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Nevada Autism Services Overview

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According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

Autism is one of a group of disorders known as autism spectrum disorders (ASDs). ASDs are developmental disabilities that cause substantial impairments in social interaction and communication and the presence of unusual behaviors and interests. Many people with ASDs also have unusual ways of learning, paying attention, and reacting to different sensations. The thinking and learning abilities of people with ASDs can vary—from gifted to severely challenged. An ASD begins before the age of 3 and lasts throughout a person's life.

This packet has been compiled to provide information on the prevalence of autism spectrum disorders and current autism services in the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services. Additional reference materials are included from the Nevada Autism Summit held in November 2005 and descriptions of initiatives in other states to address autism.

Documents included in this packet are:

- Overview and Prevalence: Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) Fast Facts
- Autism Services and Supports Contact Information
- DHHS Autism Service Matrix
- Nevada Early Intervention Services (Nevada Health Division)
- Medicaid Services for People with Autism (Nevada Division of Health Care Financing and Policy)
- Autism Pilot Program (Nevada Mental Health and Developmental Services)
- Nevada Mental Health and Developmental Services Autism Supports
- Autism Supports (Nevada Office of Disability Services)

- Autism Special Education Fact Sheet (Nevada Department of Education)
- Nevada Autism Summit Final Report Summary, including Principles/Values and Recommended Actions
- State Policy Options to Improve Delivery of Child Development Services (National Academy for State Health Policy)
- State Approaches to Serving Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (Project Forum at National Association of State Directors of Special Education)