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The Shenandoah Valley Regional Program is a regional special education program which complements the special education services of six local school divisions. The participating school divisions include the counties of Augusta, Page, Rockingham and Shenandoah and the cities of Harrisonburg and Staunton. The philosophy of the Program is to provide cost effective, quality programming to students with disabilities by sharing resources and personnel. Services provided by the Shenandoah Valley Regional Program are an integral part of the continuum of services provided to students with disabilities in the participating localities.

Commonwealth Autism Service is a statewide non profit organization that provides a wide range of autism specific services including technical assistance, training, conferences and workshops, information and referral, consultation on best practices and policy development.



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Collaborating to Provide Assessment Services for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders



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Research validates the importance of early identification and intervention for individuals with autism. The school divisions participating in the Shenandoah Valley Regional Program in collaboration with Commonwealth Autism Service established a regional autism assessment team.

The regional assessment process is modeled after Commonwealth Autism Service's Developmental Disorders Clinic at the Medical College of Virginia. Team members receive on-going training in the use of "gold standard" assessment tools for individuals with autism spectrum disorders, including the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS) and the Autism Diagnostic Interview-Revised (ADI-R).

Assessment Team

The multidisciplinary regional autism assessment team includes the following professionals from the six school divisions:

- School Psychologists
- Speech/Language Pathologists
- Occupational Therapists
- School Social Workers
- Board Certified Behavior Analysts®



Referral Process

Students are referred for a regional autism assessment based on locally established procedures. Once the referral is processed, a regional autism coordinator notifies the team and schedules an assessment date.



Assessment

The multidisciplinary team reviews information submitted by the school division, administers autism specific assessments, and gathers additional information through direct observation and interviews. Team members develop a comprehensive report which is forwarded to the referring school division.