



# Service Policy Manual

## Early Treatment Services for ASD

Alta California Regional Center (ACRC) recognizes the importance of early and timely screening, diagnosis, assessment and intervention planning for children with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Any child eligible for regional center services who is diagnosed with an ASD may receive an individualized assessment to determine the needs of the child. The family's preferences will be considered when determining the child's intervention program.

ACRC will purchase intervention services that are supported by evidence-based, peer-reviewed research. Best practice indicates that these services provide the greatest chance for improvement in the quality of life for the child with an ASD and his/her family. Intervention services purchased by ACRC through the Individual Program Plan process are designed to:

- optimize the child's personal independence and social responsiveness
- provide outcomes that are defined, measured and used to ensure effective programming
- be provided by trained personnel
- be provided in the least restrictive environment
- incorporate parental skill building to promote generalization
- be cost-effective

ACRC supports the child's transition to public education through collaboration with families and local education agencies (LEA).

The ACRC Executive Director may review and authorize an exception(s) if warranted by individual circumstances.