

# MISSOURI COMMISSION on AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

## “Framework for the Future” Guidance for State Plan Development

**OBJECTIVE:** The commission shall make recommendations for developing a comprehensive, quality statewide plan for an integrated system of training, treatment, and services for individuals of all ages with autism spectrum disorder.

### State Plan Development Committees

Steering Committee\*  
Individual and Family Supports  
Healthcare  
Education  
Workforce Development

\*comprised of workgroup leadership and others

### Guidance for Committee Work

**Each committee should address** each of the areas below, giving consideration to the needs of:

- 1) the person who has autism, and
- 2) persons within the natural environment who require supports in order to best care for the person with autism

- Screening, Diagnosis, & Assessment Issues
- Service Delivery Within and Across Regions
  - Affordability
  - Access
  - Quality
- Collaboration Within and Across Systems  
[with consideration of what system collaboration means from agency, family, and provider perspectives]
- Personnel Development Within and Across Systems
  - Training
  - Capacity-building
- Outcomes Measurement
- Transition Planning

Particular consideration must be given to **Lifespan Periods (and transitions)** noted below and the spectrum of abilities.

- Infant-Toddler
- Early Childhood
- Elementary-Secondary
- Post-Secondary
- Adulthood

### Resources for Plan Development (not exclusive)

- MSBA Autism Task Force recommendations (2009)
- MARRA Report
- Missouri Blue Ribbon Panel on Autism Report (2007) and additional Panel documentation
- Invited expert testimony
- Agency documentation
- Model state plans
- Missouri Autism Guidelines Initiative

## Guidelines for Committee Work per SB768\*

### All Committees:

- **Shall** study and report on means for developing a comprehensive, coordinated system of care delivery across the state to address increased and increasing presence of ASD and ensure resources are created, well-utilized, and spread across the state.
- **Shall** plan for evaluating regional services areas and capacity, outlining personnel and skills within service areas, other capabilities that exist, and unmet resource needs.
- May explore need to create interagency councils and evaluate current councils to ensure comprehensive, coordinated system care for individuals with ASD.

### Individual and Family Supports (community integration, child care and respite, long term care for individuals)

- **Shall** assess the need for additional behavior intervention capabilities and means for expanding such in regional service areas.

### Healthcare

- **Shall** determine need for creation of additional centers for diagnostic excellence.
- **Shall** develop recommendation for expanding services with hospitals after review of specialty clinic/hospitals and inpatient care.
- May recommend individuals to participate in a committee charged with developing screening, diagnostic, assessment, and treatment standards for Missouri.
- May examine information barriers to accurate information of reporting ASD prevalence across the state and recommend process for accurate reporting.

### Education

- **Shall** conduct assessment for coordinated, enhanced and targeted special education capabilities within each region.
- **Shall** develop recommendations for enlisting universities and colleges to ensure support collaboration in developing certification or degree programs for students specializing in ASD intervention (may include degree programs in education, special education, social work, psychology).
- May provide recommendations on training programs and content of such being developed.
- May recommend a panel of qualified professionals and experts to review existing models of evidence-based education practices.

### Workforce Development

- Employment

\*Notes: Items worded “shall” must be addressed within the State Plan per SB768 (2008) language.

Committees should also consider recommendations made by the Blue Ribbon Panel on Autism (2007) and priorities for areas to be addressed as outlined by this Commission and its committees.