The Combating Autism Act
(Public Law 109-416)

• Recognized Autism as a National Health Priority
• Authorized approximately $1 Billion in Autism related activities through NIH, CDC, HRSA and others
• Re-established the IACC
• Coordinate Activities among the Federal Agencies
• Advise the Secretary of Health and Human Services
• Develop a Strategic Plan for ASD Research
A Dramatic, Proactive, Aggressive and Coordinated Response from Multiple Federal Agencies
Autism Spectrum Disorder Services Roadmap

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The increased number of children and adults diagnosed with ASD is a growing and urgent concern for families, service providers, and policy-makers, as the nation’s existing health, education, and social service systems struggle to respond to the service needs of this population in a comprehensive manner. Though a number of effective services and funding options for individuals with ASD exist, they tend to be scattered, fragmented, and poorly coordinated. There are no widely accepted or implemented service guidelines for ASD, and there are significant gaps in knowledge about ASD among the professionals serving these individuals. Even where services are available, public and private financing are often inadequate to meet the needs of most individuals with ASD and their families. The success and well being of individuals with ASD and their families are affected by, and in large part, depend on communities and their resources. Thus, we must respond by developing community systems that are integrated across service sectors and are collectively responsible for achieving appropriate individual, family, and community outcomes.
IACC Services Subcommittee

• Meeting Monthly
• Review and Update the Roadmap
• Coordinate Services Activities
• Issued RFI
• Town Hall Meetings
• Expansion of the participants
We Need Your Help