



TAP: An Overview of Illinois Autism Services

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Autism Program of Illinois works with network providers to educate, serve and support caregivers and individuals with ASD throughout the state to ensure access of early intervention, diagnosis and treatment.





SERVICE LOCATIONS | NETWORK PARTNERS

THE ANSWER - Forest Park

THE AUTISM CLINIC AT HOPE - Edwardsville, O'Fallon,
Springfield

CTF ILLINOIS - Charleston

EASTER SEALS CENTRAL ILLINOIS - Bloomington, Peoria

EASTER SEALS ROCKFORD - Rockford

GRUPO SALTO - Chicago

HAVE DREAMS - Park Ridge, Evanston

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY - Normal

KREIDER SERVICES - Dixon

LITTLE FRIENDS - Naperville

RCADD - Chicago

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY - Carbondale

TRINITY SERVICES - New Lenox

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS - Chicago

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS - Champaign/Urbana





SERVICES | CENTRAL OFFICE & PARTNERS



Screening/Diagnostics



Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Therapy



Social Skills Groups



Support Groups



Family and Community Resource Rooms



Family Services



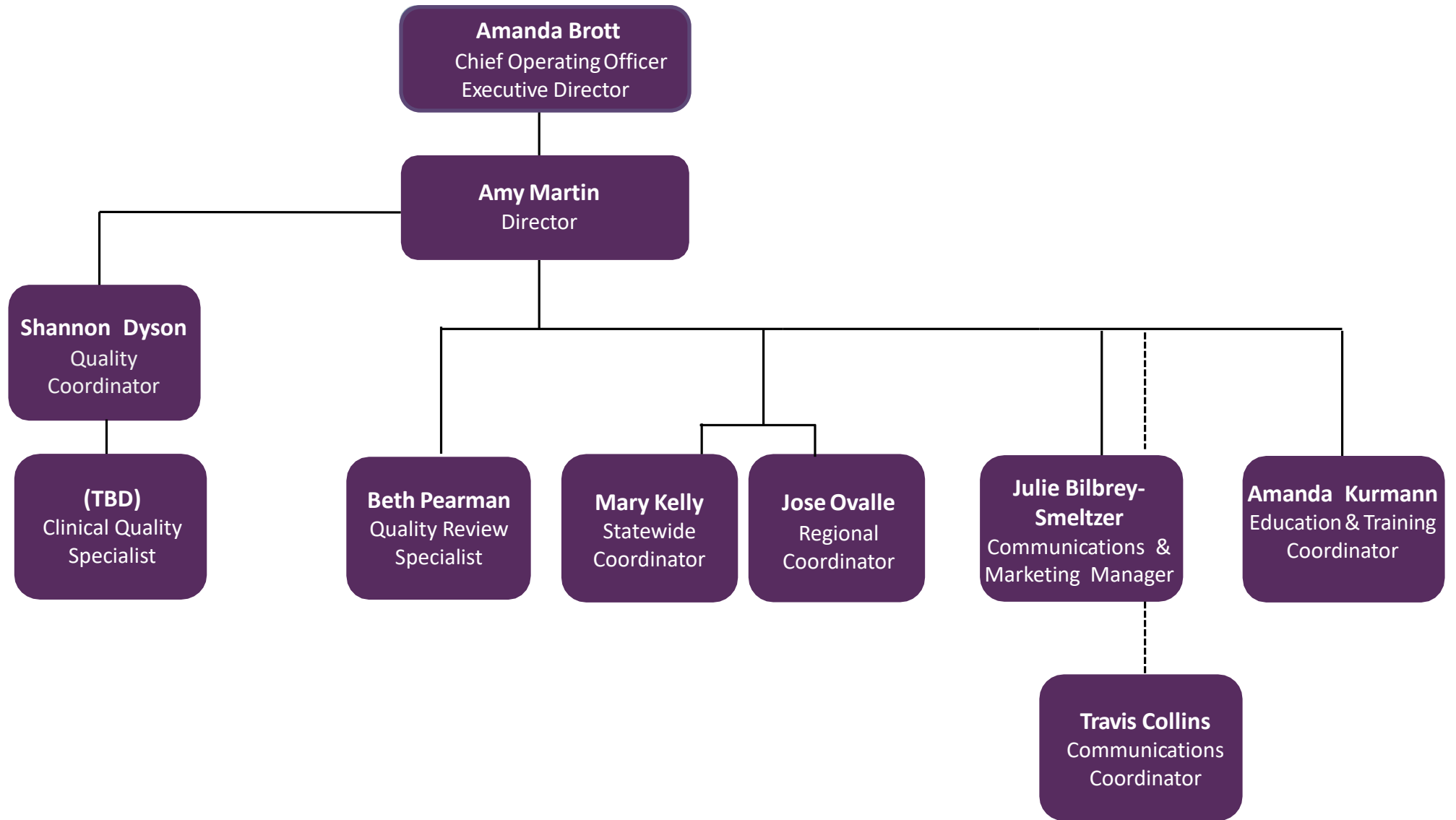
Education/Training/Awareness





TAP Central Office Role

- Execute the state grant from DHS
- Support the needs of the TAP statewide partners
 - Provide training content for partners
 - Provide marketing and communications support statewide
 - Ensure grant deliverables are met across the state by confirming evidence-based best practices are being utilized
- Conduct statewide trainings (ADOS)
- Provide research opportunities for partners





The Answer, Inc. – Forest Park

- Provides community awareness and education
- Just for Men support group
- Powerful Parents of Autism monthly support group
- Music-n-Me nutrition and dance program
- Spectrum University tutoring services
- Social Spectrum-social skills opportunities for individuals with ASD
- Counseling Services for parents and caregivers
- IEP support for families

For more information: 708.296.5651

<http://theanswerinc.org/>



The Autism Clinic at Hope – Edwardsville, O'Fallon, Springfield

- Autism Screening & Diagnostic Evaluations
- Speech/ Language Therapy
- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Therapy
- Community Training for teachers, paraprofessionals, providers
- Social Skills Groups
- Family and Community Resource Room
- Consultation and IEP support to families receiving services

For more information: 217.525.8332

<https://www.theautismclinic.org/>



CTF Illinois – Charleston

- Community Training for parents, educators, caregivers, first responders, providers, community members
- Quarterly Parent Support Groups
- Social Skills Groups for children with autism
