



2021 Annual Report

Adult Autism Treatment Program Advisory Committee - UCA 26-67-202(4)

STATE OF UTAH
DIVISION OF FAMILY HEALTH AND PREPAREDNESS
BUREAU OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

To: Health & Human Services Interim Committee, Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee
From: Adult Autism Treatment Program Advisory Committee
Subject: Adult Autism Treatment Program - Statutorily Required Report

Overview

- The Adult Autism Treatment Account (AATA) was established by the Utah Legislature with the passage of H.B. 86 during the 2020 General Session.
- The purpose and duties of the AATA are to administer, determine eligibility for, and award funding for the treatment of qualified individuals by awarding a grant from the program on behalf of an applicant to a qualified provider for adult autism treatment.
- Staff support for the AATA comes from the Utah Department of Health, Division of Family Health and Preparedness, Bureau of Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN).
- The AATA consists of gifts, grants, donations, or any other conveyance of money made to the fund from private sources, interest earned on money in the account, and money appropriated by the Legislature.¹

Adult Autism Treatment Account Advisory Committee

The purpose of the AATA Advisory Committee is to:

- Advise CSHCN on the implementation of the program.
- Make recommendations to the Legislature for improving the program.
- Make rules, in collaboration with CSHCN, to govern the administration of the funds.
- Recommend how grants should be awarded, the necessary qualifications of providers, and reporting requirements of the grant recipients to CSHCN.

Recent Activities

- The AATA Advisory Committee has met four times over the last year (10/22/2020, 11/5/2020, 3/11/2021, and 6/10/2021).
- R398-15 - Adult Autism Treatment Account was Codified and Published (2/11/2021).
- Application documents were approved by the Advisory Committee (6/10/2021) and posted on the AATA website (8/9/2021).
- The AATA is currently accepting applications and expects to receive 8 applications from qualified providers prior to the next Advisory Committee Meeting (10/18/2021).

¹ Funding from the Legislature (SFY 2022) in the amount of \$500,000 was provided to the AATA Fund.

Recommendations

- None at this time.

Donations

- A donation from the Autism Council of Utah for \$10,000 was received in January 2021.