



Georgia Department of Public Health

State Autism Initiative

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DPH Autism Initiative

Early Identification & Screening

- **Physician Developmental Screening Survey**
- **Developmental Screening Training**
- **Autism Navigator® for Early Intervention Providers**

Referral & Diagnosis

- **Georgia Autism Assessment Collaborative**

Early Intervention & Family Support

- **Positive Behavior Interventions and Support**
- **Visual Supports**

Early Identification & Screening

Physician Developmental Screening Survey (Statewide)

- Collaboration between many stakeholders
- Understand screening practices in Georgia
- Identify areas of needed support

Physician Developmental Screening Training (Statewide)

- Series of webinars
 - Importance of screening
 - Screening tools
 - Implementing into the practice
 - Connecting families to supports and services

Autism Navigator® for Early Intervention Providers (Statewide)

- Partnership with Marcus Autism Center
- 125 Early Intervention Providers in Babies Can't Wait

Referral & Diagnosis

Georgia Autism Assessment Collaborative

- Partnership with Emory Autism Center
- Provide training on assessing children for autism
- 5 Public Health Districts (Pilot)
 - Rome
 - DeKalb
 - Gwinnett
 - Waycross (Albany)
 - Valdosta (Albany)
- 1st Cohort
 - 20 Psychologists
 - 2 Clinical Social Workers

Early Intervention & Family Support

Positive Behavior and Visual Supports (Statewide)

- Partnership with Center for Leadership in Disability & LM Speech
- Training for Families
- 150 Babies in Part C (Babies Can't Wait)
 - Diagnosis of Autism **or** Combined Social Emotional & Communication Delay
- 10 Hours of Training on Positive Behavior Supports
 - Challenging Behaviors
- Training on Using Visual Supports
 - Improve Communication
 - Visual Supports Starter Kit