

Act Early Summit – New Mexico Louisiana Presentation

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Overview of LA System

- EarlySteps (Part C; DHH - OCDD)
 - Child Find
 - Regional System Point of Entry (SPOEs)
 - Intake, screening, assessment, initial IFSP, data
 - Family Support Coordinators (FSC)
 - Regional Coordinators
 - Community Outreach Specialist (COS)
 - Providers
 - Regional network of independent providers
 - Services provided in natural environment



Overview of LA System

- Part B, Sect. 619 (3-5 year olds) (LA DOE)
 - Coordinate transition with EarlySteps
 - Primary service provider for young children with ASD
 - UCEDD providing T/TA to develop demonstration sites



Promising and Effective Practices

- **Child Find**
 - **SICC/ ES public awareness campaign**
 - **OCDD pilot – ASD specific screening at eval & IFSP**
- **ES Online provider training modules**
- **LA Autism Spectrum and Related Disabilities (LASARD) project provides T/TA to school-based teams (3-21)**



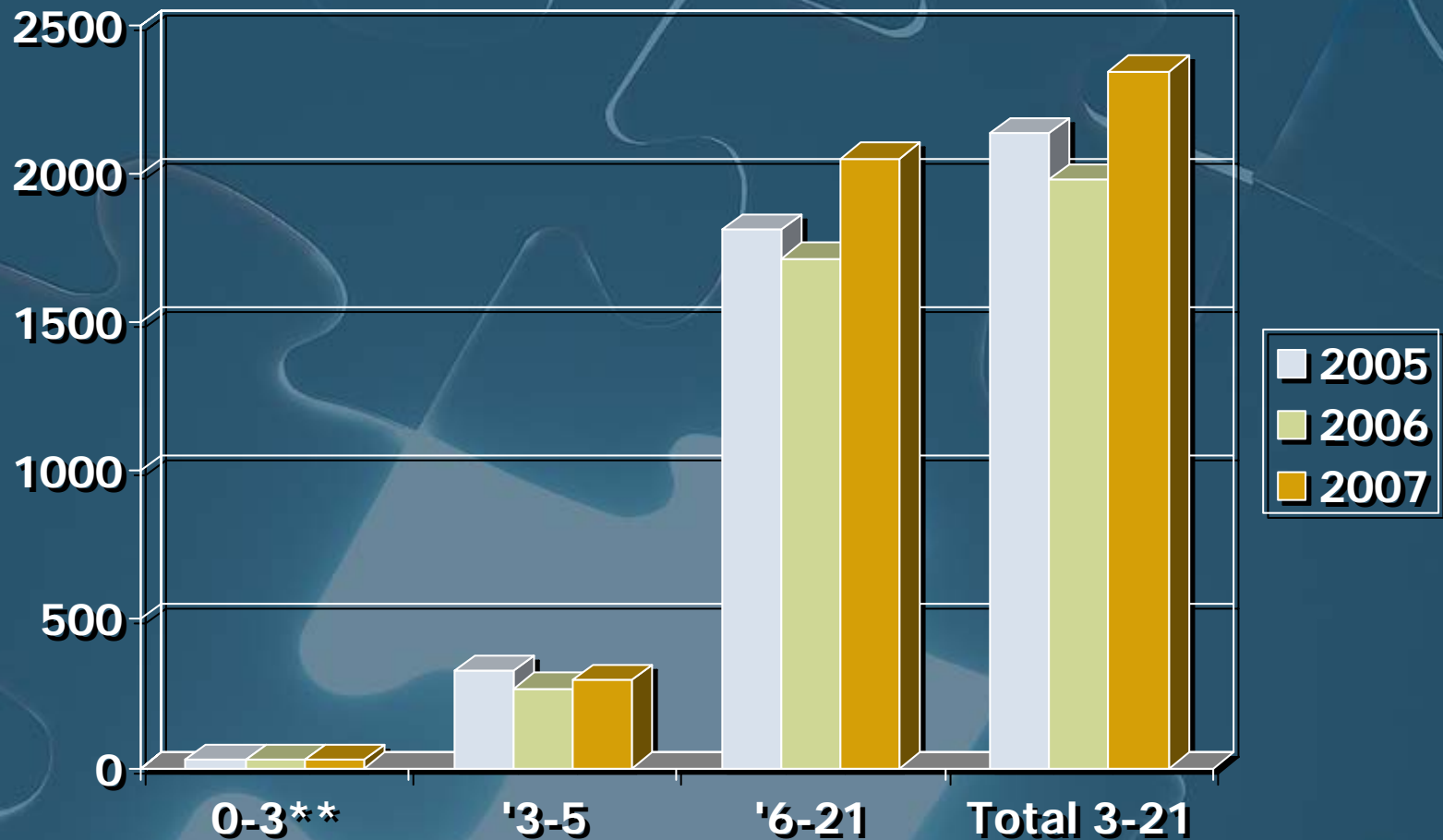
Challenges and Gaps

- Underserved populations:
 - Critical provider shortages in rural areas (0-3)
 - Critical provider shortage in hurricane affected areas (0-3)
 - Black students (3-21) under-identified
- Need training in EBP (0-21)
- Need funding for ASD specific service delivery model once identified
- Earlier identification



Challenges and Gaps

Students Served with Autism Classification





Looking Toward the Future

- What may change the picture?
 - Legislation
 - Planning groups
 - To develop guidelines for families (i.e. Connecticut 0-3)
 - State Autism Team (school age) (NATTAP)
 - Political realities
 - Insurance changes unlikely in current climate
 - Organizational relationships
 - Low Incidence Disabilities Consortium
 - UCEDD/ UNO EI program
 - UCEDD/ community daycare centers



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