

IOWA'S AUTISM STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2027

at a glance

The prevalence of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) continues to rise and there is an urgent need for Iowans to have access to effective interventions and additional programs to support individuals with ASD and their families.

These efforts should allow all Iowans with ASD to:

A

GET A GOOD START

Expand and intensify public awareness of the early signs of ASD and educate the public on the benefits of early identification

Ensure that Iowans are receiving timely screenings and comprehensive diagnostic evaluations at the first suspected signs of autism

B

HAVE ACCESS TO AND OBTAIN NEEDED SERVICES

Increase access to high quality services throughout the lifespan

Provide equal access to high quality and timely services across the state regardless of age, race, ethnicity, zip code, or insurance

C

HAVE WELL-INFORMED, EMPOWERED, AND SUPPORTED INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND CAREGIVERS

Empower individuals and families to advocate for the services and supports they or their family member needs as soon as autism is suspected, as well as throughout their lifespan

Create options for crisis prevention and intervention that ensure the health, safety, and stabilization of individuals with autism and their families across the lifespan

D

SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITION TO ADULT LIFE

Make sure all autistic youth and individuals are provided appropriate and outcome-driven transition planning and associated services

Provide a range of appropriate post-secondary program options in Iowa for youth with ASD

Empower individuals across the spectrum to advocate for their rights and to take responsibility for their life choices as they transition to adulthood

Ensure a range of safe, high-quality living options are available in Iowa for people on the autism spectrum

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BE ASSURED OF ONGOING COORDINATION OF SYSTEMS OF CARE AND SUPPORT

Increase coordination between service providers for all individuals with autism

Promote shared service models and public-private partnerships to increase cost-effectiveness and efficiency

1 in 44
Children have
ASD

according to the CDC



<https://chsciowa.org/RAP>



<https://autismia.com/>

See the full Strategic Plan for more details:

https://chsciowa.org/sites/chsciowa.org/files/resource/files/iowas_autism_strategic_plan_2022-2027.pdf