



What is it?

Our purpose is to provide intensive, evidence-based intervention for 20 to 25 hours per week in the homes of young children with autism who meet the eligibility criteria (program duration is 3 years if the child remains eligible)

Who is eligible?

Children will be eligible who....

- meet the financial eligibility for Medicaid services.
- have documentation of a confirmed diagnosis of Autism by a physician, psychologist, and speech-language pathologist.
- have autism specific testing (ADOS, CARS, delineation of DSM criteria), IQ testing and adaptive behavior assessment.
- are between the ages of 18 months and 5 years (must enter the program on or before their 5th birthday but can continue to receive services through age 7)
- have significant deficits in areas of life functioning, and/or presence of significant behavioral challenges.



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ARKANSAS AUTISM PARTNERSHIP

A Medicaid Waiver Program

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for young children with autism





Where?

It is a statewide program that is offered in the homes and community settings identified by the parents as significant in the child's functioning.

How much?

There is no cost or co-pay for this program.

What Happens?

A team of professionals will evaluate eligible children with autism and, with paraprofessionals, provide one-on-one intervention, in their homes for 20 to 25 hours per week. The team will utilize individualized strategies that have been proven effective with children with autism in building skills in areas of cognition, communication, self-care, socialization and appropriate behavior. Parents will be trained and included as members of the team. Additionally, there will be administrative and programmatic oversight included in the program.

What about the parents?

Parents will be considered active members of the team for this treatment and will be trained to use the strategies included in their child's treatment plan. Parents must be present during the intervention delivered by the team to learn the program and will then implement the plan on their own at least 14 hours per week.

Who will work with my child?

Agencies who have applied and been certified as providers for this program will recruit and hire the staff to deliver these services. These agencies are experienced in providing services to children with disabilities. Families will select the agency with whom they choose to work from a list of qualified agencies.

On the waiting list for the Community Employment Services Waiver?

Your child may remain on the waiting list and still receive services from the Autism Waiver. If, however, your child is offered a slot on the CES waiver while the autism waiver services are ongoing, you would be required to choose which service you prefer.

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