

Rhode Island's State of the State Presentation

Learn the Signs, Act Early Regional Summit

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Providence, RI

Welcome to Rhode Island !!

- Geographically smallest state (37 x 48 miles)
 - 1048 sq mi (1545 include Narragansett Bay)
 - 384 miles of coastline
- 43rd most populace state – 1,048,319 (2000)
 - Most densely populated state
 - 247,822 under 18 (24%)
- Longest state name -“State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations”

Rhode Island Facts

- State Nicknames
 - Ocean State
 - Little Rhody
- State bird – Rhode Island Red (Hen)
- State shell – Quahog
- State motto - Hope

Rhode Island Facts

- 39 cities and towns
- 6 core cities - >15% children in poverty
- 18.3% children in poverty - #5 NE
- 32% children - single parent families - #6 NE
- 5% newborns – single, teen and <HS moms
- 96% children US born, 24% immigrant parent
- 73% W, 14% H, 5% B, 3% A, 5% O children
- 7% children uninsured in 2007 (up from 4.3% in 2001)

Current Early Childhood State Systems

- Successful Start: Early Childhood Systems Plan
- Level 1 Risk Assessment
- KIDSNET
- Healthy Tomorrows Grant
 - Watch Me Grow RI – 16 practices/35 centers
- Pediatric Practice Enhancement Project (35 sites)
- Project LAUNCH Grant
- Nurse Families Partnership Grant

Current State Systems – Early Intervention

- 10 certified EI provider agencies (IACC)
 - One specialty provider for ASD
- 2.2% children <1 yo (#4 US, #2 NE)
- 4.8% children <3 yo (#4 US, #2 NE)
- 19% Single Established Condition
- 73% Significant Developmental Delay
- 8% Multiple Established Conditions

RI Medical Centers

Serving Children with ASDs

- Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities – Bradley Hospital
- Children's Neurodevelopmental Center – Hasbro Children's Hospital
- The Neurodevelopmental Center of Memorial Hospital of RI
- The Behavior and Development Clinic at the Brown Center for the Study of Children at Risk – Women and Infants' Hospital

RI's Diagnosis and Assessment Efforts

- RI Department of Health Office of Special Health Care Needs Convening of Diagnosticians
 - Product: Identification and Evaluation of ASD Guidelines
- RI Department of Health Office of Special Health Care Needs Convening of Educators, Evaluators, and Therapeutic Providers
 - Product: Assessment of Function and Intervention Planning

Current State Systems – Direct Services & Supports

- Early Intervention
- CEDARR -Comprehensive Evaluation, Diagnosis, Assessment, Referral and Re-evaluation – care coordination, information and authorization home based options
- Home Based Therapeutic Services – HBTS - intensive home therapies including ABA
- Personal Assistance Services and Supports PASS – families hire and train workers to implement personal therapy plans