- Family and Community Resource Room
- Consultation and referral for services
- IEP assistance upon request

For more information: 217.348.3869, x207

<https://www.ctfillinois.org/>



Easterseals Central Illinois – Bloomington, Peoria

- Autism Early Diagnostic Clinic: early identification, screening & comprehensive medical diagnostic evaluation (ages 0-10)
- Autism Family Navigation – connects families with appropriate services
- Family and Community Resource Room available via Family Navigation
- Parent Training – monthly Autism New Diagnosis Family Orientation
- Community Trainings available upon request

For more information: 309.686.1177

<https://www.easterseals.com/ci/>



Easterseals - Rockford

- Autism Screening and Diagnostic Evaluation
- Behavioral Consultation & Individual Therapy
- Community Training for parents, educators, caregivers, first responders, providers, community members
- Social Skills Groups for children with autism
- Family and Community Resource Room
- Bullying awareness initiatives and events

For more information: 815.395.5566

<https://www.easterseals.com/chicago/>



Grupo Salto - Chicago

- Community Outreach to Latino Families in Chicago metro area
- Family and Sibling Support
- Community Training by Tu y Yo young adult group
- IEP Assistance for Spanish speaking families
- Support group for students transitioning out of middle school and high school
- Weekly after school program

For more information: 773.313.6524

<https://gruposalto.org/>



Have Dreams – Park Ridge, Evanston

- Career Launch: your first job - in partnership with Walgreens
- Job Coach Training and consultation for employers and service providers
- Professional Educator & Parent Training based on the TEACCH® methodology of Structured Teaching
- Community Trainings on special topics as requested

For more information: 847.905.0702

<https://havedreams.org/>



Illinois State University – Normal

- Autism Screening and Diagnostic Evaluation
- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Therapy
- Community training for teachers, paraprofessionals, providers and parents/ caregivers
- Social Skills Groups for school-aged children with autism
- Family and Community Resource Room
- Provide Student Training for pre-service professionals
- Conduct ASD Research

For more information: 309.386.1682

Illinois State University –Research

- Study aims to further understand the suicidal thoughts for children with an ASD diagnosis. Much less is known about risk factors in children with ASD, although it is widely assumed that depression and anxiety are involved. Casual observation suggests that core ASD symptoms may generate distress that could be important in this regard. This project, therefore, represents a first attempt at identifying whether these core symptoms have a unique association with suicide risk.





