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BEYOND INTENSIVE TREATMENT

**A MODEL FOR HIGH FUNCTIONING YOUTH
WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**



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A Father Baker Legacy

AGENDA

Intensive Treatment Program
What Is It? What Have We Learned?

Programmatic and Operational Challenges

Opportunities for Transitional Support

Open Forum – Questions and Conversation



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Intensive Treatment Program

What is it?

2015/2016 Approached by OMH
Cross-systems Team (OMH, OPWDD, NYSED)

Referral Process

Admissions Criteria (Res and Edu)

2018 First Residential Admission

Robert's Story

2019 NYSED approves Day School option



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Intensive Treatment Program What Have We Learned?

Day Placements Exploding
2019 – 6 students in day school
As of 4/2026 – 90
July 2026 – 134
December 2026 – 196

As of 4/9/2026 Wait List = 250

Residential – Rarely at Capacity (12 beds)

Discharge Options Lacking
(when home is not an option in the short or long term)



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Intensive Treatment Program Programmatic and Operational Challenges

Cross Systems Work
Competing Regulatory Factors
Referral Process
Eligibility Criteria
Length of Stay
Staff Retention/Training
Funding Structure
Discharge Planning



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Intensive Treatment Program Opportunities for Transitional Support

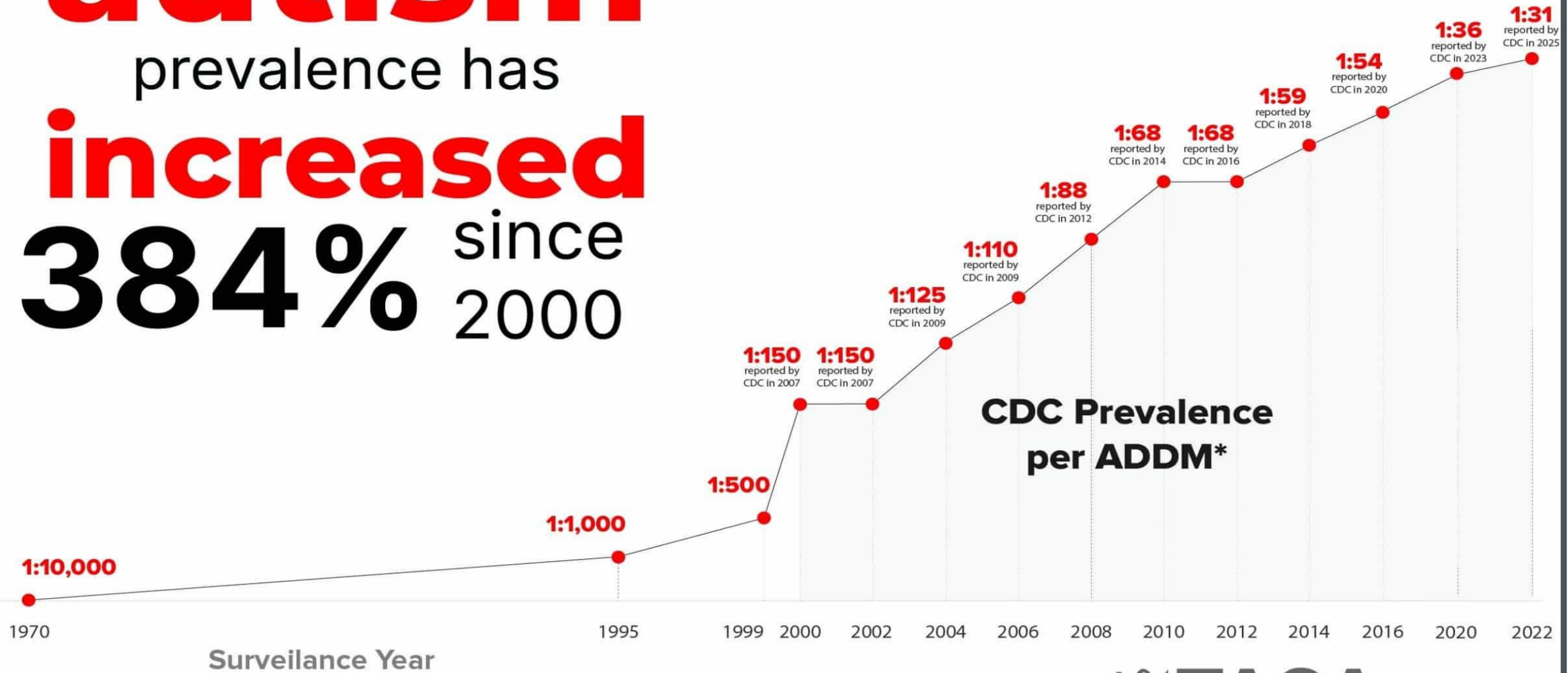


“Step Down” housing
Referral and Eligibility Criteria
Admissions/Discharge Criteria
Community Integration
Work-Based Learning
Family Training/Supports
Medical Management
Behavioral Supports
Gradual Reduction in Supports



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autism
prevalence has
increased
384% since
2000



*ADDM (Autism and Development Disabilities Monitoring Network)



Between 2015 and 2020, the number of individuals served by OPWDD with a primary diagnosis of autism increased from 20,789 to 27,434.

In a 2022 report, it was predicted that if this 7.2% annual rate of increase were to continue, OPWDD would serve approximately 38,800 people on the autism disorder spectrum by 2025.

Source: <https://opwdd.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/11/opwdd-2023-2027-strategic-plan-final-with-links.pdf>

From OPWDD Strategic Plan 2023-2027



“There have been numerous successful case outcomes associated with this specialized RTF program, including planned discharges of people back to live with their family or in other community-integrated settings that have been sustained with appropriate home-based supports and services. OPWDD and OMH are exploring how this intensive treatment program might be replicated in other regions of the state.”

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ESTIMATED LIFETIME COST OF AUTISM

From 1990–2019, there have been an estimated 2 million new cases of (ASD). Social costs of more than \$7 trillion. If the future prevalence of ASD remains unchanged over the next decade, there will be an estimated additional 1 million new cases, resulting in an additional \$4 trillion to the United States in social costs, however if the rate of increase in prevalence continues, costs could reach nearly \$15 trillion by 2029. The financial burden of ASD is significant and identifying the modifiable causes of ASD has the potential to provide tangible benefits.

THANK YOU

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