



Autistic Spectrum Disorders – The State’s Perspective on

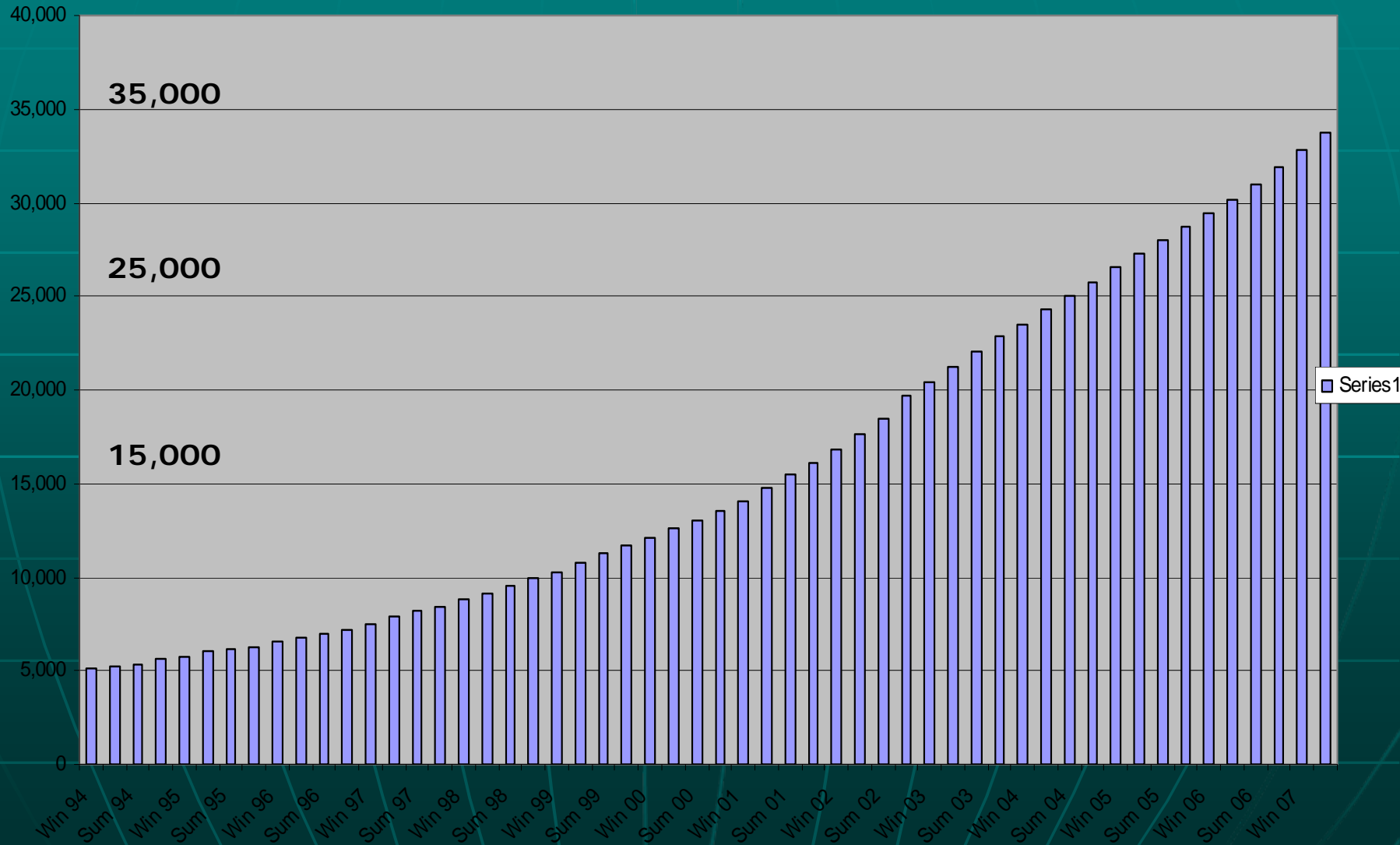
- * Immediate Needs**
- * Current Efforts**
- * Ongoing Challenges**

Immediate Needs:

California population changes in ASD

- Tremendous increase in regional center referrals for ASD
- a. Younger - 75% of new regional center intakes less than 3 years old
- b. More ASD – over 50% have or will have a diagnosis of ASD
- c. Total number in California RC system increasing by about 800-900 qtr.
(956 in qtr. ending 12/31/06, 886 in qtr. ending 3/31/07, 961 in qtr. Ending 6/30/07)

