

PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD AND WHO ARE REFERRED TO THE ~~MARYLAND~~ INFANTS AND TODDLERS PROGRAM.

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BEGINNING JULY 1, 2006, THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, SHALL:

(1) COLLECT BASELINE DATA ON PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS':

(I) SCREENING PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES FOR IDENTIFYING AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS; AND

(II) REFERRAL PRACTICES WHEN AN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER IS IDENTIFIED;

(2) PRIOR TO CONDUCTING THE TRAINING REQUIRED UNDER ITEM (3) OF THIS SECTION, TEST PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS' KNOWLEDGE OF:

(I) SCREENING PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES FOR IDENTIFYING AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS; AND

(II) EARLY INDICATORS OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS;

(3) (I) 1. COORDINATE WITH THE KENNEDY KRIEGER INSTITUTE'S CENTER FOR AUTISM AND RELATED DISORDERS TO TRAIN PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS ON SCREENING PRACTICES FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS, INCLUDING THE USE OF SCREENING INSTRUMENTS; AND

2. TRAIN PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS ON REFERRAL PRACTICES WHEN AN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER IS IDENTIFIED; AND

(II) ENSURE THAT PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS RECEIVE MONETARY COMPENSATION OR CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION CREDIT FOR THE TRAINING;

(4) AFTER CONDUCTING THE TRAINING REQUIRED UNDER ITEM (3) OF THIS SECTION, RETEST PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS' KNOWLEDGE OF:

(I) SCREENING PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES FOR IDENTIFYING AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS; AND

(II) EARLY INDICATORS OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS;

(5) COMPARE AND ANALYZE THE RESULTS OF THE TESTS CONDUCTED UNDER ITEMS (1) AND (4) OF THIS SECTION;

(6) ESTABLISH THE USE OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS SCREENING INSTRUMENTS IN PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS' HEALTH CARE PRACTICES; ~~AND~~

(7) AFTER TRAINING PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS AND ESTABLISHING THE USE OF SCREENING INSTRUMENTS:

(I) COLLECT DATA AT REGULAR INTERVALS ON PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS' SCREENING PRACTICES; AND