

Process for Northeast Region Nebraska Autism Spectrum Disorder Network Referrals

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1. Before the Referral

- Has the district team started a referral / evaluation for special education services, if the student does not currently receive them?
- What interventions / team meetings have been attempted (MTSS)?
- Has the district team met to determine strategies and supports and attempted intervention consistently?
- Has the district team met to discuss if further assessment or evaluation is necessary?

If these items have been addressed, and the student (0-21yrs) has ASD or similar characteristics / concerns, then please move to Step 2: Filling out a Referral Form.

Note: Before on-site observations by the Regional Coordinator, the IFSP/IEP or problem solving team will need to show at least 2 consecutive weeks of data on their intervention(s) (with exceptions for behavior that is a safety issue to self or others)

2. Filling out a Referral Form

- Northeast Region NE ASD Network Referrals will be available online at: [ASD Network Referral Form](#) .
- Referral forms will need updated each year that NE ASD Network assistance is needed.
- The ASD Network must have parent and district permission and signatures to start the referral process. The referral will be given to the case manager who will then provide a copy to the regional coordinator- speetz@esu7.org . New signatures are required each year that NE ASD Network assistance is needed.

3. Initial Meeting to Define Priorities

- The NE ASD Network Regional Coordinator will:
 - Review the referral form with the case manager and define goals of the referral.
 - Obtain further information via the Universal Checklist, Effective Practices for Students with ASD Checklist, and other means necessary.
 - Meet with the district team to collaboratively develop a technical assistance plan.
- The district team will implement the assistance plan for a predetermined length of time before meeting again with the Regional Coordinator.
- The team will evaluate the data and refine the plan as needed.

The NE ASD Network Regional Coordinator will schedule in-person observations and web meetings on an as-needed basis to collect data and provide strategies, support, resources, and training. The goals of the Nebraska ASD Network are to: 1) Build and enhance the capacity of Nebraska schools and families in supporting children across the autism spectrum and 2) Provide training and technical assistance to Nebraska educators in providing appropriate services to students across the autism spectrum from birth to age 21

Note: The ASD Network does not provide direct services to students with autism.