

CARD

Established by Florida Statute 1004.55

SEEKING \$15,000,000 IN TOTAL STATE FUNDING

THE MISSION OF THE CENTERS FOR AUTISM AND RELATED DISABILITIES (CARD) IS TO OPTIMIZE THE POTENTIAL OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH AUTISM AND RELATED DISABILITIES.

CARD has provided a return on investment by:



EARLY IDENTIFICATION

Promoting early identification and facilitating access to early intervention to maximize long term outcomes and reduce lifetime costs to society.



EDUCATION

Enhancing school outcomes by providing training and programmatic assistance to all public, private and charter schools.



EMPLOYMENT

Growing Florida's workforce through pre-employment training and strategic employment initiatives.

1 IN 36

CURRENT PREVALENCE OF AUTISM

72,000 +

FLORIDIANS REGISTERED WITH CARD

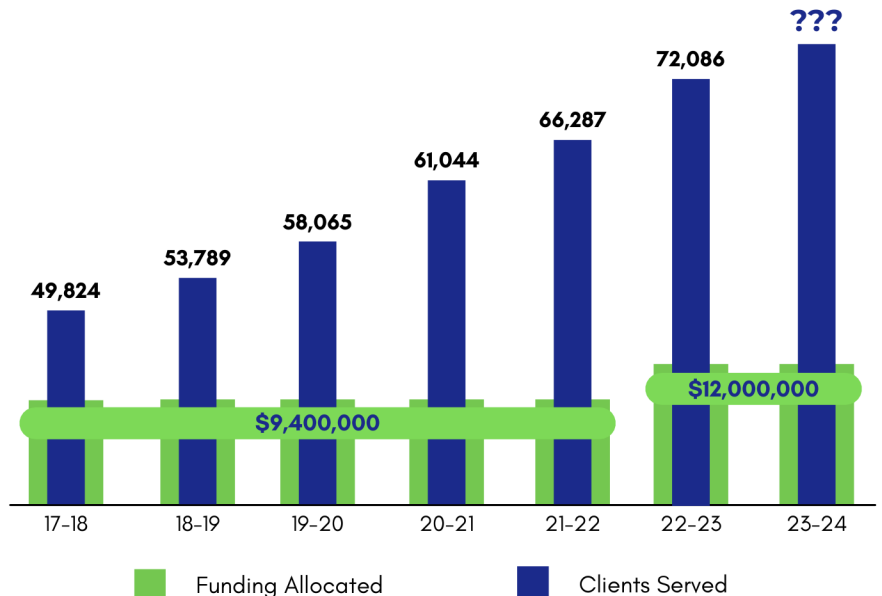
600,000 +

POSSIBLE FLORIDIANS WITH AUTISM

SEVEN CENTERS, ONE CARD

- Florida State University
- University of Central Florida
- University of South Florida
- University of Florida - Jacksonville
- University of Florida - Gainesville
- University of Miami
- Florida Atlantic University

ACROSS ALL **67** COUNTIES



SUPPORTS INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, SCHOOLS, AND COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE LIFESPAN BY:

- Facilitating access to evidence-based education and treatment services across the lifespan.
- Assisting clients and families with individually curated support plans.
- Partnering with Florida's schools to improve graduation rates.
- Providing support after students graduate so they can enter the workforce or higher education and live more independently.
- Stimulating the development of businesses and the creation of jobs designed to tap into the unique abilities of people with autism and related disabilities.
- Educating law enforcement officers across the State of Florida to understand how to interact with people with autism and related disabilities to prevent tragic loss of life.
- Creating more Autism Friendly places and spaces throughout Florida through strategic partnerships.

STATEWIDE CARD REQUEST FOR 2024-2025

	Counties	Clients	2023-24 Funds	New Funds Requested	Total Request 2024-25
Florida State University Tallahassee	18	6,109	\$1,483,072	\$360,122	\$1,843,194
University of Central Florida Orlando	7	20,788	\$2,467,195	\$722,314	\$3,189,509
University of South Florida Tampa	14	8,983	\$1,737,249	\$434,578	\$2,171,827
University of Florida Jacksonville	6	6,343	\$1,276,630	\$281,065	\$1,557,695
University of Florida Gainesville	14	6,580	\$1,431,006	\$384,735	\$1,815,741
University of Miami Miami	3	16,277	\$2,218,340	\$564,336	\$2,782,676
Florida Atlantic University Boca Raton	5	7,006	\$1,386,508	\$252,850	\$1,639,358
TOTAL	67	72,086*	\$12,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$15,000,000

*Census data for each center as of June 30, 2023.