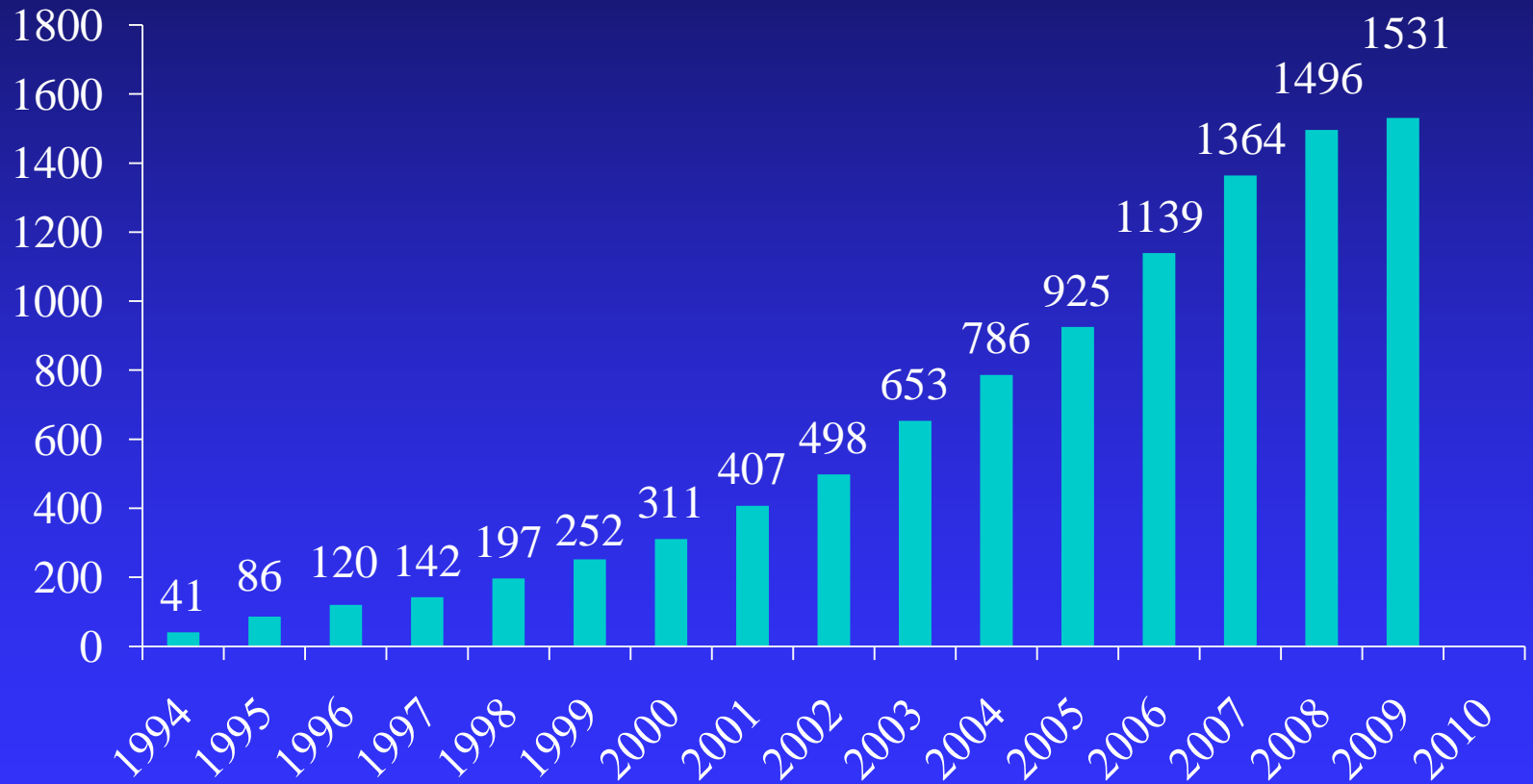
Current State Systems – Direct Services / Supports

- Kids Connect – behavioral & medical support for eligible children in child care settings
- Respite – up to 100 hours/year for 400 families in 2008 meeting level of care criteria
- Katie Beckett – allows children with long term disability and level of care criteria to be eligible for Medicaid and these funded services
- Pediatric Practice Enhancement Project – enhanced medical homes for children with special needs including ASDs

