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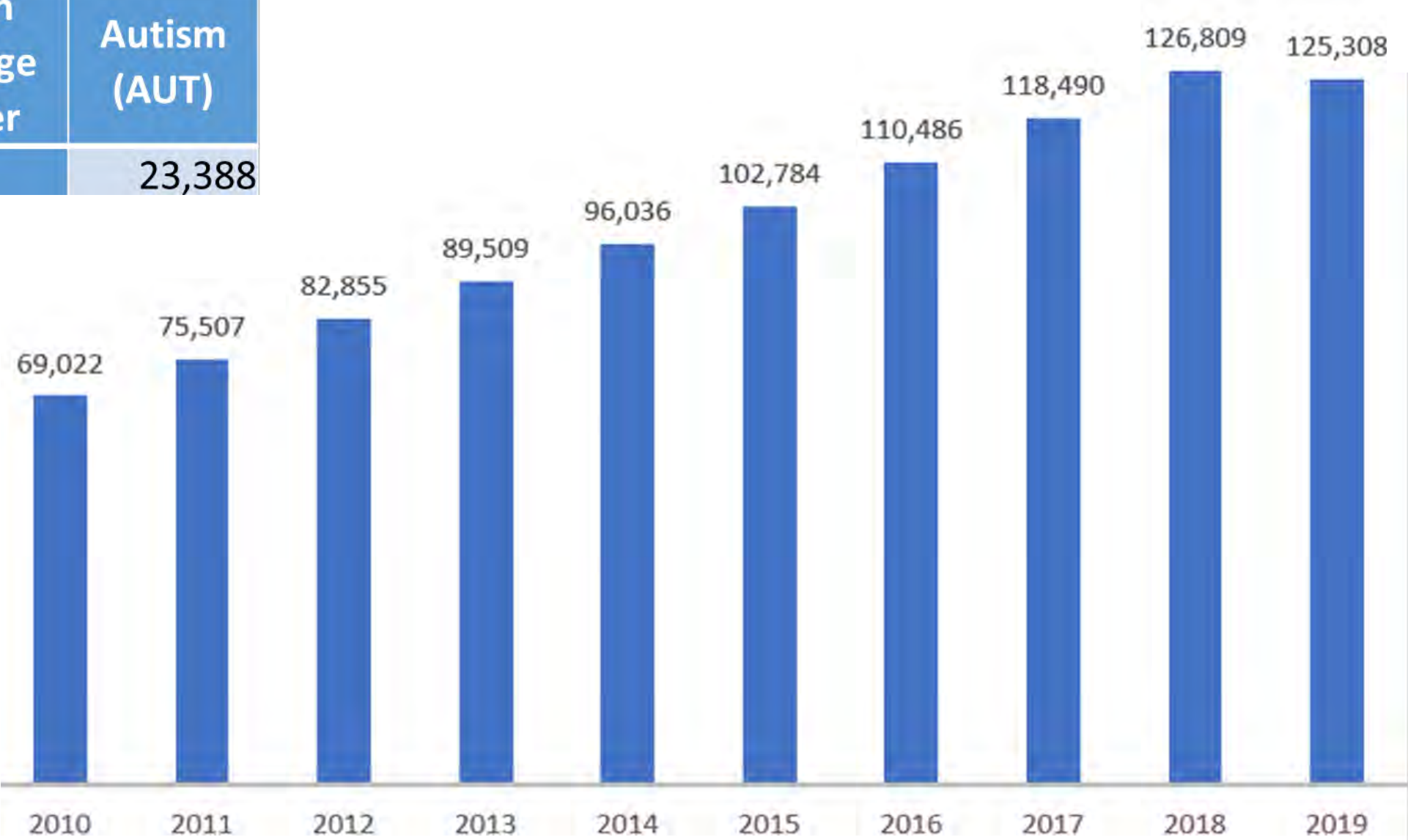
Objectives

Participants Will Learn To:

1. **Define CAPTAIN** (California Autism Professional Training And Information Network) and describe its role in California
2. **Explain the importance of the 2020 report: Evidence-Based Practices for Children, Youth, and Young Adults with Autism** by the National Clearinghouse on Autism Evidence and Practice, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute
3. **Describe the new AFIRM AAC online e-learning module** Autism Focused Intervention Resources and Modules (AFIRM)

California Students with Autism

English Language Learner	Autism (AUT)
LEP	23,388



1 IN 44
HAVE AUTISM
SPECTRUM
DISORDER
CDC
December 2021





CAPTAIN is a multiagency network developed to support the understanding and use of Evidence-Based Practices for Autistic individuals affected across the state of California.

Representatives from Regional Centers, Special Education Local Plan Areas (SELPA) and State/Federally Funded Family Support Agencies (Family Resource Ctrs; Family Empowerment Ctrs; Parent Training and Information Ctrs.)

