

The NH Registry for Autism Spectrum Disorders

Making Early Identification Count

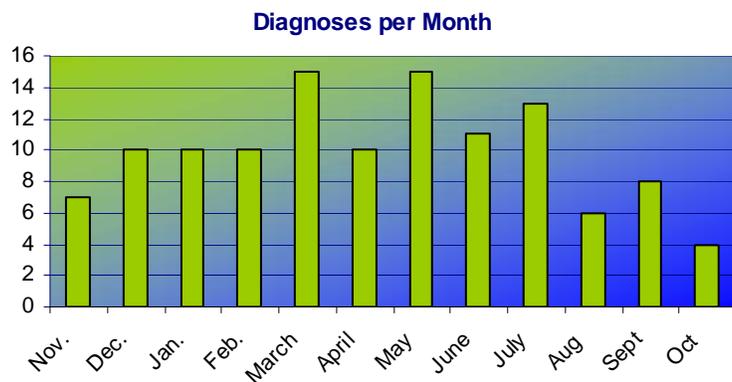
Beginning November 1, 2008 a physician, licensed clinical psychologist, or other healthcare professional that diagnoses a NH resident with ASD must report that diagnosis to the NH Registry for ASD using an online reporting form. The NH Registry was carefully designed to track only the information necessary to answer these three questions.

NOVEMBER 1, 2008 - OCTOBER 31, 2009

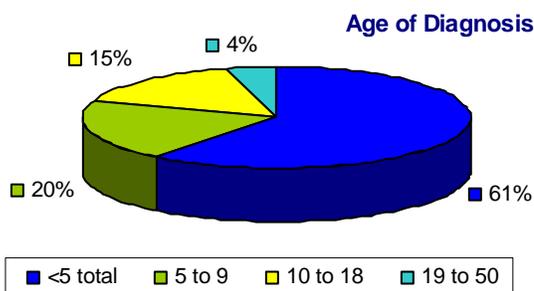
Data provided by the Bureau of Developmental Services

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

| 71 Registrants | Date of Diagnosis | # Diagnosed |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 2008 | Nov. | 7 |
| | Dec. | 10 |
| 2009 | Jan. | 10 |
| | Feb. | 10 |
| | March | 15 |
| | April | 10 |
| | May | 15 |
| | June | 11 |
| | July | 13 |
| | Aug | 6 |
| | Sept | 8 |
| | Oct | 4 |
| Total | | 119 |



2 At What Age is the Diagnosis Typically Made?

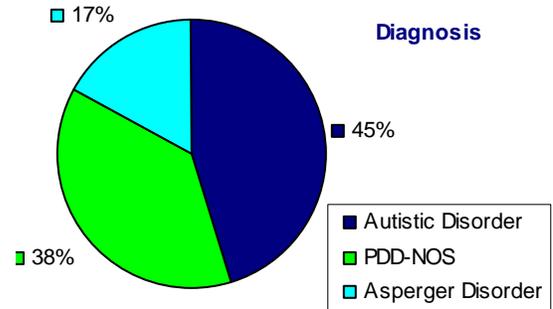


| Age at diagnosis | | Percentage |
|------------------|-----|------------|
| <2 | 3 | |
| 2 | 33 | |
| 3 | 22 | |
| 4 | 14 | |
| <5 total | 72 | 61% |
| 5 to 9 | 24 | 20% |
| 10 to 18 | 18 | 15% |
| 19 to 50 | 5 | 4% |
| Total | 119 | |

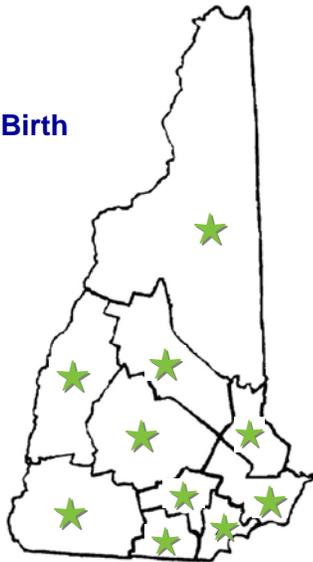
3 Do Patterns Emerge?

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 | 54 | 45% |
| PDD-NOS | 45 | 38% |
| Asperger Disorder | 20 | 17% |
| Total | 119 | |



Region at Birth



| Region at Birth | | Total | % |
|-----------------|--------------|-------|------|
| 1 | Northern NH | 4 | 3% |
| 2 | Claremont | 3 | 3% |
| 3 | Laconia | 6 | 5% |
| 4 | Concord | 14 | 12% |
| 5 | Keene | 11 | 9% |
| 6 | Nashua | 18 | 15% |
| 7 | Manchester | 13 | 11% |
| 8 | Portsmouth | 18 | 15% |
| 9 | Dover | 13 | 11% |
| 10 | Salem | 6 | 5% |
| | Out of state | 10 | 8% |
| | Unknown | 3 | 3% |
| Grand Total | | 119 | 100% |

★ Why is the NH Registry for ASD Important?

New Hampshire is 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. As we learn 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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