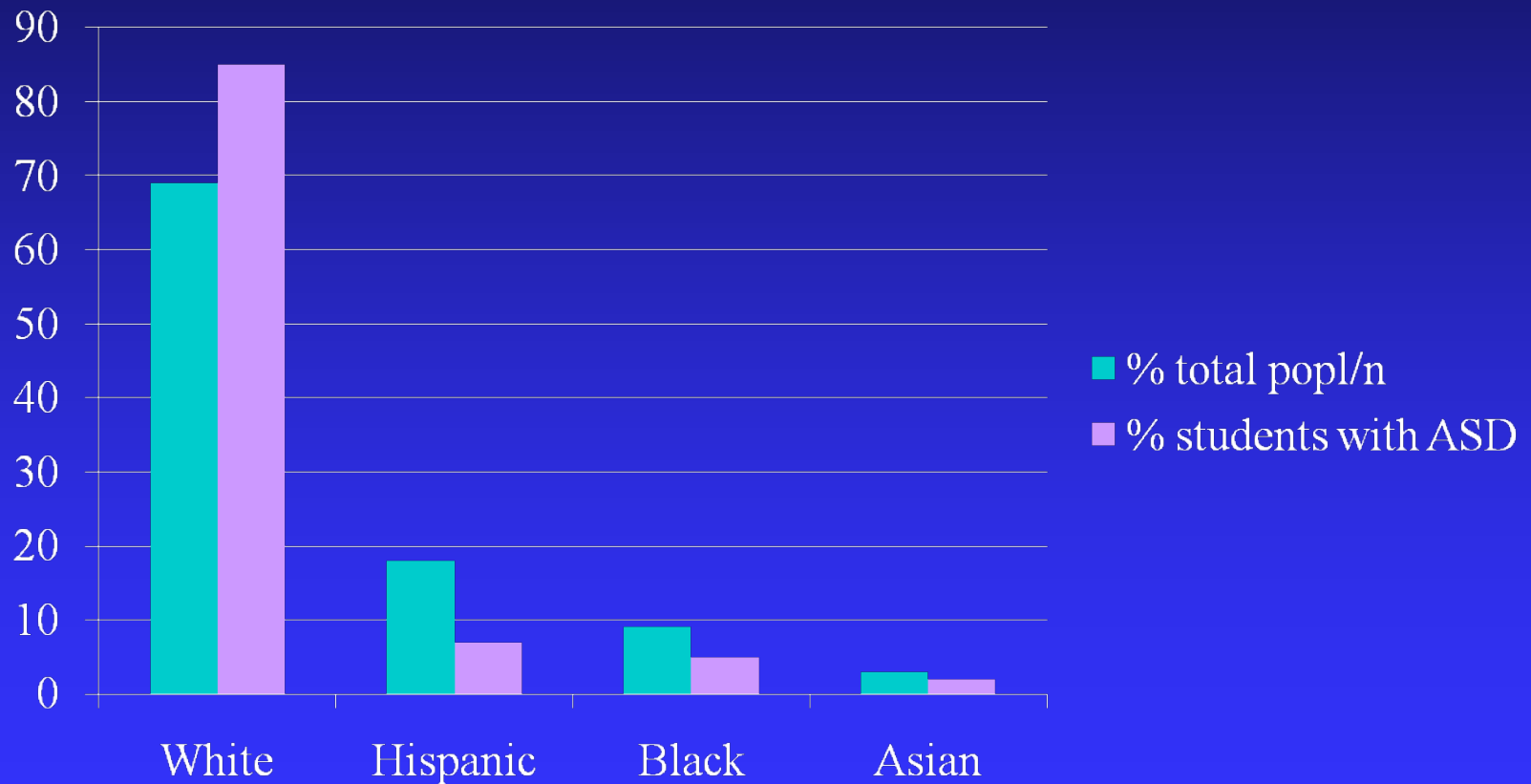
Current State Systems – Family Support and Education

- Paul Sherlock Center for Disabilities at RI College – (UCED/ Family to Family Network)
- RI Parent Information Network (Family Voices, PPEP)
- The Autism Project of RI
- The Autism Society of RI
- Families for Effective Autism Treatment of RI (FEAT/RI)

Current State Systems – Education – 3 to 21 yo with ASD



RI Children with ASD in Schools Race/Ethnicity 2007-2008



Professional Education

- HRSA/MCHB Brown Leadership Training in Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics
 - Fellowship, Residency, COR, GR
- Paul Sherlock Center on Disabilities at RI College – UCEDD
 - RIC Autism Certificate Program
 - Statewide Training, Professional Development, Technical Assistance

Legislative Efforts

- The Special House Commission to Study the Education of RI Children with Autism – 23 members, broad sector
- Two bills on covering autism treatment currently in committees – one in senate and one in the house

Challenges and Gaps

- Current recession and state budget gap may jeopardize existing programs
- Funding for services for children not meeting level of care or financial eligibility for Medicaid
- Developmental screening is on the rise, however is far from universal
- Gaps in qualified personnel and funding lead to waitlists for diagnosis and treatments
- Transitional services are lacking for CYSHCN

Looking Toward the Future

- Increasing competencies of medical providers through DBP Grant activities – Grand Rounds, COR, fellowship/residents, research, publications
- Implementing the State Implementation Grant activities, specifically increasing access to information and support to parents of children and youth with an ASD

Looking Toward the Future

- Identifying level of need for services in schools and increasing competencies of educators
- Developing resources and a support system for youth with an ASD transitioning to adulthood
- Continued statewide collaboration
- Exploring funding opportunities