

# **Autism Workgroup Work Plan for 2015-2016**

**Governor's Council on Disabilities & Special Education**

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**Goal 2.1 Advocate for a minimum of 5 new or amended state or public programs, policies, or practices per year that promote consumer choice, flexibility, and control of services**

**Goal 5.1 Advocate for a minimum of 5 new or amended state or public programs, policies, or practices per year that improve employment opportunities**

**Goal 6.1 Advocate for a minimum of 4 new or amended state or public programs, policies, or practices per year that improve quality early intervention services**

**Goal 7.1 Advocate for a minimum of 5 new or amended state or public programs, policies, or practices per year that improve the quality of education for students with disabilities**

### Priority Area #1: Screening and Diagnosis

Activities	Who	Target date	Status
Offer 13 neurodevelopmental outreach and autism screening clinic days (5 individual screenings/day)	Providence, WCFH, SSG, Univ of WA	2016	New
Enhance connections and systems of care with communities, including schools and Tribal health partners	Council, WCFH, PH, BH, SDS, Tribal Health, ILP, DEED	2016	New
Investigate screening and diagnostic models at the national levels, including provider types who conduct screening	Prov, WCFH	2016	New

### Priority Area #2: Workforce Development and Training for Professionals, Educators, Families and Community Partners

Activities	Who	Target date	Status
Explore options for person-centered infrastructure for Autism workforce development and training in the state	Council, WCFH, PH BH, SDS, CHD, UAA	2016	New
Enhance training program of RBTs and ensure it is available for parents if desired	UAA, Council, CHD	2016	New
Develop LEND tract for families	Council, LFAC, LEND, CHD	2016	New

### Priority Area #3: Early Intervention and Educational Systems (Age 0-22)

Activities	Who	Target date	Status
Develop plan for increasing access and maintaining quality of statewide BCBA services for schools	CHD, UAA, Council, DEED, ILP	2016	New
Establish a system for ongoing, high quality training for students, administration and faculty	CHD, UAA, UAS, Council, Community Partners	2016	New
Promote ways to increase school access to Autism-professionals across the state that may enhance interventions	DEED, ILP, CHD, UAA, Council, BH, SDS		New

### Priority Area #4: Integrated and Comprehensive Services

Activities	Who	Target date	Status
A mandate to focus time and resources on this effort and hire a full-time ombudsman	Council, PH, SDS, BH, WCFH	2016	New
Assess continuum of care and identify strategies for provision of braided services across silos	Council, PH, BH, SDS, WCFH, DVR	2016	New
Identify opportunities through Medicaid expansion and reform to develop comprehensive Autism services and	Council, Trust, SDS	2016	New

ensure individuals with Autism are one of the target populations of 1915(i) and (k) reform efforts			
Develop a central repository for regional Autism resources	CHD, Trust, UAA, Council	2016	New

**Priority Area #5: Funding, Billing, and Systems Issues**

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target date</b>	<b>Status</b>
Engage in Medicaid expansion and reform payment model discussions	Council, Trust, Partners	2015-16	New
Explore funding opportunities to support coordinated interventions, especially for ongoing training/coaching of staff and the entire family/team	Council, Trust, SDS, BH, DEED, ILP	2016	New
Explore options for blending and braiding funding for services (Medical, School, SDS, DBH, Early Intervention ILP, and DVR)	UAA, CHD, Council, BH, SDS, ILP, DEED, DVR	2016	New
Support implementation of private insurance billing	ILP, Trust, SDS, BH, PH, private providers	2016	New