

## The NH Registry for Autism Spectrum Disorders

# Making Early Identification Count

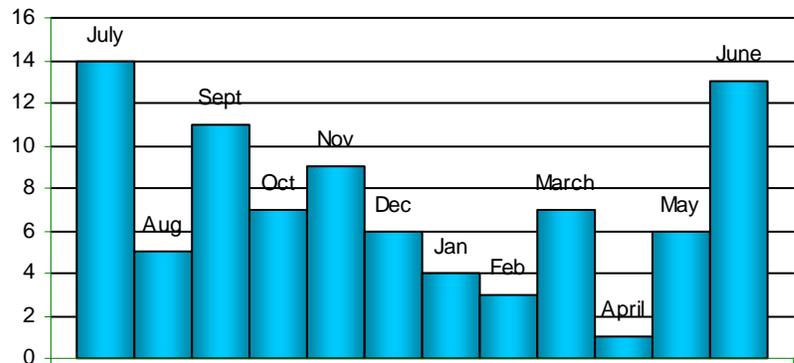
In 2008 the NH Registry for ASD was created, requiring physicians, licensed clinical psychologists, and other healthcare professionals that diagnoses a NH resident with ASD to report the diagnosis. Using an online reporting form, the NH Registry was carefully designed to track only the information necessary to answer these three questions.

### REPORTING PERIOD - JULY 1, 2009 - JUNE 30, 2010

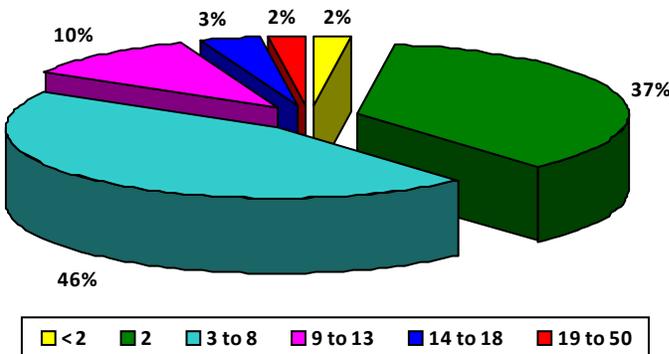
Data provided by the Bureau of Developmental Services

## 1 How Many Individuals are Identified on the Registry Each Year?

86 Registrants	Date of Diagnosis	# Diagnosed
2009	July	14
	August	5
	Sept	11
	Oct	7
	Nov	9
	Dec	6
2010	Jan	4
	Feb	3
	March	7
	April	1
	May	6
	June	13
Total		86



## 2 At What Age is the Diagnosis Typically Made?

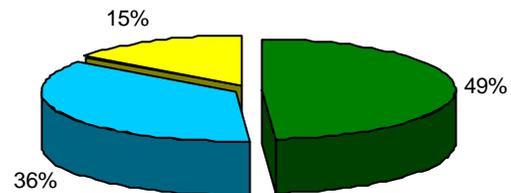


Age at diagnosis		Percentage
< 2	2	2%
2	31	37%
3 to 8	39	46%
9 to 13	9	10%
14 to 18	3	3%
19 to 50	2	2%

### 3 Do Patterns Emerge?

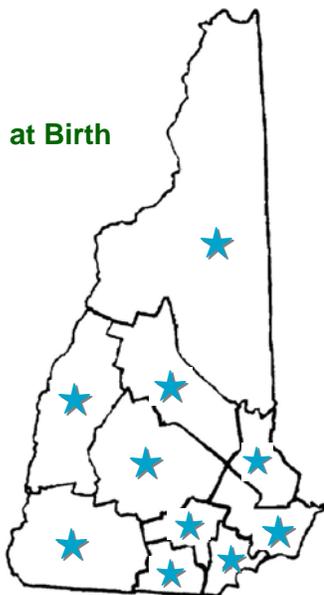
Considering factors such as geographic region or the type of healthcare professional making the diagnosis, do any patterns emerge that tell us more about how NH families access early developmental screening and evaluation?

Diagnosis		
Autistic Disorder	42	49%
PDD-NOS	31	36%
Asperger Disorder	13	15%
Total	86	100%



■ Autistic Disorder ■ PDD-NOS ■ Aspergers

#### Region at Birth



Region at Birth		Total	%
1	Northern NH	7	8%
2	Claremont	1	1%
3	Laconia	4	5%
4	Concord	9	10%
5	Keene	5	6%
6	Nashua	12	14%
7	Manchester	16	19%
8	Portsmouth	8	9%
9	Dover	9	10%
10	Salem	1	1%
	Out of state	11	13%
	Unknown	3	3%
Total		86	100%

### ★ Why is the NH Registry for ASD Important?

New Hampshire was the second state in the nation to establish a legislatively mandated, statewide registry for all new diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder. A unique public health initiative, the NH Registry will not only tell us how many children are diagnosed with ASD each year, but how early in life this neurological condition is typically identified in our state. Early screening and intervention are crucial to ameliorating the symptoms of ASD. In 2011 enough data will have been collected to begin learning more about diagnostic patterns in NH. The Registry will help guide public health policy toward better outcomes for individuals affected by ASD and their families.

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