

<b>Medicaid Waiver for Autism</b>		<b>Agency/Program #:</b> 6901-10-G1
		<b>Division:</b> Disability Services Division
		<b>Program:</b> DDP
<b>Agency Name:</b>	Department of Public Health and Human Services	
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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.

Appropriation, Expenditure and Source					
Fund Name:	2010		2011		Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of September 30, 2009
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund	670,000	15,194	670,000		
State Special					
Federal Funds		51,666			
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$670,000</b>	<b>\$66,860</b>	<b>\$670,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

**Goal(s):**

No goals were provided. LFD provides the following from the Governor's budget that were approved by the legislature with the appropriation for FY 2010 and FY 2011 funding. (pg. B-131 in the LFD Fiscal Report.) [Provide services to four additional children under the autism waiver.](#)

**Performance Measures :**

No performance measures were provided. The following performance criteria were approved by the legislature with the appropriation for FY 2010 and FY 2011 as requested in the Governor's budget. (pg. B-131 in the LFD Fiscal Report)

[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
1	No milestones were provided by the division. The following milestones were provided in the Governor's budget request (pg. B-131 in the LFD Fiscal Report.)		
2	<a href="#">Four additional children are screened into the autism waiver by 12/31/09</a> Provided in report: 14 by 6/30/09	12/31/2009	12/31/2009 and 6/30/09
3	<a href="#">With request: offer free screenings across the state to identify the number of children in Mt with autism.</a> Presently working out of Evaluation and Diagnostic clinics with capped funding	On-going	
4	Number screened into the waiver and receiving services	On-going updates	
5	<a href="#">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?</a>	Start 6/30/2010?	
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**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 to identify children eligible for the waiver, and by June 30, 2009 fourteen children have started receiving services.

**LFD Narrative:**

LFD Assessment: Further Report Needed - perhaps June 2010

APPROPRIATIONS/EXPENDITURES PROVIDED - Provided  
 PERFORMANCE MEASURES- None Provided by the Department.  
 MILESTONES: - None Provided

PERFORMANCE REPORT: Data for FY 2009 was provided

**LFD COMMENTS/ISSUES**

There are presently 50 children on the waiver and 52 on the waiting list. However this is a demonstration waiver with a focus on early intervention. The data does not provide the legislature with information to assess the overarching purpose of the waiver.

Recommendation: The report is missing the development of a qualitative component reflecting the progress of children receiving waiver early intervention services. The Waiver is a three-year program. As noted in the Milestone section, the LFC may wish to request a milestone reflecting the development and start on an evaluation project.

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Change Description
LFD Narrative Added