

# State Department Services and Resources: TN Department of Health

TN Council on Autism Spectrum Disorder April 24, 2018

 Promotion of Developmental Screening a priority for the Division of Family Health and Wellness and the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant

#### Goals:

- Increase general awareness among parents and caregivers of the need for developmental screening.
- Encourage and support providers to integrate developmental screening as a part of routine care.
- Explore opportunities for incorporating developmental screening into settings outside of primary care.



- Developmental Screening Training for Home Visitors
  - Children's Special Services (CSS), HUGS, and Evidence-Based Home Visitor staff have been trained to administer the Ages and Stages Questionnaire
- Developmental screening a part of well-child visits in the health dept. clinics
- Collaboration with TN Chapter of the AAP
- TN Young Child Wellness Council
- Welcome Baby



- TN Disability Pathfinder
- Family Voices
- Youth Advisory Council for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN)
  - opportunity for youth to meet others, to learn how to better advocate for their needs, and to become more familiar with the types of resources currently available to them
  - open to youth between the ages of 14 and 26 who have any type of special health need, whether it be physical, emotional, behavioral, developmental, or intellectual

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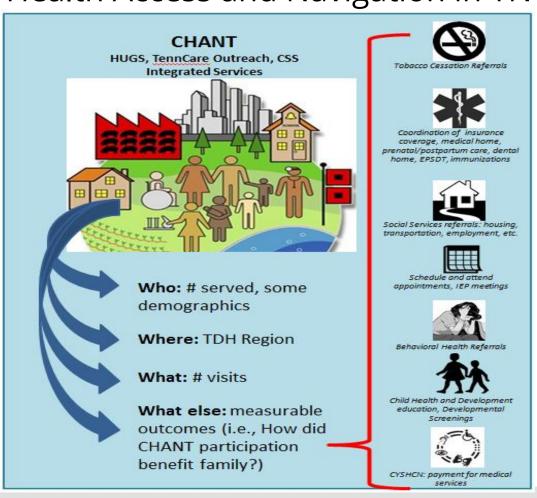
## Weaknesses

• Children with autism or developmental delay do not qualify for the Children's Special Services Program.

## **Opportunities**

CHANT: Community Health Access and Navigation in TN





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 Collaboration with the TN Dept. of Human Services and Child Care Resource and Referral Network

### **Threats**

- Services for individuals with autism may not be available near their home or affordable.
- No lifelong service path for individuals with autism.
- Parents may still not know how to access information on or resources for autism.



# **Questions?**

