



## WASHINGTON COMBATING AUTISM ADVISORY COUNCIL

# Community Asset Mapping Project



## We need you!

Your participation is key to developing a coordinated team approach to screening, assessment and treatment of autism and other developmental delays.

**You are invited to our first meeting to be held on Friday, February 11th at United Way from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Light refreshments served.**

To participate in this project, please RSVP to Carla Prock CSHCN Coordinator at (509) 460-4225 or e-mail to: [carlap@bfhd.wa.gov](mailto:carlap@bfhd.wa.gov) by Tuesday, February 8th.



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Benton and Franklin Counties are participating in a pilot project with the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) and the University of Washington's Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities and Related Disorders (LEND) Program.\*

Together we will evaluate our community's current method of screening, assessment, and referral to services and resources for children with suspected developmental delays, like autism.

## Project goal

Develop a coordinated team approach to ensure children with suspected developmental delays, like autism, get appropriate resources and services in an efficient and timely manner.

## What we will do

DOH and LEND will lead a half day meeting with families, support organizations, and education, behavior, and medical professionals to:

1. Define our community's current process of screening, assessment and referral to services and resources.
2. Determine what works well and what could be improved.
3. Establish a plan to:
  - a. Address issues with the current process.
  - b. Identify trainings or technical support that will increase knowledge and skills to improve our process.
  - c. Revisit, evaluate, and revise our plan.

## Desired outcome

- Community understands the importance of all children getting early screening for developmental delays.
- More people can do early screenings.
- More people can refer for early intervention services.
- Community knows best place to send families for diagnosis.
- Families and service providers know where to go for resources and services.

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