CAPTAIN Partners Across California



Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities



Regional Centers



EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES

FOR STUDENTS WITH AUTISM AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

IMPLEMENTATION



CAPTAIN is also a SELPA Content Lead-ASD in partnership with Marin County SELPA which is part of California's Statewide System of Support



California State System of Support Lead Agencies



SELPA Content Lead Agencies

- Placer COE SELPA
- Marin COE SELPA
- Imperial COE SELPA
- South County SELPA

SELPA Systems Improvement Lead Agencies

- El Dorado COE SELPA
- Riverside COE SELPA
- West San Gabriel Valley SELPA

Equity Lead Agencies

- San Diego COE
- Santa Clara COE

Community Engagement Initiative

- California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE)
- San Bernardino CSOS
- California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE)
- Families in Schools

Early Math Initiative Lead Agency

- Fresno COE

MTSS / SUMS Lead Agencies

- Orange CDE
- Butte COE

Expert Literacy Lead Agency

- Sacramento COE

Dyslexia Initiative Lead Agency

- Sacramento COE

English Learner Roadmap EWIG

- EL RISE!
- M^cAP

Special Education EWIG

- CAST Inc.



Geographic Lead Agencies

- Far North Partnership - Shasta COE
- North Bay / North Coast Collaborative - Sonoma COE
- Capital Central Foothill Areas - Placer & Sacramento COEs
- Bay Area Consortium for Student Success - Alameda COE
- Mid-State Collaborative - Tulare COE
- Valley to Coast Collaborative - Kern CSOS
- Southern California System of Support - Riverside & San Diego COEs

Regional English Learner Specialist Liaison Agency

- Tulare COE

21st Century California School Leadership Academy (21CSLA)

- Statewide Center - UC Berkeley
- Shasta - Chico State Enterprises
- Sonoma - Sonoma COE
- Placer & Sacramento - Sacramento COE
- Alameda - UC Berkeley
- Tulare - Madera COE
- Kern - Los Angeles COE
- Riverside & San Diego - Los Angeles Education Partnership (LAEP)

BUILDING CALIFORNIA'S CAPACITY



Northern California			
CAPTAIN Region	SELPA	Regional Implementation Lead	SELPA Director
CAPTAIN 101	Humboldt - Del Norte	Jennifer Streeter	Mindy Fattig
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Capital CAPTAIN	Placer	Laura Blackburn	Troy Trickle
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CAPTAIN 007	Monterey	Patti Bangs	Kenyon Hopkins
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Central Valley CAPTAIN	Fresno USD	Marissa Saldate	Sean Virnig
CAPTAIN Kern	Kern	Robert Hefner	Julianna Gaines
Southern California			
CAPTAIN Region	SELPA	Regional Implementation Lead	SELPA Director
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Orange County CAPTAIN	Irvine	Nicola Saltzman	Melanie Hertig
Super 14	Antelope Valley	Monika Gyls	Benay Loftus
CAPTAIN LA	LA Court/Charter	Christine Jackson	Jim Anderson
CAPTAIN CLIC	East San Gabriel	Jennifer Wolfe	Scott Turner
CAPTAINS of the New Wave	Long Beach USD	Dennis Sweningson	Rachel Heenan
CAPTAIN X	Desert Mountain	Jennifer Roundtree	Jenae Holtz
San Diego CAPTAIN	East County San Diego	Robin Ancona	Heather DiFede

SELPA Director and Regional Implementation Lead for all 17 CAPTAIN REGIONS

SELPA Autism Implementation Teams for 13 CAPTAIN REGIONS

95 People directly involved in our capacity building efforts

- 17 CAPTAIN REGIONS**
- CAPTAIN 101
 - NORTH STATE CAPTAIN
 - CAPTAIN BRIDGES
 - CAPITAL CAPTAIN
 - CAPTAINS OF THE EAST BAY
 - CAPTAIN HOOK
 - CAPTAIN 007
 - CENTRAL VALLEY CAPTAIN
 - CAPTAIN 805
 - CAPTAIN KERN
 - CAPTAIN LA : C.L.I.C.; SUPER 14; NEW WAVE
 - ORANGE COUNTY CAPTAIN
 - CAPTAIN X
 - CAPTAIN SAN DIEGO



17 Regional Implementation Teams In California

17 Regional Teams “Transformation Zones”

1. Humboldt County SELPA
2. Tehama County SELPA
3. Marin County SELPA
4. Placer County SELPA
5. San Joaquin County SELPA
6. Monterey County SELPA
7. North Region SELPA (Alameda)
8. Fresno Unified SELPA
9. Kern County Consortium SELPA
10. Santa Barbara County SELPA
11. Desert Mountain SELPA
12. LA County SELPA
13. East San Gabriel Valley SELPA
14. Antelope Valley SELPA
15. Irvine Unified SELPA
16. Long Beach Unified SELPA
17. San Diego County SELPA





Knowledge of
Autism and EBPs



Implementation
with Fidelity



Interagency
Collaboration

Why is CAPTAIN so focused on Evidence-Based Practices?





autism treatment



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What are the treatments for autism?

- Behavioral management therapy.
- Cognitive behavior therapy.