Kreider Services dba Florissa – Dixon

- Autism Screening and Diagnostic Evaluation
- Individual Therapy: Counseling, Speech, Occupational Therapy
- Community Training for parents, educators, caregivers, first responders, providers, community members
- Family/ Sibling Support
- Social Skills Groups for children with autism
- Family and Community Resource Room

For more information: 815.288.1905

<http://www.kreiderservices.org/>



Little Friends – Naperville

- Autism Diagnostic Evaluations
- Consultations

For more information: 630.305.4196

<https://www.littlefriendsinc.org/>



RCADD (Resource Center for Autism and Developmental Delays) – Chicago

- Bi-Lingual Community Trainings for parents, educators, caregivers, providers, community members
- Consultations for parents, educators and professionals
- Family and Community Resource Room (2 locations in Chicago)

For more information: English 312.747.8571/ Spanish 312.746.5447

<https://cfl.uic.edu/fastservices/rcadd/>



Southern Illinois University – Carbondale

- Autism Screening and Diagnostic Evaluation
- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Therapy
- Community Training for teachers, paraprofessionals, providers
- Social Skills Groups
- Consultations
- Student Training for pre-service professionals
- Conduct Autism Research

For more information: 618.453.7130

<https://casd.siu.edu/>

Southern Illinois University – Research

- The research project is looking to assess if relational training conducted with children with autism would alter or improve eye tracking and gaze. First, the team will assess changes in eye gaze and tracking towards an individual or face on a screen following relational training in a typical therapy setting as compared to a control group in a randomized controlled trial. Second, the team will assess changes in eye gaze and tracking while a child with autism was performing a relational training task compared to a control task such as answering pictures about stimuli on the screen.



Trinity Services – New Lenox

- Autism Screening and Diagnostic Evaluation
- Individual Therapy for children with autism
- Community Training for parents, educators, caregivers, first responders, providers, community members
- Family and Community Resource Room
- Technology Enhancing Capabilities (TEC) Lab (assistive technology program)
- Provide Student Training for pre-service professionals

For more information: 815.462.4273

<https://www.trinityservices.org/>



University of Illinois – Chicago

- Autism Screening and Diagnostic Evaluation
- Community Training for teachers, paraprofessionals, providers
- Group Therapy
- Individual Therapy
- Family and Community Resource Room
- Provide Student Training for pre-service professionals
- Assistive Technology program
- Community Engagement
- Research and Evaluation

For more information: 312.413.1647

<http://www.tinyurl.com/TAPUIC>

University of Illinois Chicago – Research

- The project will develop a new telehealth ASD therapy platform with an initial focus on social skill intervention for children with ASD to determine what is the efficacy of an advanced information technology resource tailored for ASD telehealth social skills therapy and the outcomes of this delivery method. The study aims to integrate an evidenced-based psychology curriculum into specific software development milestones that can be tested within the Family Clinic's TAP autism program. Specifically, the team will create a perspective-taking curriculum rooted within established research and integrate it into an existing (and proprietary) 3D interactive story engine.



University of Illinois – Urbana/ Champaign

- Autism Screening and Diagnostic Evaluation
- Community Training for teachers, paraprofessionals, providers
- Social Skills Groups
- Family and Community Resource Room
- Provide consultation and referrals
- Student Training for pre-service professionals
- Conduct Autism Research

For more information: 217.244.1395

<https://theautismprogram.illinois.edu/>

U of I Urbana/ Champaign – Research

- Conducted pilot study with Spanish-speaking caregivers to support the communication skills of their young children with autism and other developmental disabilities. The program included in-person group training and individual coaching, via telehealth, on naturalistic communication strategies. Results indicated increase in caregivers' use of the target strategies and caregivers' satisfaction with the program.



What's New?

- New website coming soon!
- Signify Health portal
- TAP Newsletter
- Emergency Response Kits





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Questions?

