

# Autism Services Pilot Projects Update

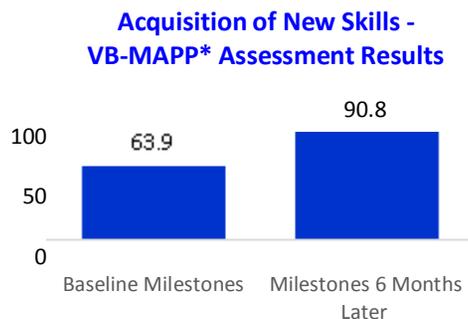
## November 2013

### Medicaid Autism Waiver

The Medicaid Autism Waiver is providing services to children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) ages 2 through 6 years.

Waiver Quick Facts	
<b>Number Applied</b>	572
<b>Number Enrolled</b>	317
Boys	79%
Girls	21%
<b>Age Upon Admission</b>	
Age 2	19%
Age 3	31%
Age 4	31%
Age 5	18%
Age 6	1%
<b>By Geographical Area</b>	
Wasatch Front (Davis, Salt Lake, Utah and Weber Counties)	76%
All Other Counties	24%

Participating children were evaluated with a standardized assessment tool before receiving services and six months after services began. Outcome results were positive and showed the acquisition of new skills.

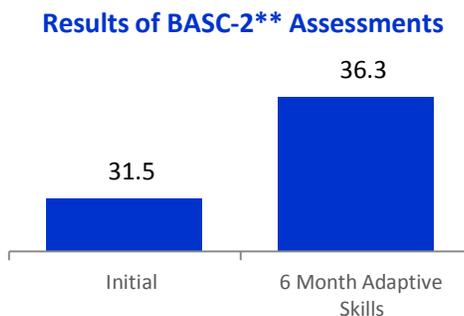


### Autism Treatment Account

Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) services were provided to children ages 2 through 6 years with a diagnosis of ASD. Providers of ABA therapy applied through a grant application process to receive funding to provide ABA therapy to eligible Utah children. Interested families applied directly to the 4 chosen providers. Applicants were randomly selected.

ATA Quick Facts	
<b>Children Receiving Services</b>	
Boys	
Girls	
Rural	

Participating children were assessed at enrollment prior to services being initiated and again after receiving 6 months of services. Outcome results were positive and showed increases in positive behaviors and adaptive skills.



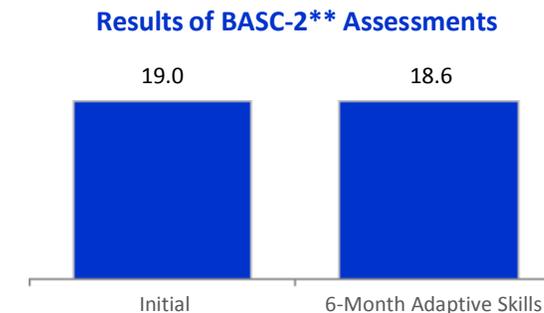
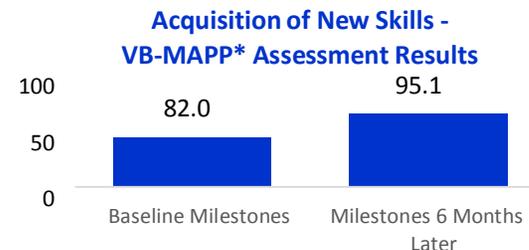
### PEHP Autism Treatment Pilot

The PEHP Autism Treatment Pilot is a two-year, single enrollment pilot for children from 2 to 7 years old with a diagnosis of ASD.

It is an insurance product and the requirements are:

- \$250 deductible with 80/20 co-insurance
- \$150 a day max with a maximum benefit of \$30,000/year

PEHP Autism Treatment Pilot Quick Facts	
<b>Number Applied</b>	25
<b>Number Accepted</b>	23
<b>Number who Sought Services</b>	14
<b>Number Not Seeking Services</b>	6
<b>Number who Left the Program</b>	3



**\* Verbal Behavior Milestones Assessment and Placement Program (VB-MAPP)**

The VB-MAPP was used by Board Certified Behavior Analysts to evaluate each child's verbal and other associated skills across 16 major areas.

**\*\* BASC-2 - Behavioral Assessment System for Children, Second Edition.**

The BASC-2 (completed by both parents and teachers) indicates the efficacy of ABA services in improving social, emotional, behavioral, and adaptive functioning outcomes for children with ASD. Results indicated an increase in the Adaptive Skills Composite, indicating more positive behaviors. The change in both measures indicates improvement.