



## Autism Services in Connecticut

A report from the Autism Feasibility Study Workgroup

### Purpose:

Connecticut does not have a comprehensive or coordinated service system to address the needs of individuals with autism or their families. Services are available through individual school districts, small programs in state agencies and private practitioners, but these are inconsistent in approach and quality and do not meet the level of need.

### History:

Section 27 of Public Act 11-6 required a study of issues related to the needs of persons with ASD, including the feasibility of a Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities. This study was begun in May 2011 led by the Department of Social Services (DSS) and included the Departments of Developmental Services (DDS), Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), Education (SDE), Children and Families (DCF) and the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) as well as providers, academics, advocates, and consumer representatives.

### Goals Identified:

1. Improve and Expand Access to Qualified Professionals and Effective Services (Clinical Interventions and Community Support Services)
2. Improve and Expand Access to Training, Consultation, and Learning Opportunities for Providers, Professionals, and Families
3. Improve and Expand Access to a Comprehensive Service Resource Guide
4. Implement Effective Services
5. Analyze Public and Private Reimbursement for ASD services

