CARD is Critical and Cost Saving to Florida

- Research shows that early identification and family support have long-term benefits for children with autism.
- Longstanding CARD clients are more likely to succeed as productive citizens of Florida who can join the work force, enter higher education, and live independently.
- Without CARD, the state would pay more for costs associated with direct care, housing, disability, and unemployment.
- CARD works with local businesses to expand their customer base and provide opportunities to employ individuals with autism.

CARD funding does not keep up with increase in CARD clients.

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The seven CARD sites statewide have consistently worked together to develop a balanced and equitable funding formula that all of CARD will stand by. This formula takes into account each region's population, number of constituents, and the number of counties served.
**What is CARD?**

Seven CARD centers located throughout the state at Florida Universities serve more than 28,000 families in every county, city and locality in Florida.

CARD provides direct service
CARD trains families, teachers, caregivers, and employers
CARD offers current resources and information
CARD prepares children and adults to become successfully employed, productive citizens of Florida.

**ASD is a life-long neurodevelopmental disorder without a single known cause.**

![Prevalence Estimates Chart]

**Autism impacts the ability to relate socially to others, to communicate effectively, and to behave in socially appropriate ways.**

1 in 88 children, 1 in 54 boys, has an Autism Spectrum Disorder (CDC, 2012)

You likely know and care about someone impacted by autism

CARD is funded entirely by General Revenue, in the Department of Education’s K-12, non-FEFP budget.

CARD is requesting an increase of $2.7 million in funding to meet the needs of our clients, more than 28,000 individuals...and growing each day.

**CARD Services**

- Direct Assistance
- Technical Assistance
- Training

CARD will use these new funds to:

- Increase the number of individuals served by 53%
- Increase direct client contacts by 62%
- Increase training for parents and professionals by 47%.

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