

Medicaid Waiver for Autism	Agency/Program #: 6901-10-G1
	Division: Disability Services Division
	Program: DDP

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Program or Project Description:

The autism waiver provides intense services over the course of three years to children ages two to eight in their homes using evidenced based strategies.

Fund Name:	Appropriation, Expenditure and Source				Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of April 15, 2010
	2010		2011		
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund	462,482	181,810	534,886		
State Special					
Federal Funds	1,600,326	644,572	1,527,922		
Total:	\$2,062,808	\$826,382	\$2,062,808	\$0	

Goal(s):

Provide services to four additional children under the autism waiver.

Performance Measures :

Four additional children are screened into the autism waiver and receive services by 12/31/09, assuming the autism waiver is approved by 7/1/09.

2011 Biennium Significant Milestones:	Completion Dates	
	Target	Actual
The following milestones were provided by the agency in the Governor's budget request. (Page B-131 in the LFD Fiscal Report)		
Four additional children are screened into the autism waiver by 12/31/09 Provided in report: 14 by 6/30/09	12/31/2009	12/31/2009 and 6/30/09
With request: offer free screenings across the state to identify the number of children in Mt with autism. Presently working out of Evaluation and Diagnostic clinics with capped funding	On-going	
Number screened into the waiver and receiving services 50	On-going	5/30/2009
Progress of children receiving early intervention services over the 3-yr Waiver. Start the evaluation project about 1/2 way though -- perhaps about 6/30/2010?	Start 6/30/2010?	

Performance Report:

The children's autism waiver was approved by CMS and services began in January of 2009. Free screenings were held across the state in 2008 and 2009 to identify children eligible for the waiver, and by June 30, 2009 fourteen children started receiving services. As of April 2010, there were 50 children screened into the waiver and receiving services.

LFD Narrative:

LFD ASSESSMENT: On Track

This program is a candidate for an update at the Health and Human Services Appropriation Subcommittee during the next session

DATA RELEVANCE: Good

LFD COMMENTS:

There are presently 50 children on the waiver and 56 on the waiting list based on the last number staff received. During the past session, the division explained that: 1) This was a demonstration waiver with a focus on early intervention; 2) It would initially serve children diagnosed with autism who are at least 15 months through age four when enrolled; 3) Enrollment is limited to a 3-year period at an average cost of \$43,000 per year per child; and 4) Services include 20-25 hours per week of intensive in-home habilitation training by a children's autism trainer, respite, waiver-funded children's case management, adaptive equipment/environmental modification, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, transportation, individual goods and services, and program design and monitoring for children.

At this stage of the waiver, DSD is receiving positive anecdotal information. The workgroup may wish to request a brief update at the workgroup meeting about improvements noticed by parents. The workgroup may also wish to ask the division to report to the Health and Human Services Appropriation Subcommittee during the upcoming session addressing: 1) DSD accountability study to follow the success of the early intervention efforts; 2) families that exit the project and why; 3) the number of children in the waiver and the size of the waiting list, and 4) the potential impact of the Montana Autism Insurance Program and the federal insurance program on the waiver.

Options

- 1) Change the LFD assessment
- 2) Ask the division to report to the 2013 session subcommittee as mentioned above
- 3) No further reports

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