

Michigan Autism Council Update

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Michigan Medicaid ABA Provider Directory now available!

Please visit our website at michigan.gov/autism and click on Resources to find the newly created printable document.

The Directory is sorted by Region and lists Medicaid ABA providers and includes contact information and type of service provided.

As of February 1, 2018, there are 5,287 youth approved to receive ABA services

- Age 5 and younger: 1,959
- Age 6-13: 2,559
- Age 14 -20: 769
- NEW! 290 youth and families have Telepractice authorized in their Individualized Plan of Service (IPOS)



**IFSP and IEP Program Considerations
for Students with Autism Receiving
Insurance-based
Treatment/Intervention MAASE
Guidance Document**

Click [here](#) to view the guidance
document

SAVE THE DATE!

Project ImPACT: Teaching Social Communication to Children with Autism (May 21-22, 2018)

Project ImPACT is an evidence-based intervention that teaches social communication to children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) ages 18 months to 6 years. It uses a blend of developmental and naturalistic behavioral intervention strategies that are compatible with a variety of intervention models. It can be used in as a direct intervention or a parent-mediated intervention. The parent training component uses effective methods for teaching parents and can be implemented in either an individual or group format.

This workshop will be held at Michigan State University, conducted by Brooke Ingersoll, Ph.D. and her staff. Registration will be available soon.

MDHHS Budget Updates for FY 2019

\$300,000,000.000 increase last year will be maintained with only a .01% increase

Dept will sit with Legislature in May to review before final figures are determined:

- Issues specific to Medicaid
- Supply not able to keep up with demand
- Universities are helping but still insufficient
- Perceptions are that MDHHS is encouraging eligibility
- Getting kids ABA early will lead to cost effectiveness in the long run as there will be less hospitalizations

MDHHS Updates

MDHHS will be assessing experience and needs of diagnostic assessors in the Medicaid system.

Dr. Gregory Hanley will be providing training and consultation regarding practical functional assessment and treatment of severe problem behavior for cohort of BCBA's

- Discussion to continue this work with Universities

MSU is developing the Connections Transition Program to address the gap in transition planning from behavioral health programs into public school settings.

Michigan has the 10th most behavior analysts implementing ABA services in the country (687).

- California is #1 with 4,603

Section 298 Initiative

An effort to improve the coordination of publicly-funded physical and behavioral health services in Michigan.

The Michigan Legislature directed MDHHS to develop recommendations regarding a financing model and policies for physical and behavioral health services for individuals with mental illnesses, intellectual and developmental disabilities and substance use disorders.

Workgroups and stakeholder groups met throughout the course of a year to complete that work and developed a new set of recommendations and the finance model. The Legislature directed the department to develop and implement up to three pilots and one demonstration model to test the integration of physical and behavioral health services.

On March 9, 2018, MDHHS has announced the pilot sites for the Section 298 Initiative.

- Pilot #1: Muskegon County CMH (dba HealthWest) and West Michigan Community Mental Health
- Pilot #2: Genesee Health System
- Pilot #3: Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority

Kent County is the Demonstration Model Site

The Michigan Legislature directed the MDHHS to "work with a willing CMHSP in Kent County and all willing Medicaid health plans in the county to pilot a full physical and behavioral health integrated service demonstration model."

The department is currently working with stakeholders in Kent County to develop the structure of the demonstration model. The department will provide additional updates on the development of the demonstration model over the upcoming months.

The Kent Total Health Collaborative includes Network 180, Pine Rest Christian Services, and Mercy Health's Affinia Health Network

"Patients will have access to a full range of mental health and substance abuse treatment and recovery options which will be fully integrated into physical care."

The Facilitator will report back to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services regarding:

- Improvement of the coordination between behavioral health and physical health.
- Improvement of services available to individuals with mental illness, intellectual or developmental disabilities, or substance use disorders.
- Benefits associated with full access to community-based services and supports.
- Customer health status.
- Customer satisfaction.
- Provider network stability.
- Treatment and service efficacies before and after the pilot projects and demonstration models.
- Use of best practices.
- Financial efficiencies.

"The Kent pilot is based on a risk-bearing provider-led integration model that requires savings to be reinvested into services and supports in the County. What that really means is the mental health and primary care providers work together to address all the social determinants of health." ~ Scott Gilman, Executive Director of Network 180