

Autism Town Hall

**Saturday, February 10, 2018
Arlington, VA**

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INTERDISCIPLINARY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER
ON AUTISM AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

12:00PM-12:10PM – *Welcome! Pick up lunch at the buffet and take some time to review the discussion materials on the tables.*



Welcome and Framing



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Autism CARES

Research

- Autism Intervention Research Network – Behavioral (AIR-B)
- Autism Intervention Research Network – Physical (AIR-P)
- Autism Transitions Research Project (ATRP)
- Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics Research Network (DBPNet)
- Healthy Weight Research Network for Children with ASD/DD (HWRN)
- R40 MCH Field-Initiated Innovative Research Studies
- R40 MCH Secondary Data Analysis Research Studies

Training

- Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND)
- Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics (DBP)



State Systems

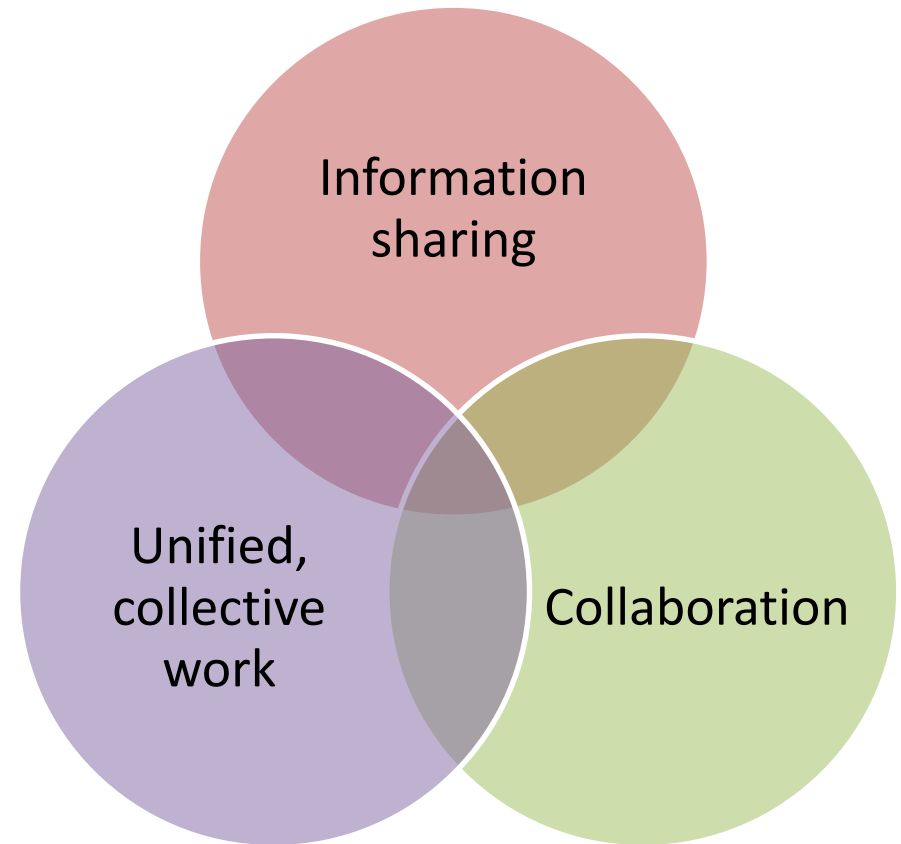
- Planning
- Implementation

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Autism CARES Partnership Network

Augment the efforts of Autism CARES grantees by leveraging the perspectives, expertise, and resources of collaborating partners and other national organizations whose missions are relevant to meeting the holistic needs of autistic people and their families across the lifespan – and vice versa.



Objectives for Today

- Establish a platform for Autism CARES Partnership Network member organizations to formulate actionable priorities and share ideas about how to make progress.
- Encourage dialogue and brainstorming among Autism CARES Partnership Network members and other health community stakeholders.
- Provide guidance for the Autism CARES Partnership Network on where to focus collective efforts in the short-, intermediate-, and long-term.
- Expose Autism CARES grantees to partner organizations' priorities in order to promote alignment with existing efforts and future collaborations.



Format: “Igniting” Ideas for Collaboration



- 3 presentations on national partner priority topics
 - Each followed by “town hall” Q&A/Discussion
- Large group discussion: Collective Action Opportunities



Actionable Priorities and Areas for Partnership



Paige Bussanich, MS

Sr. Program Manager, CYSHCN

Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs



Presentation #1

Partnering with Primary Care Pediatricians: Identification and Diagnosis, Family Support, and Transitions of Care



Susan Levy, MD, MPH, FAAP
Autism Subcommittee Chair

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)



Presentation #1



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Presentation #2

Meaningful Inclusion of People on the Autism Spectrum in Multiple Settings



Teal Benevides, PhD, MS, OTR/L

Stephen Shore, EdD

Anita Lesko, BSN, RN, MS, CRNA

Autistic Adults and Other Stakeholders Engage Together (AASET)



Presentation #2



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Presentation #3

Gender Differences in Autism: Awareness Helps with Early Identification



Ann-Mari Pierotti, MS, CCC-SLP

Associate Director, Clinical Issues in Speech-Language Pathology
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)



Presentation #3



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Group Discussion: Possible Steps for Collective Action



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Discussion Questions

- What resources, initiatives, and strengths can we leverage to make progress in these areas?
- What are some of the potential barriers or anticipated challenges?
- Which individuals, organizations, social institutions, or other entities need to be engaged in the process?



Evaluation and Closing



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