



Autism Initiatives

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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS (AAP)

- **Mission**

- To attain optimal physical, mental, and social health and well-being for all infants, children, adolescents and young adults



AAP AUTISM INITIATIVES

Council on Children with Disabilities

- Autism Subcommittee
- Clinical report/policy development

Publications

- HealthyChildren.org
- Parent education materials (printed)
- Clinician toolkit

Quality Improvement

- *Don't Just Wait and See* Quality Improvement Project



COUNCIL ON CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (COCWD)

- **Mission**

- Develop clinical guidance for the optimal care of children and youth with disabilities and support implementation
- Educate pediatricians who care for children and youth with disabilities
- Provide expertise and advocacy on local and national issues related to children and youth with disabilities
- Create collaborations with partner organizations
- Provide opportunities for COCWD members to actively engage in all the above



AUTISM SUBCOMMITTEE

- Leads the development of autism spectrum disorder clinical guidelines and the translation of same into education and practice as well as policy and advocacy for pediatricians, caregivers, and the public.



AUTISM SUBCOMMITTEE OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES

- Develop evidence-based clinical guidelines
- Build capacity among primary care clinicians
- Increase awareness among caregivers and the public
- Provide guidance and direction on policy and advocacy initiatives



PARTNERSHIPS

Internal to the AAP

- Section on Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics
- Section on Home Care
- National Center for Medical Home Implementation

External of the AAP

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Maternal and Child Health Bureau
- Family Voices



PUBLICATIONS

- [HealthyChildren.org](https://www.healthychildren.org)
- Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Is Your Toddler Communicating with You?
- Autism: Caring for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Resource Toolkit for Clinicians
- Autism Spectrum Disorders: What Every Parent Needs to Know



DON'T JUST WAIT AND SEE: IMPROVING DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING AND FOLLOW-UP QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

- 3 project measures related to autism
 - % of patients screened for risk of autism
 - % of families who received a discussion of autism screening results
 - % of patients referred for follow up care within 7 days of receiving a concerning autism screening result



DON'T JUST WAIT AND SEE: IMPROVING DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING AND FOLLOW-UP QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

- Results from Phase 1
 - 8% increase in patients screened for autism
 - 20% increase in communication of screening results
 - 66% increase in referrals related to positive autism screening results

- www.tinyurl.com/dsstoolkit



PHASE 2: DON'T JUST WAIT AND SEE: IMPROVING DEVELOPMENTAL SURVEILLANCE, SCREENING AND REFERRAL

- Phase 2 launched in December 2016
 - 4 multi-disciplinary practice teams were selected
 - 8 month project implementation period
 - Project measures remain the same



PHASE 2: DON'T JUST WAIT AND SEE: IMPROVING DEVELOPMENTAL SURVEILLANCE, SCREENING AND REFERRAL

- Preliminary Results from Phase 2
 - 3% increase in patients screened for autism
 - 8% increase in communication of screening results
 - 22% increase in referrals related to positive autism screening results



MORE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES



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