



Family
Outreach

Helena — 1212 Helena Avenue, 443-7370
Butte — 641 Sampson, 494-1242
Bozeman — 1315 E. Main Street, 587-2477

Missoula — T-214 Fort Missoula, 549-6413
Kalispell — 1725 MT Highway 35, 755-2425



Referral To The Children's Autism Waiver (CAW) For Children With A Diagnosis Of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

- Children referred to the Children's Autism Waiver (CAW) **have** to be under the age of 5.
- To make a referral, call CDC @ 1-800-914-4779 or 406-549-6413 (Missoula) and say, "I'd like to make a referral to the Children's Autism Waiver". (Please remember parents need to be informed, and in agreement with the referral).
- The Missoula office Administrative Assistant will take the initial referral information and will request a copy of the diagnostic evaluation report, the Vineland-II for all referrals, and the Temperament and Atypical Behavior Scale (TABS) for children under age three.
- Referrals can also be sent directly to CDC (Attention: Clinic Director) to include basic demographic information, a copy of the evaluation report, a completed Vineland-II, and a TABS if the child is under age three.
- **All** referrals to the Children's Autism Waiver have to have a diagnostic evaluation utilizing an acceptable tool (e.g., CARS, ADOS, ADI, and/or DSM-IV criteria) and a completed Vineland-II Survey Interview Form report for children over age 3, and both the Vineland-II and the TABS for children under age 3).
- All referrals will be given to CDC's Clinic Director.
- If an adaptive behavior assessment is needed to complete the referral packet, the Clinic Director will request the FSS or Intake Coordinator to complete this with the family. If the FSS/Intake Coordinator is unable to do this, the Clinic Director will complete it.
- **All** referrals will be tracked and maintained by CDC's Clinic Director and eligibility determined by the Eligibility Determination Team at CDC's Missoula office.
- If eligible, an application for the Children's Autism Waiver will be disseminated by CDC's Clinic Director to the family for completion. All returned and completed applications will be sent to DDP so the child can be put on the CAW waiting list.
- If not eligible, CDC's Clinic Director will fax the child's referral and eligibility forms to DDP and DDP will notify the family in writing.

Helping children with developmental delays reach their potential