

Opportunity to Provide Autism Services

To: Autism Service Professionals
From: The Massachusetts State Autism Division of the Department of Mental Retardation
Date: December 2008
Re: Service Providers Needed for Autism Waiver Program for Children



Please Post

Background:

The Autism Division of the Department of Mental Retardation runs a program that serves young children (under age 9) diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. The focus of this program, called The Autism Spectrum Disorder Home and Community Based Services Waiver Program, is to provide services that address the key issues of autism, including social, behavioral and communication deficits. This program is not intended to supplant the services children receive in their local school through IDEA; rather they are meant to work in tandem to help the child remain an integral part of their home and community.

Need for Providers:

Families involved in this program are able to choose which qualified providers they want to provide services to their child. The major service in this program provides one-to-one interventions such as Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA), Floor Time and Relationship Development Intervention (RDI) as identified in a personalized Habilitation Intervention Plan. Other services include Community Integration Activities, Adaptive Living Skills, Family Training and Respite.

The Autism Division currently has a Master Provider List for the Autism Waiver Program and we want to expand our base of providers to ensure that families have a choice of providers; especially for the one-to-one in-home interventions staff that includes: Senior Therapists, Therapists and Direct Support Staff.

Where to Get Additional Information:

Provider Qualifications, Rates, Applications and Waiver Information are available on the DMR web-site at www.mass.gov/dmr under 'Autism Spectrum Services'. For additional information, please contact the Autism Support Center in your area:

Autism Alliance of Metrowest:

14 East Central St. Natick, MA 01760, # 508-652-9900
Serving: Metrowest

Autism Resource Center (HMEA):

71 Sterling Street, West Boylston, MA 01583
#508-835-4278
Serving: Central, MA

Community Resources for People with Autism (ACL):

116 Pleasant St. Easthampton, MA 01027
#413-529-2428
Serving: Western, MA

Community Autism Resources:

2315 GAR Highway, Swansea, MA 02777
#508-379-0371
Serving: Southeast

TILL and Boston Families for Autism:

20 Eastbrook Rd. Dedham, MA 02026
#781-302-4600 x 4835
Serving: Greater Boston

The Family Autism Center (SNCARC):

789 Clapboardtree Street, Westwood, MA 02090
#781-762-4001, X. 310
Serving: Norfolk County Area

NSARC: The Autism Support Center:

6 Southside Road, Danvers, MA 01923
#978-777-9135 x, 2301 or 2302
Serving: Northeast

