

## Who We Are

Southwest Autism Center of Excellence (SACE) is a collaborative effort of Southwest Behavioral & Health Services and Southwest Human Development.



SACE works in partnership with University of Arizona, School of Medicine's Graduate Interdisciplinary Program in Genetics; Midwestern University; Sunshine Pediatrics; and Mountain Park Health Center.



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## Our Mission

To provide families faced with Autism Spectrum Disorders with whole-health care. Southwest Autism Center of Excellence will be a "hub" that provides advanced coordination of care, specialized services that drive holistic outcomes, family and member advocacy, and community education.

## Our Vision

To provide services under one roof to help families and Autism Spectrum Disorder members have the best quality of life and to extend our impact in a coordinated effort with other organizations in advancing science, clinical innovation, excellence in education, community engagement, and commitment to the individuals that we are privileged to serve.



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## Evaluation Process



## Continued Services

Ongoing services will always include care coordination with the aim of creating successful outcomes in the home, school, and community.

Members and families receive a consistent continuum of care. Depending on the needs of individuals and their families, we may provide services such as ongoing therapies, DIR/Floortime, Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy, housing stability goals, employment, education, and healthcare, and other services.

During the evaluation or reassessment, adults may have a comprehensive assessment using the Aspire model, which helps participants create deeper social connections and develop independence.

Determining appropriate housing and supports are crucial for adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder, who may need support in the following activities: seeking healthcare, daily travel, public transportation, managing finances, and safely walking outdoors.

## Evaluation Process

Southwest Autism Center of Excellence provides a transdisciplinary professional evaluation beginning from birth throughout the life cycle for individuals with ASD, behavioral and psychiatric disorders. Evaluation goes beyond determining if an individual meets criteria for autism and includes consideration of how the autism is affecting the individual; highlighting strengths and areas of challenge in order to design appropriate and individualized intervention. The evaluation provides definitive diagnosis of ASD, identification of co-occurring conditions, and determination of the child's level of functioning and profile of strengths and needs.

Evaluation and care are provided by a dynamic and individualized team; team members may include:

- Child Psychiatrist
- Primary Care Provider
- Physician Assistant
- Registered Nurse
- Clinical Psychologist
- ABA Licensed Behavioral Analyst
  - Speech Therapist
  - Occupational Therapist
  - Physical Therapist
  - Feeding Therapist
    - Dietician
  - Care Coordinator
- Assistive Technology Specialists