

Regional Autism Assistance Program offers Support Services for Iowa's Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their Families

Child Health Specialty Clinics (CHSC) combines resources from the State of Iowa, the Iowa Department of Education, the Iowa Department of Human Services, and the Iowa Department of Public Health to administer the Regional Autism Assistance Program (RAP). RAP offers support and services for Iowa's children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families. RAP teams consist of Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (ARNPs), Registered Nurses (RNs), and Family Navigators (FNs). RAP serves Iowa's children and youth ages 0-21.

IOWA LEGISLATION CREATES THE AUTISM SUPPORT PROGRAM

Legislation in 2013 created the statewide Autism Support Program – a fund to provide Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services for some Iowa children with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). ABA is a research-based intervention for children with ASD. This legislation ensures that eligible children with ASD will benefit from early, intense, and effective interventions. Children who qualify may receive \$36,000 per year for ABA services, for a maximum of 24 months.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR THE AUTISM SUPPORT PROGRAM

- Child is under the age of 14 at time of application.
- An Autism diagnosis is provided by a child psychiatrist, developmental pediatrician or clinical psychologist. Diagnosis was given within 24 months of the date of the application.
- The child does not qualify for Medicaid coverage or coverage under a commercial insurance plan.
 - Individual or group insurance policies vary. RAP teams are available to help families apply for the Autism Support Program and to explore their insurance coverage options.
- Meets specified Federal Poverty Level (FPL) income guidelines (under 500% FPL)

CARE COORDINATION AND FAMILY-TO-FAMILY SUPPORT

RAP teams are available to help families apply for the Autism Support Program which is managed by Iowa Health Link managed care organizations. RAP teams can also provide care coordination and family-to-family support. The RAP team will also assist families who do not qualify for the fund to connect to other ASD services.

PARTNERING TO IMPROVE THE SYSTEM OF CARE

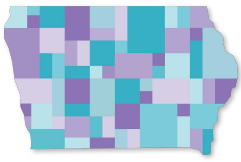
RAP teams partner with families, communities, service providers, stakeholders, and state agencies including the Departments of Education, Human Services, and Public Health to assure a system of care for Iowa's children and families with special health care needs.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

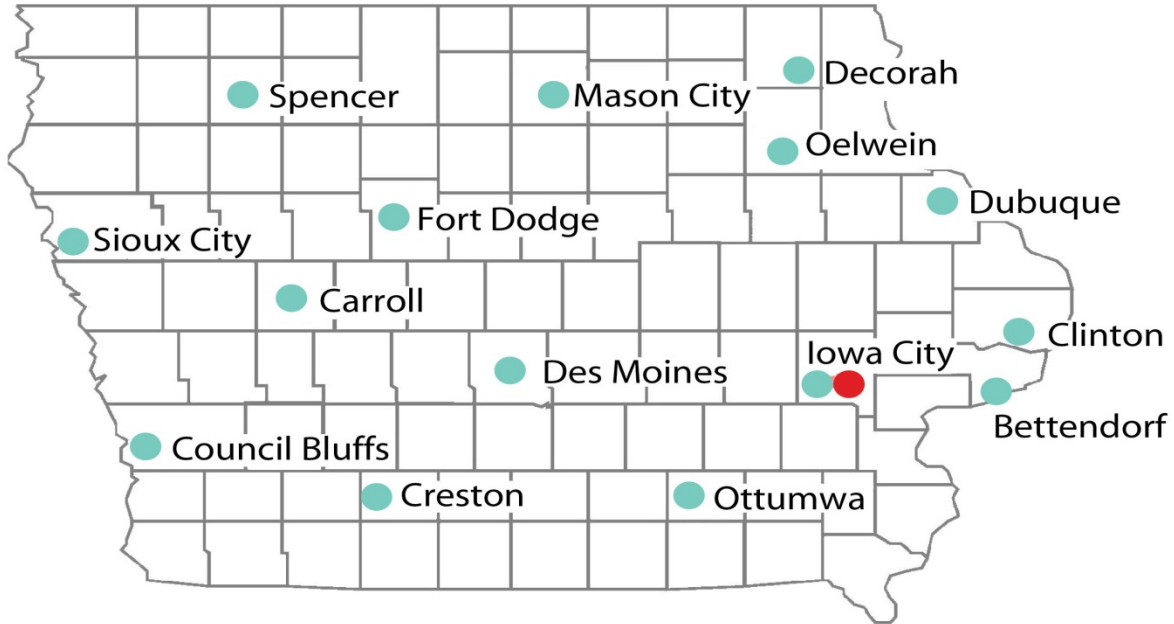
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Serve all Iowa Counties**



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