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- Autism Commission Strategic Plan 2010-2020

- First Recommendation was to establish a formal and sustainable mechanism to implement the Colorado Strategic Plan for Autism Spectrum Disorders to improve the lives of individuals with ASD.
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• Home for the effort was created as an ad hoc committee of the Developmental Disabilities Council

• Carol Meredith and Corry Robinson were Co-Chairs. Both on DD Council at the time, Corry had been on the Autism Commission

• 2012-2015 Autism Society received MCHB funding for Project CASCADE: Purpose to implement strategic plan.
Recommendation 2

Establish integrated data systems among State departments and stakeholders to track diagnosis, treatment, services, and outcomes, to improve coordination of care, and to disseminate information.
Recommendation 3

Increase the systemic capacity for diagnosis, treatment, coordination of care, and service delivery for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders across the lifespan.
Recommendation 4

Coordinate access to services for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders across all systems.
Recommendation 5

Ensure and streamline access to services for all individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families.
Recommendation 6

Improve educational and medical identification through screening and diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders at the earliest possible age and across the lifespan.
Recommendation 7

Establish consistent quality standards for early intervention services across systems statewide.
Recommendation 8

Provide early intervention services as soon as a child is suspected of having an ASD due to delays in communication or social-emotional development.
Recommendation 9

Create a new educational identification category of Autism Spectrum Disorders
Recommendation 10

Establish a statewide training system for all educators and staff.
Recommendation 11

Create certification programs within higher education that prepare professionals to serve people with Autism Spectrum Disorders.
Recommendation 12

Establish a system of collaboration and information dissemination among all stakeholders including families, private and public service agencies, educational agencies, and the medical community to ensure wraparound services for individual students that are efficient, coordinated, and consistent.
Recommendation 13

Improve access to quality health care for children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders.
Recommendation 14

Improve access to quality mental health services for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders.
Recommendation 15

Increase the availability of supports for community living for children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders in Colorado.
Recommendation 16

Increase employment, transportation, and housing for adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders.
Recommendation 17

Provide support for families and caregivers of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders.
Recommendation 18

Increase support for communication, recreation, and social development for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders.
CANDO quarterly meetings were designed to update community regarding developments with respect to the strategic plan recommendations. We are anticipating quarterly meetings through June 2020 in line with the strategic plan.
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Circumstances resulted in a major emphasis placed on the plight of persons with autism and/or intellectual disability and a mental health diagnosis or behavior that is a danger to self or others.
Funding for Gap Analysis and Cross System Crisis Pilot a was a major achievement attributed to collaboration including for special note the Arc of Colorado.
Much has changed since 2009 and over these remaining months we hope to do updates in all recommendations.

Today we will have updates regarding Educational recommendations, changes to the expected prevalence of autism and community services especially respite care.
We hope it has been apparent throughout our history of meetings that each of these efforts requires a community.

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