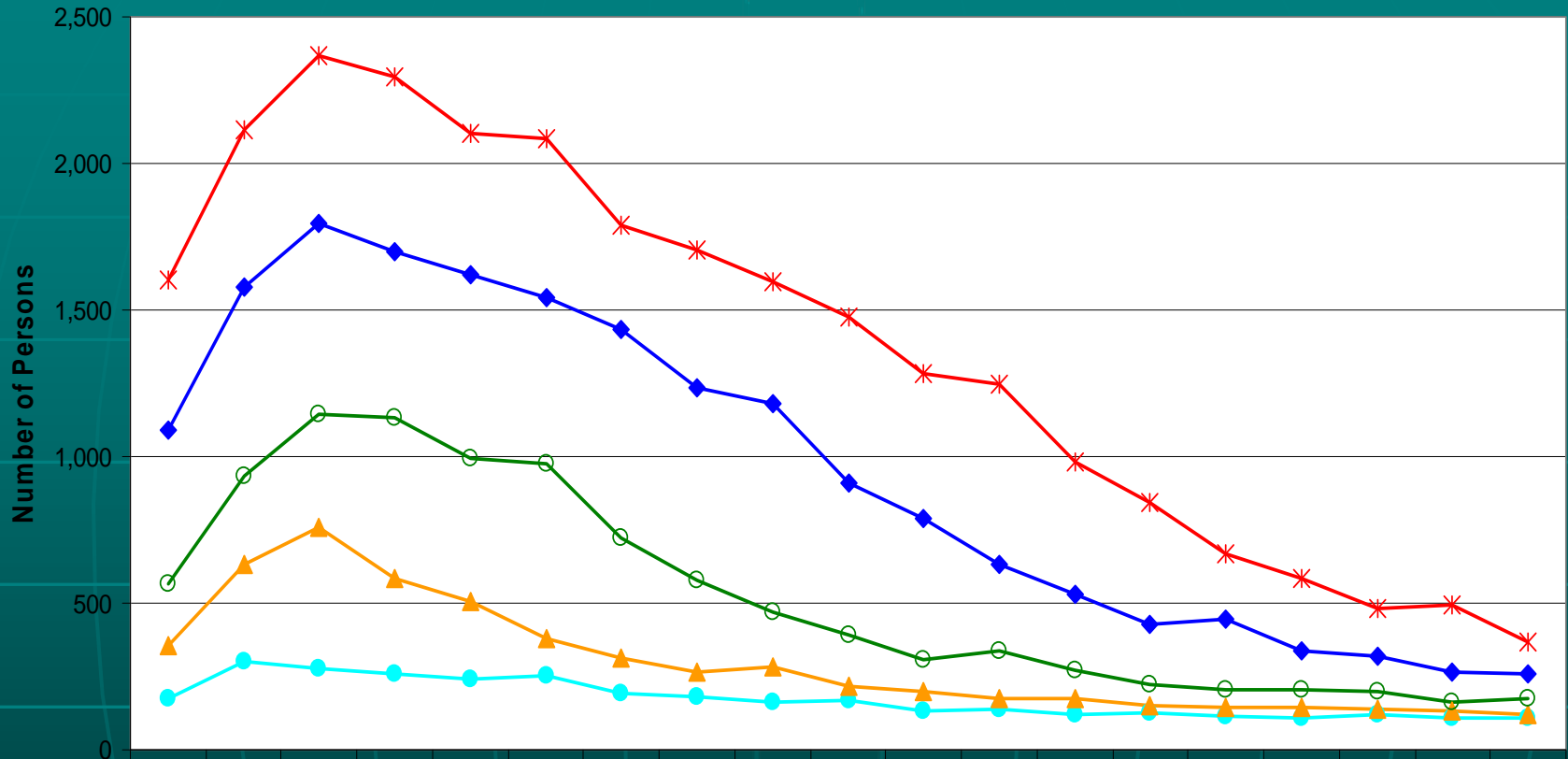
DDS ASD Caseload – CDER Data 1994 - 2007



Immediate Needs – Population Changes

The age wave (age distribution) will place tremendous demand on the Regional Center system for services for adults with ASD.

