

NMSU Autism Diagnostic Center FY 20/21

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Autism

- [Autism Speaks – Overview](#)
 - Complex nature of Autism (many faces)
 - Urgency to begin intervention
 - See - <https://www.autismspeaks.org>
- [Treatment Example](#)
 - Structured, Sequential Treatment
 - Treatment expensive (earlier the better)



Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

- Prevalence
 - Year 2000 1 in 150
 - Year 2014 1 in 59
- Wait time for initial diagnosis
 - Year 2018 24 months



Events Leading to Diagnostic Center

- May, 15, 2018 HM 51/ SM 79
Action Plan – ASD
 - \$300,000 – To NMSU to develop and implement a diagnostic clinic for younger children



HM 51/ SM 79
ACTION PLAN TO MEET THE NEEDS OF YOUTH AND ADULTS IN NEW MEXICO
WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.

2017 Regular Legislative Session

May 15, 2018



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Events Leading to Diagnostic Center

- September, 2018 – Responded to request for Autism Diagnostic Center Proposal
- CD Department December 20, 2018 – Presented proposal to Senator Mary Kay Papen
- Proposal focus on funding personnel



NMSU - Autism Diagnostic Clinic Budget

- Recurring Appropriation \$ 614,000
- Start-up (non-recurring) \$107,000



Collaborators

- Autism Spectrum Diagnostic Clinic (ASDC)
 - Pat Osborne
 - Gay Finlayson
 - Mary E. Boehm



NMSU Autism Diagnostic Clinic

Funded July 1, 2019
Achieved Benchmarks

- Collaboration with Autism Spectrum Diagnostic Clinic (ASDC)
- Planned clinic renovation
- Begun hire of clinical personnel



Present Tasks

- Continue hire of clinical personnel
- Medicare Provider Certification
 - Stage 1 Diagnosis
- Complete renovation of Clinic (College of Ed) – estimate 1 year
- Temporary Facility – Edgar R. Garrett Clinic



Questions?

