

GPAST Suggestions for ND State Plan

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Early Identification and Timely Access to Services

- *Public Awareness Efforts of EI and Available Services*
- *Universal Screening*
- *Diagnosis made by multidisciplinary team (inclusive of the entire spectrum)*
- *Access to an array of affordable services across the age span (educational, mental health, clinical, family support, etc.)*

Professional Development

- *Coordinated statewide trainings for medical professionals, educators, allied health professionals, parents, mental health professionals, and clinicians on best practices*
- *Consistent and formalized licensing requirements or credentialing in autism for the medical, educational, and mental health communities*

Adequate Funding

- *Eligibility and Participation of Health Insurance Providers*
- *School and Community Services*
- *Funding Specific to the Implementation of the State Plan*