Number of Persons with Autism (Codes 1 & 2) Ages 3 Through 21 at Five Points in Time



| Age >> | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
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| Jun-94 | 174 | 301 | 275 | 261 | 242 | 255 | 195 | 178 | 161 | 168 | 133 | 137 | 118 | 124 | 112 | 107 | 119 | 108 | 110 |
| Jun-97 | 354 | 632 | 758 | 586 | 505 | 381 | 311 | 263 | 284 | 214 | 196 | 174 | 175 | 148 | 142 | 143 | 140 | 132 | 120 |
| Jun-00 | 567 | 935 | 1,142 | 1,134 | 995 | 977 | 721 | 576 | 472 | 394 | 310 | 340 | 269 | 223 | 207 | 207 | 197 | 163 | 173 |
| Jun-03 | 1,093 | 1,577 | 1,796 | 1,697 | 1,618 | 1,544 | 1,436 | 1,232 | 1,180 | 910 | 789 | 632 | 531 | 427 | 443 | 336 | 320 | 265 | 262 |
| Jun-06 | 1,601 | 2,116 | 2,366 | 2,293 | 2,105 | 2,083 | 1,788 | 1,706 | 1,594 | 1,474 | 1,285 | 1,245 | 979 | 845 | 668 | 582 | 484 | 492 | 366 |



Immediate Needs: Increasing Federal Requirements for Federal Funding

- **More data on child/family outcomes**
 - **E.g. child functioning levels at entrance and exit in the early intervention (0 – 3 yr. olds) program.**
- **Increased reporting requirements**
 - **Program processes**
 - **Fiscal data and processes**

Immediate Needs – Community Capacity

**Community clinicians report being unprepared
- need more training to diagnose and advise
the family.**

**Families report being confused and frustrated
with the many treatment options.**

Current Efforts –

The Governor's ASD Initiative

2002 – ongoing. *Autistic Spectrum Disorders Best Practice Guidelines For Screening, Diagnosis And Assessment* (www.ddhealthinfo.org/asd.asp)

2002 - ongoing. Data, ongoing technical consultation and support for numerous research projects. E.g. Childhood Autism Risk from Genetics and the Environment (CHARGE) study the Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities Research and Epidemiology (CADDRE) study.

Current Efforts – ASD Initiative

- * 2002 – ongoing. Expansion of the ASD Learning Collaborative training model to improve the evaluation and assessment of persons with ASD
www.ddhealthinfo.org/asd.collab.asp
- * The Governor's 2006/2007 Budget added one ASD Clinical Specialist and one ASD Program Coordinator at each of the 21 regional centers and, provided funding for enhanced resources and information for families and professionals.

Current Efforts - ASD Initiative

DDS partnership with UC Med Schools. CME events are including ASD evaluation and treatment. CME events offering topics on ASD are often filled to capacity.

2007 (in development) Best Practice Guidelines for Interagency Collaboration

2007 (summer) *Best Practices for Inter-organizational Collaboration: A Toolkit*

Current Efforts - ASD Initiative

2007 (summer) updating ASD prevalence report for California (age and geographic distribution, ethnicity, rates vs. other DD diagnoses, long term trends, etc.)

2008 (in development) Best Practice Guidelines for Intervention

Ongoing Challenges: Community capacity

- Regional centers continuing to struggle to provide the best possible services: residential, behavioral, vocational.

Ongoing Challenges:

- **Families expressing confusion and frustration**
 - a. Filing more appeals against RCs and Schools
 - b. Combing the Internet for magical cures.
- **Many charlatans preying on families - slick websites promise “cures” from nonscientific methods**

Ongoing Challenges: Improve Service Delivery

- **Best Practice Guidelines (Initial development, updates, and translation)**
 - a. Screening, Diagnosis and Assessment
 - b. Intervention
 - c. Collaboration
 - d. Family Support
- **Improve consistency - statewide - in diagnosis and interventions**
- **Keeping current with emerging research & updating guidelines**
www.ddhealthinfo.org

Ongoing Challenges: Outreach/ Public Awareness

- **Advisory Committees**
- **ASD Best Practices Guidelines for Intervention**
Website: www.asdguidelines.org
- **Outreach materials: “Reasons for Concern” brochure (w/ CDE)**

Ongoing Challenges

- Coordination of Efforts

- **Improve coordination both locally and at the state level in**
 - **blended funding**
 - **promotion of best practices**
 - **coordinated services**
 - **policy development (Blue Ribbon Commission, CDE, CDPH, Pavley Committee, etc.)**

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