funding for early identification and intervention services * Qualified treatment providers * Family support – respite, in-home services * Appropriate supports for adults * Coordinated coverage for treatments.

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