

## **Pediatric Development Center's Berkshire Early Autism Resources**



Our Berkshire Early Autism Resources (BEAR) provides intensive therapies to eligible children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) up to three years of age, who are receiving services from an Early Intervention Program, and reside in Berkshire County.

Our program is a Massachusetts Department of Public Health certified specialty service provider. This enables us to offer intensive programming for eligible children.

In collaboration with your family and your child's primary Early Intervention Program (EIP), the BEAR Program will continue to provide family-focused services.

Our goal is to provide a uniquely individualized program created for your child.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

In order to be eligible for this Massachusetts Department of Public Health SSP, your child must have received one of the following confirmed diagnoses:

- Autism
- Pervasive Developmental Disorder – Not otherwise specified (PDD-NOS)
- Rett's Disorder
- Autism Spectrum Disorder



## **NEXT STEPS:**

- In conjunction with your EIP, you will complete the BEAR/SSP Referral form and your Service Coordinator will forward it to the BEAR Program Manager
- A joint visit with your family, your service coordinator, and the BEAR Program Manager will then be scheduled.
- Resources available to help the family obtain a diagnosis will be discussed.
- Necessary information will be gathered to determine appropriate programming for your child.
- BEAR services begin!

## **APPROACHES TO ASD TREATMENT:**

- Floor Time
- Applied Behavioral Analysis

- Communication Systems
- Sensory Integration
- Activity Schedules
- Treatment Notebooks



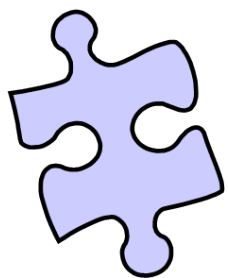
## **FUNCTIONAL OUTCOMES**

Our programming for your child will focus on the following key components:

- Incidental Learning
- Peer Socialization
- Joint Attention
- Communication
- Following routines
- Flexibility
- Initiation of social interactions
- Functional play
- Additional parent-generated outcomes

## **COLLABORATIVE TEAM**

- Parent/Family
- Primary EIP Service Coordinator
- BEAR Program Manager
- BEAR Home Program Therapists



## QUESTIONS?

Contact  
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## SSP CLINICAL TEAM

- Berkshire Early Autism Resources Team Leader
- Home Program Therapist Team
- Developmental Consultant/s
- Program Director



## COST

There is no cost for BEAR intensive programming.

