

**Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP)** was created to assist parents and caregivers with the expensive cost of providing Autism specific treatments to their child with ASD.

ATAP funds only treatments which have been proven by research to be evidence-based.

ATAP provides a monthly allotment to pay for on-going treatment development, supervision and a limited amount of weekly intervention hours based on a child's individual treatment plan, age and income.

### **Who is eligible for the service?**

Children aged 18 months until they turn 19 years

Children diagnosed with one of the following:

- Autism
- Asperger's Syndrome
- PDD-NOS

Pervasive Developmental Disorders-  
Not Otherwise Specified

- Childhood Degenerative Disorders

*Must be diagnosed by a certified professional*

Children, cannot be receiving funding through MHDS or have insurance coverage, which will cover the funded treatments.

Applications are taken state-wide by our partner

**R.A.G.E.**

**Apply by calling**

**1-877-785-7243 or 702-333-1038**

For questions regarding the program refer to the phone numbers on the back panel.

*At the time of application, you will be asked for proof of income and a copy of your child's current medical insurance coverage. At intake, you will need proof of diagnosis.*



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If you have questions regarding the program please call the care manager for your region:

In Elko  
1-775-934-6870

In Northern Nevada  
1-775-324-5085

In Southern Nevada  
702-595-2067

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1-775-687-4210

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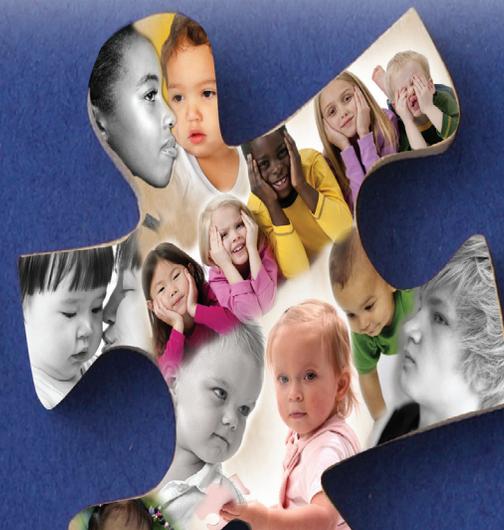


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# A.T.A.P.

## Autism Treatment Assistance Program

Is a state-wide program which provides support and monthly assistance with funding to pay for Evidence-based Treatments and Therapies for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)



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ATAP is an assistance program and the monthly allotment is intended to help parents pay for treatment. It is understood that the funding provided by ATAP will not pay for all of the recommended hours of treatment. It is our hope that parents can help to fund additional hours of treatment. However ATAP recognizes not all parents can afford to do so.

This program is unique because it gives families the freedom to choose the provider and employees who will provide services to their children. Not only do families pick the employees who will work with their child, but they hire them and oversee them.

### **What is covered?**

Evidence-based treatments: Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA), Verbal Behavioral (VB), Pivotal Response (PRT) programs, including program training, development and supervision, daily intervention hours, and essential tools, supplies or equipment. Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapy.

All children with ASD can benefit from the evidence-based treatments funded by ATAP.

- Children, who because of ASD, have various delays or gaps in their skills;
- Children with sensory issues;
- Children who have challenging behaviors;
- Children who only need to learn to socialize with peers;
- Non-Verbal or Verbal Children; or
- Children with no behavior issues.

### **What is not covered?**

Respite, medicines, supplements, private school placements, classroom paraprofessionals and treatments which are not evidenced-based.

### **What are the costs or income limitations?**

Applicants will be subject to a co-payment formula. The formula is based upon family income, less medical expenses, that exceeds 200% of poverty.

### **Are there waiting lists?**

There may be waiting lists. Children are prioritized by several factors including: age, income, date applied, children with critical behavior issues such as self injurious behaviors, children at risk of institutionalization among other factors.

### **How much is available?**

Monthly allocations are made depending on the age of the applicant. Payments may be reduced if a child is eligible for school coverage or a co-pay is in place.

This program may be used to supplement, but not replace Early Intervention, Medicaid, and School programs. A family may not receive funding from this program and the MHDS Self-directed Autism program at the same time.

### **How are services planned and coordinated?**

Services will be coordinated between the chosen provider, the family, and your care manager.

### **How are payments for services handled?**

Families document the receipt of services by providers, which are paid by ADSD. Employees' actual payments, tax reporting etc. are handled by PPL Nevada, ATAP's fiscal agent.

### **What other requirements are there?**

To participate in the program the family must agree to follow program rules and participate with data collection, intake and yearly videos and periodically standardized questionnaires

### **Providers who provide evidence-based treatment include:**

- A Licensed Psychologist
- Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)
- Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA)
- Another professional who is overseen by the BCBA or a Licensed Psychologist
- A company which provides Behavior consultants which are overseen by a BCBA
- Speech Therapist (SLP)
- Occupational Therapist (OT)
- Physical Therapist (PT)

**Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) or Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA)** typically oversee a treatment model using ABA, VB, or PRT. The program is usually comprehensive and may include social skill training, teaching daily living skills, addressing sensory issues, teaching skills to fill in learning gaps, address behavior issues, improve language and communication skills, facilitate peer interactions, provide vocational or educational support.

**Speech Therapist** Speech therapy can address a wide range of communication problems for individuals with Autism. Children with ASD may have major problems with both speech and nonverbal communication. They may also find it very hard to interact socially.

**Occupational Therapist** Occupational therapy might include developing skill for handwriting, shirt buttoning, shoe tying, and fine and gross motor delays. Occupational therapists specializing in autism may also be trained in sensory integration or may work with their clients on play skills, social skills and more.

**Physical Therapist** Physical therapy helps to build or rebuild strength, mobility and motor skills. Children on the spectrum may have low muscle tone, or have a tough time with coordination and sports. These issues can interfere with basic day-to-day functioning — and they're almost certain to interfere with social and physical development. Children with autism would rarely be termed physically disabled (though there are some children with very low muscle tone, which may make it difficult to sit or walk for long periods). Most children with autism do, however, have physical limitations. A PT can address these areas.