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Things that have happened since October

5-Year Plan on Autism Focus Areas:

- ✓ **Updated the work plan** (“Survey school psychologists on autism skills and credentials).
- ✓ **Convened an ad hoc meeting** on April 15 and **started a new workgroup** on consolidating regional resources in one place.
- ✓ Also, **convened a workgroup to research on the evidence-based practices for autism**. An initial working document has been produced by the workgroup that was available for the ad hoc.
- ✓ **Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO)** was held 7 times this year.

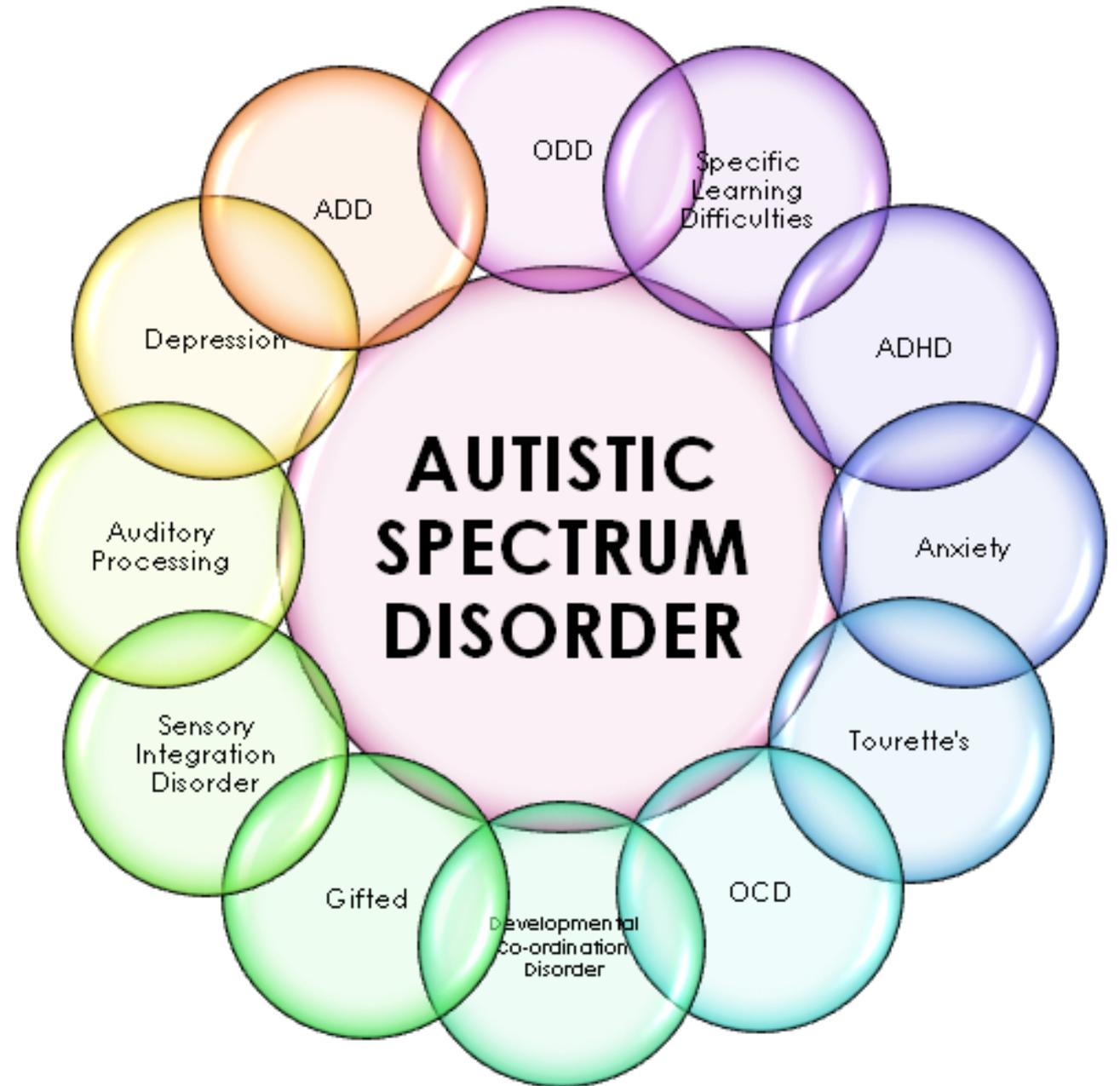
Things that have happened since October (2)

5-Year Plan on Autism Focus Areas:

- ✓ The ad hoc reviewed the proposed draft of the **Autism Awareness proclamation** and supported the proclamation issued by Governor Michael Dunleavy on April 1. (Over 13, 000 interested individuals have received this information through social media and GovDelivery; more than 100 of them have shared it in their social networks and it was “liked” by over 300 people.)
- ✓ Council staff has conducted **research of adult programs** available in Alaska and other state.
- ✓ LEND fellows have launched the “**aweTsome**” project for consolidating the regional resources on autism in a separate website autismak.com.
- ✓ A new WG was formed to consolidate the effort of different groups in reviewing and identifying new resources and posting them in one hub.

Upcoming activities

- ✓ **Broad survey of autism services** led by the Center for Human Development (CDH). It was sent out in early February and studied the housing, educational, employment, therapeutic and funding aspects of services.
- ✓ Continue developing a **tiered approach to diagnosing the ASD.**
- ✓ Provide recommendations for the chart of **adult programs in AK and other states.**



Recent Conferences and Events

- ✓ **Autism ad hoc** was held April 15.
- ✓ **Stone Soup Parent Conference** (Anchorage, March 22-23)
- ✓ **“Swim Team” Screenings** in Anchorage and Juneau (April 23 and April 24)
- ✓ **Autism Awareness Bookfair**, Anchorage at Barnes & Noble (March 30)
- ✓ **Autism Awareness Bookfair**, Fairbanks at Barnes & Noble (April 6)
- ✓ **Anchorage Walks for Autism**: Anchorage (April 13)
- ✓ **Anchorage Association for the Education of Young Children (AAEYC) Annual Early Childhood Conference** (February, 2019)

Upcoming Conferences and Events



- ✓ **Fall Autism meeting** (date TBA)
- ✓ **Universal Developmental Screening Task Force**
June 4 (12-4pm)
- ✓ **Alaska Autism Conference**
(Fairbanks, 27-28 September)

Questions?

