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Things that have happened since October

5-Year Plan on Autism Focus Areas:

- ✓ **Updated the work plan** (Tiered Model, information plan on expanding workforce and development opportunities to community members and non-behavior analytic providers).
- ✓ Also, **convened a workgroup to research on the evidence-based practices for autism.** The team will hold a teleconference in late January/early February to establish report for next full ad hoc Committee Meeting.
- ✓ **Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO)** was held one more time last year and encompassed more developmental disabilities.



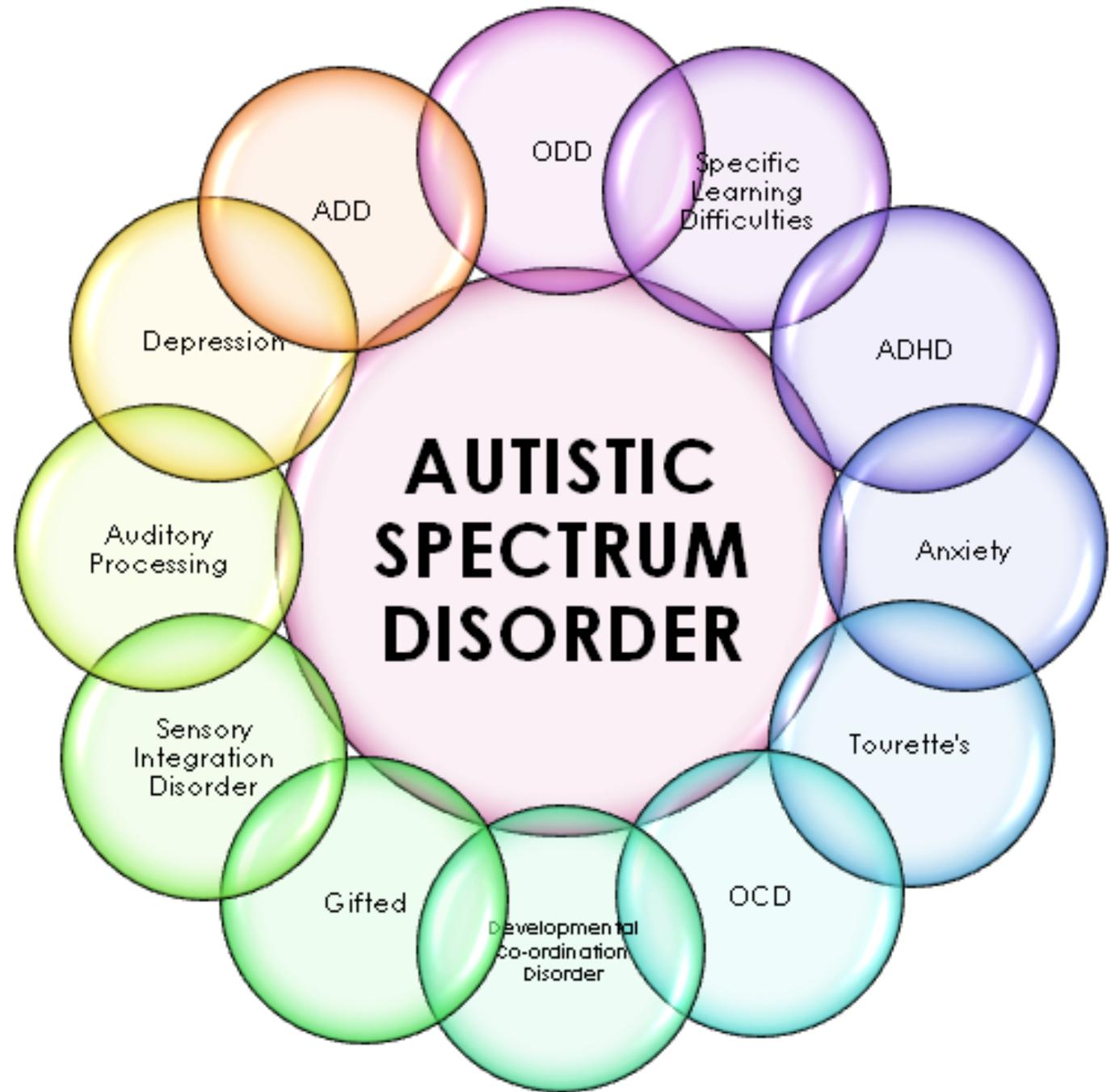
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5-Year Plan on Autism Focus Areas:

- ✓ The Council supported the further development of a **tiered approach to diagnosing the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)**. A neurodevelopmental WG aimed at eliminating barriers and sharing continued to convene in the fall.
- ✓ Council staff has started **research of adult programs** in other states (incl. reduction of barriers to employment and capacity building).

Upcoming Activities

- ✓ **Broad survey of autism services:** Survey is led by Center for Human Development (CDH). It is planned to be sent out shortly – it studies the housing, educational, employment, therapeutic and funding aspects of services.
- ✓ Continue developing a **tiered approach to diagnosing the ASD.**
- ✓ **Research adult programs in other states** (incl. reduction of barriers to employment and capacity building).



Recent Conferences and Events

Ad Hoc Chair Heidi Kelly co-presented 3 times at the National Autism conference in Columbus, Ohio (November, 2018):

1. *Parents as Advocates, Research-Based Strategies: Perspectives From an ASD Self-Advocate and Ed Professional*
2. *Promoting Self-Regulation to Reduce the Occurrence of Meltdowns*
3. *Becoming Social Participants in a Nonthreatening Way*



Upcoming Conferences and Events



- ✓ **Stone Soup Parent Conference**
 - ✓ Anchorage at BP Energy Center (March 22-23)
- ✓ **Autism Awareness Book Fair**
 - ✓ Anchorage at Barnes & Noble (Saturday March 30, 2019, 11-6pm)
- ✓ **Autism Awareness Book Fair**
 - ✓ Fairbanks at Barnes & Noble (Saturday April 6, 2019, 11-6pm)
- ✓ **Anchorage Walks for Autism**
 - ✓ O'Malley Sports Center (Saturday, April 13, 2019 – 12-2pm)
- ✓ **Anchorage Association for the Education of Young Children (AAEYC) Annual Early Childhood Conference**
 - ✓ *February 6-9, 2019 @ Hilton Anchorage*
 - ✓ *The conference theme is The Power of Play: Building for the Future.*

Questions?

