



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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<https://www.ohsu.edu/occyshn/community-based-autism-identification-teams>

ACCESS

Assuring Comprehensive Care through Enhanced Service Systems for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Goal of the ACCESS Project:

The ACCESS Project supports local teams of medical and educational experts to provide early autism identification & treatment for families in their home communities across Oregon.



What is the ACCESS Project?

The process of getting a child evaluated for autism can be confusing for families. The ACCESS Project brings education and medicine together to streamline and improve this experience. With knowledge of local communities, ACCESS Teams are better able to connect families to needed services. There are currently nine ACCESS Teams across Oregon.



TEAM STRUCTURE

Teams are made up of autism experts from school districts and clinics including: pediatricians, nurse practitioners, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, licensed social workers, autism specialists, and parent partners. Teams work together to provide timely and coordinated autism evaluations so families can get the support and services they need locally.

ACCESS Supports:



Collaborative evaluation to determine both medical diagnosis and educational eligibility



Local teams of experienced professionals who are knowledgeable about community resources



Improved coordination of care, services, and supports between school and community



Timely, comprehensive evaluations that are family-friendly and close to home



Less costs, travel, and stress for families and children



Consultation and continuing education to build autism expertise across Oregon