The Autism Diagnosis program trains community-based teams to recognize early signs of autism and connect parents to diagnostic resources. The University of Kansas (KU) Center for Child Health and Development collaborates with the KU Center for Telemedicine and Telehealth and Autism Diagnostic Teams (ADTs) to increase early identification and intervention for children at risk for, or diagnosed with, Autism Spectrum Disorders. The collective work of these partners helps decrease the wait time between a child’s screening, diagnosis, and subsequent intervention, ensuring children and families have access to needed supports as quickly as possible.

**PARTNERS**
- University of Kansas Center for Telemedicine and Telehealth
- Part B and Part C Providers
- Educators and Special Educators
- School Districts

**SERVICE AREAS**
- CIF $50,000
- Total Budget $65,000

**POPULATION SERVED**

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WHAT IS THE PROGRAM’S IMPACT?

- Increases access to autism diagnostic services by decreasing cost, wait time, and travel for families across the state.
- Identifies the signs and symptoms of autism at an early age, decreasing the intensity of services needed long-term.
- Ensures families have access to local services by providing community-based ADTs with:
  1. tools to make appropriate referrals
  2. support for families during the diagnostic process
  3. help for families to access services that provide continued care

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM MONITOR AND ENSURE QUALITY?

- Consults with ADTs on assessments and the diagnostic process, case-specific questions, and clinical procedures.
- Facilitates training opportunities for ADTs about the signs and symptoms of autism and proper use of screening tools.
- Provides technical assistance via the telehealth department for scheduling and conducting visits.
- Obtains regular feedback from parents using satisfaction surveys.
- Reviews diagnostic evaluations to ensure families receive follow-up services.

42 Children received a primary diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder through the program

45,810 Miles saved using telemedicine and outreach clinics

62 Patients seen for a telemedicine or outreach clinic developmental evaluation

34 Autism Diagnostic Teams across the state