

Benefits of the ACCESS Project

Assuring Comprehensive Care through Enhanced Service Systems

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. Ideally, teams also include a Parent Partner who supports families during the assessment process, linking them with key community resources.

Benefits for Families

- Timely, comprehensive evaluations that are close to home
- Access to Parent Partners who can connect families to local resources
- Coordination of care and services between school and community providers
- Less cost and stress associated with evaluation
- Collaborative evaluation to determine medical diagnosis and educational eligibility

Educational Eligibility of Autism Provides:	Medical Diagnosis of Autism Provides:
Access to EI/ECSE Program (children 5 and under)	Potential access to DD Services / SSI
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School-based individualized education (e.g. IFSP, IEP or 504 Plan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community-based therapies (e.g. feeding therapy, SLP, PT, OT, ABA, social skills groups, counseling)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Educational services based on child's needs (e.g. SLP, OT, PT, social-emotional support, transition services, positive behavior support)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical evaluation and treatments (e.g. sleep study, gastroenterology, medication management, neurology)

Benefits for Pediatric Providers and Educators

- Increases knowledge and skills in the identification and management of autism
- Improves access to medical, educational and mental health information/resources
- Builds community capacity for identifying children with autism locally
- Increases collaboration and resource sharing among community professionals
- Provides consultation with content experts across the state