Autism

Also called: autism spectrum disorder

**RESULTS: 368,000,000 FOR
AUTISM TREATMENT ON
MARCH 22, 2022!!!!**

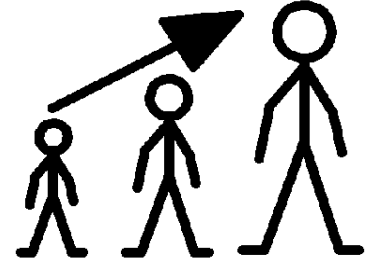
MYRIAD OF TREATMENTS FOR AUTISM

- Treatments for Autism are more diverse than any other known disability
- Treatment claims range from amelioration to recovery
- Many interventions with no scientific evidence have been recommended for individuals with Autism



Why should we know about these EBPs?

- helps us know which treatments have evidence of effectiveness and which treatments do not
- allows us to make informed decisions when we select treatments
- provides us with the opportunity to support autistic individuals in reaching their full potential



Why use evidence-based practices/interventions in special education improvement efforts?



In the U.S., federal law now requires use of evidence-based practice in general and special education (IDEA, ESSA)

Clinical practice governed by ethics and insurance

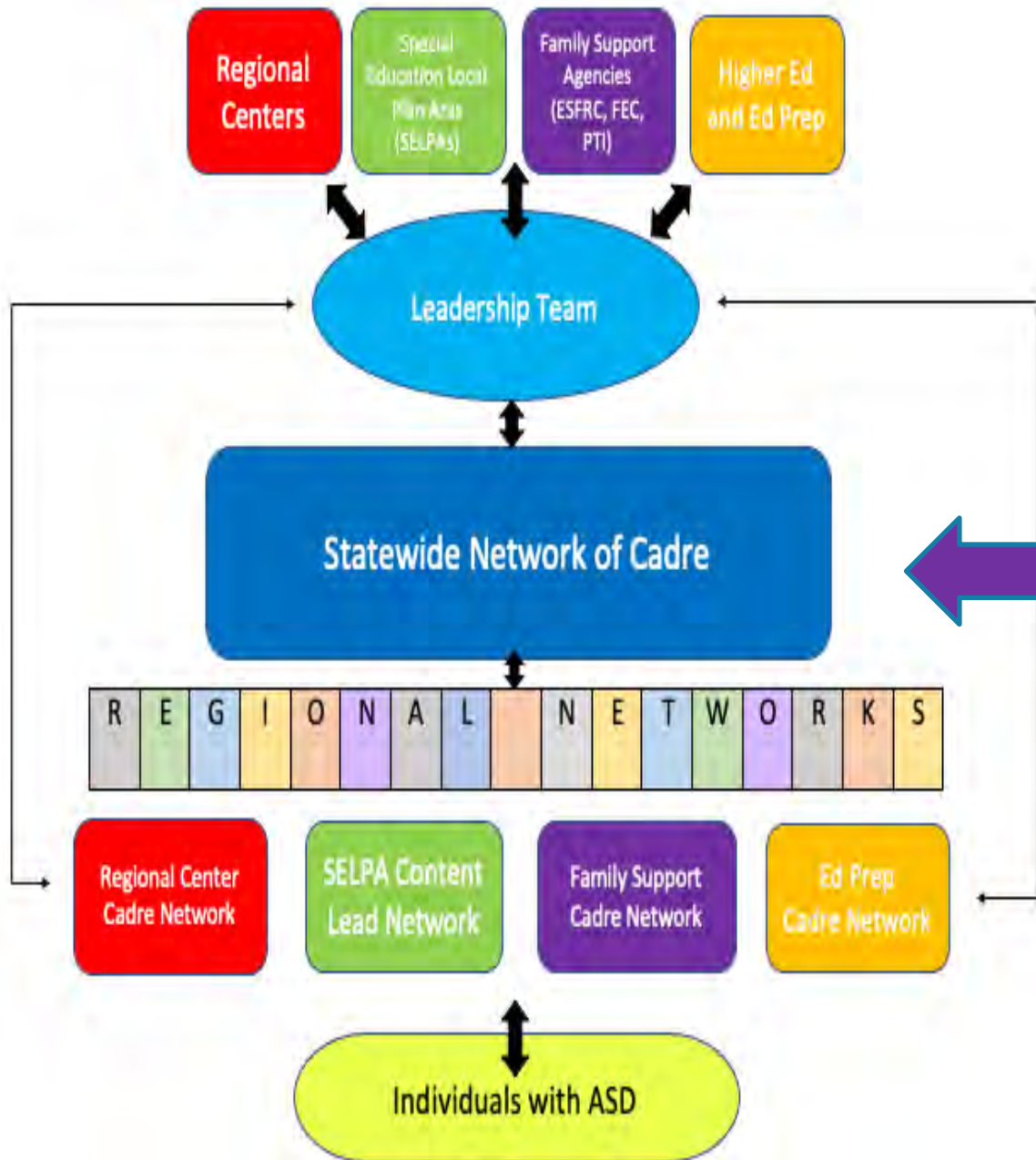
They work!!!



How are we going to get these EBPs for Autism implemented?



Structure of CAPTAIN



333 Schools CAPTAIN Cadre who conduct training and coaching within their Educational Regions called “SELPA” (Special Education Local Plan Area)

Nominated and supported by their SELPA Director

Part of Regional Teams who assist with implementation of EBPs across the Region

