



Advancing care together.
autism care network



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The **Autism Care Network** is the first of its kind Learning Health Network for autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Made up of 20 academic institutions and children's hospitals across the United States and Canada, the Network connects families, researchers and healthcare teams to continuously improve person- and family-centered autism care.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

40,000+ patients served

1,495 families and
3,454 providers trained

10 research studies
published

1,800+ researchers and
young clinicians mentored

In its inaugural year, the Network made meaningful impact in:

IMPROVING CLINICAL CARE

- Made **improvements in standardizing care** for ADHD, anxiety and irritability
- Increased provider screening for child safety concerns **from 71% to 91%**
- Launched 2 research studies to **improve precision autism care and early identification**

EXPANDING ACCESS TO CARE

- Offered **autism training to providers in 16 countries** to increase their knowledge and skills
- Connected families in all 50 states and 37 countries **with resources and access to autism experts**

ENGAGING FAMILIES AND SELF-ADVOCATES

- **Partnered with families and self-advocates** on Network activities, community trainings and research projects
- Co-authored 3 published manuscripts and **developed community resources**

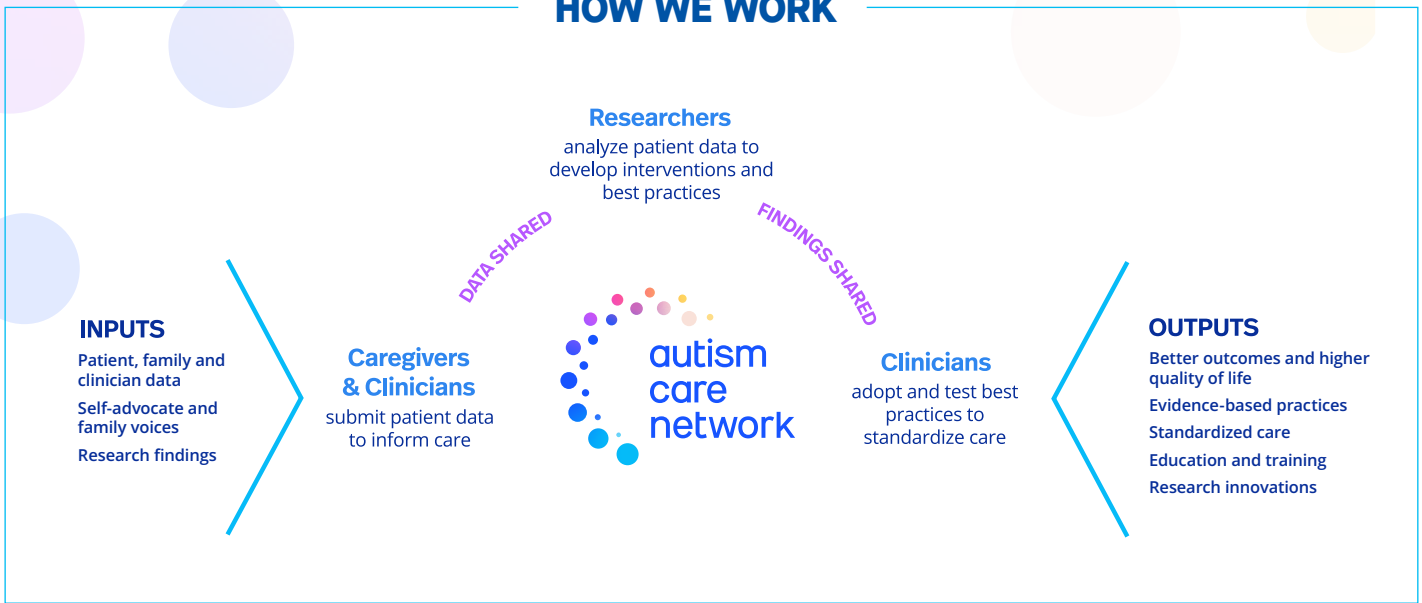
OUR VISION

To achieve optimal health and quality of life for all individuals with ASD.

WHAT WE DO

Research
Clinical care improvement
Resource development
Training and mentoring
Reducing healthcare disparities

HOW WE WORK



MEET THE NETWORK

Network leadership would like to thank our patients, families, participating sites, providers and researchers for their dedication to advancing science and improving care together.

Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

The Kelly O'Leary Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

The Lurie Center for Autism at the Massachusetts

General Hospital for Children

Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio

Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital, Toronto

University of Alberta and Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital

The Center for Autism & Neurodevelopmental at the University of California — Irvine

University of Missouri Echo Autism Ready Communities

The Center for Autism and Developmental Disorders at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

The Autism Clinic at Vanderbilt University Medical Center

The Division of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics at the University of Rochester Medical Center

Phoenix Children's Hospital

Prisma Health Children's Hospital-Upstate SC

University of Nebraska Medical Center, Munroe-Meyer Institute

University of Virginia Children's Hospital-Division of Neurodevelopmental and Behavioral Pediatrics

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Waisman Center

Hospital for Special Care

The Eunice Kennedy Shriver Center at University of Massachusetts Medical School, Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders

MetroHealth Autism Assessment Clinic