If we had an ideal resource and referral system for children and youth with ASD within our region, what do you expect the outcomes to be for children and youth with ASD and their families?

Outcomes for Families

- Parents & families will feel more supported as they go through the referral process
- Anxiety levels regarding knowing what to do & who to call will be reduced
- Parents will be better able to move to acceptance of the diagnosis & seek proper care for their children
- Will have ready access to services as the needs of their child changes
- Access will be given at every entry point
- Access will be simple and answer the "W" questions – Who does it? What do they do? Where do they do it? When do they do it? Also eligibility & funding
- Less anxiety b/c they would always have their next steps mapped out for them & know exactly who to call if they didn’t
- Child & family will experience Coordinated & Collaborative care between all working with the child & family – Physician, In-home or private providers, school educators, work settings & community

Outcomes for Educators

- Will have support in the referral process
- Will be able to collaborate more easily with other outside service providers
- Will be more effective in their services to students in a more collaborative model
- Be aware of services & be able to collaborate with and refer to them as appropriate
- Would have access to tools/training everyday & their days would be less stressful b/c they have better support & training
- Educators would seek training
- Work with private service providers
- Partner with parents as they are the child’s #1 teacher
Outcomes for Providers

- Service Providers will receive guidance & support
- Will better service children at faster rates / less wait time for service
- Will be more prepared to provide the necessary services based on the number of children entering the system
- Service Providers will work together to benefit child
- Link families with other appropriate resources
- Work with school / community partners
- Support from community and other organizations
- Will be aware of services to provide referral & also be able to receive referrals from other service providers
- Could be more confident in directing families & be more willing to help b/c they are knowledgeable

Outcomes for Wisconsin

- Will see higher rates of children becoming more independent
- Will receive less complaints & frustration from parents & agencies about the process
- Coordination among all services
- Smooth transitions
- Provide a variety of support for families – all children/families are unique
- Eliminate the wait-list
- Have all resources at our fingertips – physicians, educators, in-home providers, county personnel, law enforcement, B-3, childcare providers
- Would be recognized nationally for their progress & would become a model system for all the states & we’d get huge federal grants
- Wisconsin will recognize gaps, identify existing services & advocate for funding & growth

Vision:

The Northeast Region envisions a unified & caring community dedicated to identifying those affected by Autism & similar disorders in a timely manner to provide a broad & user friendly array of available resources and services from multiple disciplines.