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HRSA Awards \$14 Million to Help Children With Autism Spectrum Disorders

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) today announced more than \$14 million in FY 2008 grants to improve the health and well-being of children and youth with autism spectrum disorders (ASD).

“Autism is a condition that presents special challenges for many families and the providers who treat these special children,” said HRSA Administrator Elizabeth M. Duke. “These grants, funded by HRSA's [Maternal and Child Health Bureau](#), demonstrate our commitment to improving the care of children with autism spectrum disorders.”

Today's funds are awarded from six HRSA programs:

- Twenty-one universities and research organizations will receive grants worth almost \$5.6 million, as part of HRSA's [Maternal and Child Health Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Other Related Disabilities \(LEND\)](#) program. Four are new grantees and seventeen are existing LEND grants. LEND trains future leaders in a variety of disciplines to improve the health of children who have or are at risk of developing neurodevelopmental disabilities or other similar conditions such as autism.
- Six states will receive grants totaling almost \$1.8 million to improve access to health care and related services for children and youth with ASD and other developmental disabilities. Grantees will implement existing state plans to improve services for these young people.
- The Association of University Centers on Disabilities in Silver Spring, Md., will receive a grant worth almost \$500,000 for the National Interdisciplinary Training Resource Center. The grant will provide technical assistance, build and sustain partnerships with other organizations and service systems already serving children with ASD and other developmental disabilities, translate research into evidence-based practice and utilize existing and develop new data systems to capture and report project outcomes.
- The General Hospital Corporation of Boston will receive an award of almost \$4 million to conduct research on interventions to improve the physical health and well-being of children and adolescents with ASD and other developmental disabilities.
- The Regents of the University of California at Los Angeles will receive \$2 million to conduct research on the behavioral, mental, social, and/or cognitive health and well-being of children and adolescents with ASD and other developmental disabilities.

- The Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs will receive a \$250,000 award to develop the State Public Health Coordinating Center for Autism. Funds will develop a strategy for defining, supporting, and monitoring the role of state Public Health agencies in assuring that children and youth with ASD and other developmental disabilities receive early and timely identification, diagnosis, and intervention.

Tables listing grant recipients are found below:

Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental & Related Disorders Training Program

Organization	City	State	Amount
University of Alabama at Birmingham	Birmingham	Ala.	\$200,000
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences	Little Rock	Ark.	\$550,000
Childrens Hospital of Los Angeles-School of Physical Therapy	Los Angeles	Calif.	\$200,000
University of Colorado Denver	Aurora	Colo.	\$550,000
University of Connecticut Health Center	Farmington	Conn.	\$550,000
Children's Research Institute	Washington	D.C.	\$200,000
University of Illinois at Chicago	Chicago	Ill.	\$549,999
Indiana University, School of Medicine	Indianapolis	Ind.	\$200,000
University of Kansas Medical Center Research Institute	Kansas City	Kan.	\$195,155
Children's Hospital	Boston	Mass.	\$200,000
Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska	Omaha	Neb.	\$200,000
Trustees of Dartmouth College	Hanover	N.H.	\$200,000
Albert Einstein College of Medicine	Bronx	N.Y.	\$200,000
University of Rochester	Rochester	N.Y.	\$200,000
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Chapel Hill	N.C.	\$200,000
The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Pa.	\$200,000
University of Tennessee at Knoxville	Memphis	Tenn.	\$200,000
Vanderbilt University Medical Center	Nashville	Tenn.	\$200,000
University of Utah	Salt Lake City	Utah	\$200,000
University of Vermont	Burlington	Vt.	\$200,000
University of Washington	Seattle	Wash.	\$200,000
TOTAL:			\$5,595,154

State Implementation Grants for Improving Services for Children and Youth with ASD

Organization	City	State	Amount
Alaska Department of Health and Social Services	Anchorage	Alaska	\$300,000

The Hope School	Springfield	Ill.	\$300,000
The Curators of the University of Missouri	Columbia	Mo.	\$297,957
Utah Department of Health	Salt Lake City	Utah	\$300,000
Washington Department of Health	Olympia	Wash.	\$300,000
Wisconsin Dept. of Health and Family Services	Madison	Wis.	\$300,000
TOTAL:			\$1,797,957

National Interdisciplinary Training Resource Center

Organization	City	State	Amount
Association of University Centers on Disabilities	Silver Spring	Md.	\$500,000

Autism Intervention Research Network on Physical Health (AIR-P Network)

Organization	City	State	Amount
General Hospital Corporation	Boston	Mass.	\$4,000,000

Autism Intervention Research Network on Behavioral Health (AIR-B Network)

Organization	City	State	Amount
Regents of the University of California at Los Angeles	Los Angeles	Calif.	\$2,000,000

State Public Health Coordinating Center for Autism

Organization	City	State	Amount
Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs	Washington	D.C.	\$250,000

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