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**Multidisciplinary Behavior Support Program for At-Risk Families of
Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders**

The multidisciplinary behavioral support program will target families of children diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder (ages 3 to 12 years) who also display challenging behaviors and reside in the Capital District. Priority will be given to families considering placing a child outside of the home and/or families having difficulty accessing resources/services. The comprehensive evaluation and intervention program is designed to assist families in promptly responding to challenging behaviors, thereby reducing likelihood that a child will be placed outside the home due to behavioral episodes. The program will involve multidisciplinary collaboration among medical, psychological, and social work professionals to address behavior difficulties using a tripartite approach, including: assessment/evaluation; training/intervention for families; and follow-up support. Expected results of the program include decreasing disruptive child behavior and increasing prosocial child behavior; decreasing parenting stress; improving family quality of life; and increasing capacity of families to support their child at home.

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