

New Mexico Medicaid Funded Adaptive Skill Building

This service will be available to up to 200 children 0-5 who have a diagnosis of Autism. This is the first blended behavioral health and DD service in New Mexico and the first Behavioral health service for this age group. We are working to get more providers, but currently have one enrolled provider, four providers who are applying and one provider who would like to provide services in rural locations via telehealth. All of the providers providing Adaptive Skill Building Services with DDS funding are applying to provide the Medicaid service.

Senate Joint Memorial 25

This Memorial instructs the Public Education Department to conduct a study of evidence based and best practice approaches to working with children in the schools. The PED is to have a final study and report with recommendations by September 1, 2010. PED is to distribute the report to various entities throughout the state, such as DDS, the Autism Taskforce, CDD, etc. PED will begin efforts regarding this Memorial in July. They will be doing an internal review of literature and conducting the study through contract with an outside facilitator.

Autism Taskforce

The Autism Taskforce was started in response to the Governor's request for recommendations on what needs to be done to serve individuals with Autism in New Mexico. Comprised of a variety of people from state entities, the universities, families, the NM Autism Society and other stakeholders, the taskforce meets every other month to discuss and pursue new initiatives surrounding autism in the state. Currently, the taskforce is focusing on improving access to insurance funded autism services for those individuals who have public insurance (i.e. university staff, public school staff, and state staff). Additionally, the taskforce is examining ways to get more current information to various individuals, including stakeholders and legislators.

SNAP at NMSU

The Southern New Mexico Autism Project (SNAP) provides services to children with a confirmed or suspected diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), their families, and their caregivers throughout southern New Mexico. These services include consultation, training, diagnostics, and treatment. The creation of portable lending libraries allows individuals to access materials specific to their needs, and to design interventions in the child's home and educational environment. SNAP is part of a collaborative endeavor entitled "The Autism Initiative", which is on the campus of New Mexico State University. This initiative, which was created and is managed by NMSU's SPED/CD faculty, provides a multiple strand approach to autism education and intervention.