




# **national** **MEDICAL HOME** **Autism Initiative**

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# Medical Home Services for Autism Spectrum Disorders



Including Service System Guidelines for Medical Home Primary Care Providers:  
With Recommendations for Systems Development and Coordination



# Purpose of this Report

- Describes current prevalence and understanding of autism spectrum disorders as reported by national agencies and organizations.
- Summarizes challenges that families and professionals face
- Describes the principles of Medical Home for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs
- Describes a conceptual framework within which key partners can perform key functions across service activity areas
- Facilitates distribution of the ASD Service Guidelines for Medical Home Practices



# Objectives of Autism Service Guidelines

- Define standard of quality for medical home primary practices providing ASD services
- Identify the role of families, professionals, government and finance agencies, education, and community organizations as critical partners
- Promote dialog as a catalyst for system change to strengthen service systems
- Disseminate guidelines and provide information on best practices



# Compliment and Consistent with

- AAP POLICY STATEMENT ON  
DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING JULY 2006
- AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER  
GUIDELINES OCTOBER 2007
- AUTISM TOOL KIT OCTOBER 2007

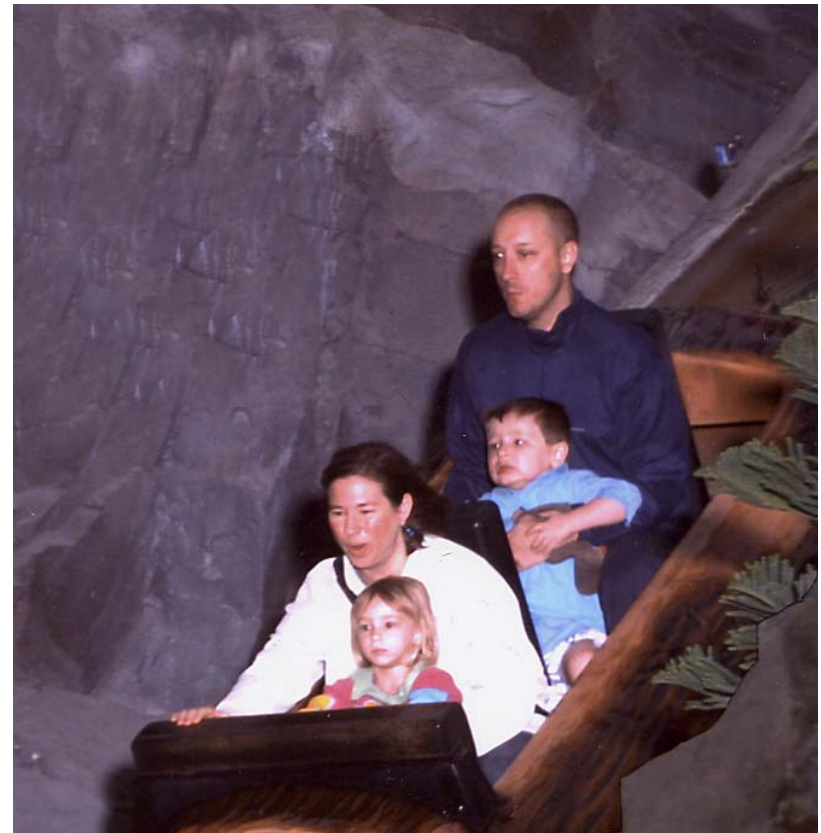


# Quality Improvement

- The Guidelines and Medical Home Concepts:
  - Provide a template for ASD as well as care for all people
  - Reinforce work toward standards
  - Reflect consumer/family driven needs

# What is Medical Home for a Child with Autism?

- Comprehensive, coordinated, family-centered care
- Help navigating systems
- Access to supports and services
- Assistance with school related services
- Adequate public/private insurance coverage
- Information so that parents can make well-informed decisions



# Key Partners

- **Primary Care Physicians:** *Pediatrician, Family Physician, Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant, Nurses, Social Worker, and other office staff.*
- **Individual with Autism and / or their Families:** *Child or youth with ASD, parents siblings and other family members of the child/youth with ASD.*
- **Professional / Training Organizations:** *Residency Programs, Accreditation Organizations, Professional Organizations (such as AAP, AFP) and other Training Programs*
- **Education and Community Agencies:** *Early Intervention Programs, Local Educational Systems, Public Health, social Services, and other community providers*
- **Government and Finance Agencies:** *Government service providers such as Medicaid, Insurance Providers and other health care payers*
- **Other Healthcare Practices:** *specialists, and other health care providers*





# Key Service Functions

- Organizational Structure of the Medical Home
- Developmental Screening, Surveillance and Referral
- Ongoing Medical Care
- Behavioral & Mental Health Services
- Alternative Therapies
- Education and Community Services
- Transition to Adult Services



# Background on Guideline Development

- Maternal & Child Health Bureau Programs for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs
- President's New Freedom Initiative
  - "Community-Based Alternatives for Individuals with Disabilities"
- Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee and ASD Services Roadmap Expert Working Group
  - [www.nimh.nih.gov/autismiacc](http://www.nimh.nih.gov/autismiacc)
- National Medical Home Autism Initiative