



Do you or your family member have a diagnosis of one of the Autism Spectrum Disorders, have a full scale IQ of 70 or over, are at least 18 years of age and have exited from school services? You may be interested in participating in the new Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Pilot Project.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Eligibility for the Autism Spectrum Disorder Pilot Project does not assure that requests for services can be met immediately or in full or beyond the pilot program. For purposes of evaluation, 25 individuals will receive services and another 25 will not. Individuals will be chosen for both groups through a random selection process. Both groups will participate in surveys and interviews as part of the evaluative process. For the individuals receiving services, the services are provided within available appropriations based on the needs of the individual and of the CT ASD Pilot Project criteria.

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**Connecticut
Autism Spectrum
Disorder
Pilot Project**

PILOT PROGRAM

- The vision of the CT ASD Pilot Project is: to enable eligible adults with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) who do not have mental retardation to lead lives that are as functional and independent as possible given their level of disability.
- The Department of Mental Retardation (DMR) is required under Section 37 of Public Act 06-188 to establish a small pilot program for individuals who have ASD and do not have mental retardation and are not receiving services from DMR.
- DMR is expecting to offer to approximately 25 individuals in this pilot project the opportunity to engage in a coordinated system of supports and services and to collect data on another 25 individuals who will not receive services. The 25 individuals who are chosen to receive services for the CT ASD Pilot Project will be based on a random selection process of those found eligible for the Pilot Project. This sample selection will be based upon several factors to be determined through consultation with Health Related Statistical Research.
- The objective of the pilot is to document the CT ASD Pilot Program implementation and short-term costs and effects. The documentation will be used for policymakers and program providers to determine future steps and initiatives for this program.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for the CT ASD Pilot Project, a person must;

1. Be a legal resident of the State of CT
2. Have a diagnosis of one of the Autism Spectrum Disorders: Autistic Disorder • Asperger Syndrome • Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified (PDD NOS) • Rett Syndrome • Childhood Disintegrative Disorder
3. Have manifested chronic characteristics of the disorder prior to age 22 which are presenting challenges in adulthood
4. Have substantial functional limitations in 3 or more areas of major life activity: Self-care • Receptive and expressive language • Learning • Mobility • Self-direction • Capacity for independent living • Economic self-sufficiency
5. Have an IQ of 70 or over
6. Be at least 18 years of age and have exited from school services
7. Not be a client of the DMR or receiving substantial services other than from Bureau of Rehabilitation Services or the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
8. Be willing to participate in program evaluation data collection
9. Live in Milford, Orange, West Haven, New Haven, East Haven, Branford, North Branford, Guilford, Madison, North Haven, Hamden, Cheshire, Woodbridge, Bethany, Wallingford.

How to Apply

Call the CT Autism Spectrum Disorder Pilot Project number @ **860-418-6078** for an applicant packet. Eligibility determination will be established through review of individual diagnostic evaluations and other sources of information. You will be asked to provide the following information;

1. Copy of Birth Certificate.
2. Copy of Social Security Card.
3. Proof of CT Residence (driver's license, non driver photo ID, tax form etc.)
4. Psychological Testing (this testing can usually be obtained from schools, other agencies or private psychologists.) Psychological testing must indicate both cognitive (IQ) and adaptive testing results and specify a diagnosis. If psychological testing is not available, it is the responsibility of the applicant to provide this testing.
5. Copy of Medical History (This can usually be obtained from the primary care physician upon request.) If there are any psychiatric evaluations, these should also be included.
6. Copies of Educational Information.
7. Guardianship or Conservator Forms from the Probate Court, if applicable.