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Current State Systems for Supporting Children with ASD

- Identification and screening
 - SoonerStart (Part C Services of IDEA)
 - Project PEAK/School Support Services training program for school assessment teams
- Assessment and diagnostic services
 - Child Study Center at Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
 - Tulsa Developmental Pediatricians
 - Private Providers
 - SoonerStart

Current Systems Cont'd

- Services for young children with ASD
 - Publicly funded through Early Intervention and Public Schools
 - Some private providers
- Principal organizations involved
 - State Department of Education
 - Department of Health
 - DHS/DDSD-Autism Network
 - University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
 - Family Organizations (i.e., Oklahoma Family Center for Autism, Tulsa Autism Foundation etc.)

Effective Statewide Activities and Projects for ASD

- Professional Development and Family Education
 - Autism Network/DDSD and Tolbert Center at OUHSC
 - Summer Autism Symposium (Oklahoma UCEDD and Project PEAK and Dept. of Education)
 - Autism Registry for SPED teachers (UCEDD and Dept. of Education)
 - Project PEAK/School Support Services (Dept. of Education and OUHSC)
 - Tulsa Autism Foundation
 - LEND Program (Child Study Center at OUHSC)

Promising Practices

- Early Foundations: Autism Model and Outreach Project (Dept. of Education, Dept. of Health and OUHSC)
- Family Resource Guide (UCEDD and Project PEAK)
- OK Kids (Screening for developmental and behavioral disabilities project)
- Autism Waiver Pilot Program (DDSD/Autism Network)
- Healthcare Authority reimbursement for behavioral programming (Autism Network)
- Oklahoma Family Center for Autism/Autism Network website
- Sooner Success

Challenges and Gaps

- Coordination between organizations
- Duplication of services
- Shortage of providers
- Shortage of professionals with expertise in autism
- Connecting parents with existing resources in community

Future Issues

- Legislation pending
 - Insurance coverage for ASD (Nick's Law) Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy & Parent efforts
 - Establishing state funding for training program for behavioral therapists (University of Central Oklahoma)
 - Authorizing school districts to include autism in special education professional development programs for teachers
- Healthcare Authority reimbursement for behavioral programming (Autism Network)