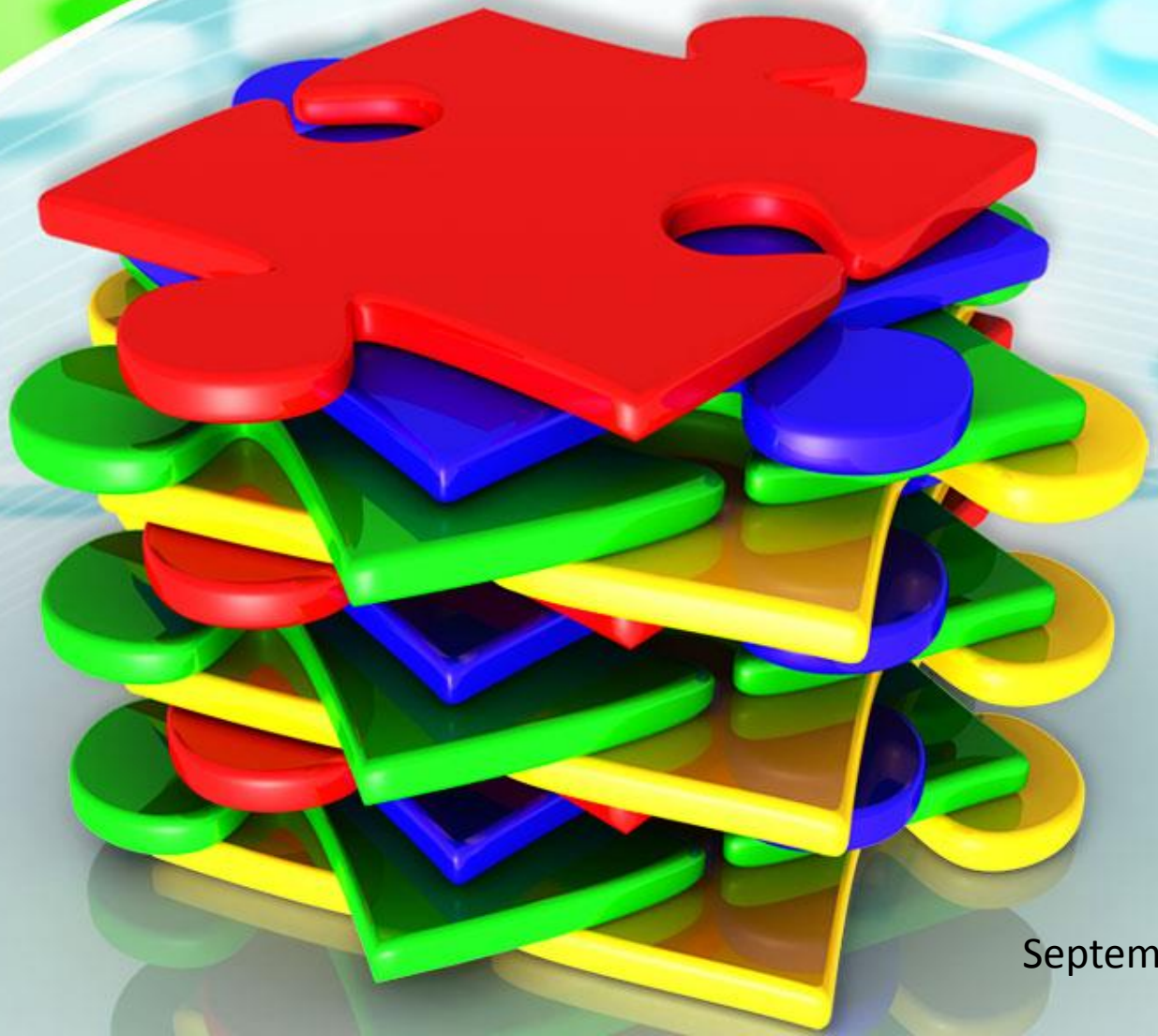
NV Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorder

Strategic Planning Subcommittee Discussion:
Early Childhood



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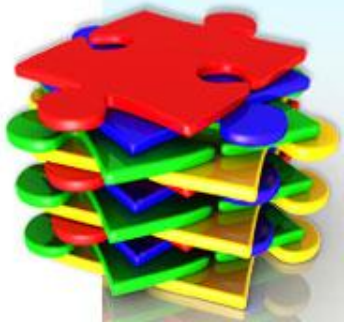
Why are we here today?

- **Provide Information** about the Strategic Planning Process.
- **Collect information** about:
  - The issues affecting the youngest of individuals living with ASD.
  - Progress made since the release of the 2008 ASD Task Force Report.
  - Suggested Goals and Strategies that the Commission should consider for action over the next 5 years.
- **Gather feedback** regarding the strategic orientation of the Commission
  - Vision, Mission and Guiding Principles



Who am I?

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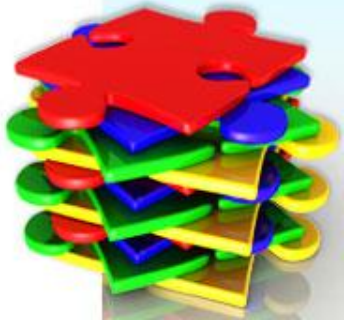
Social Entrepreneurs, Inc. (SEI) has been contracted by the state of Nevada to assist in developing a strategic plan on behalf of the Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorder.



The Strategic Planning Process

The NV Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorder has established a Strategic Planning Steering Committee to guide the following process:

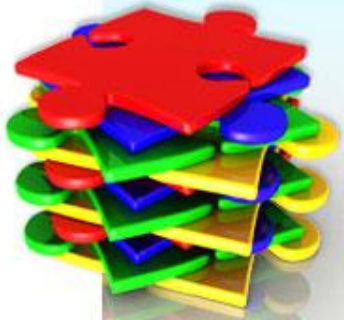
Assess needs of different consumers groups throughout the state of Nevada through:

- Key Informant Interviews
- Subcommittee Discussions
- Consumer & Provider Surveys
- Research

Identify:

- Progress Made Since 2008 Task Force Report
- System Strengths
- Challenges that must be addressed
- Critical issues that need to be resolved

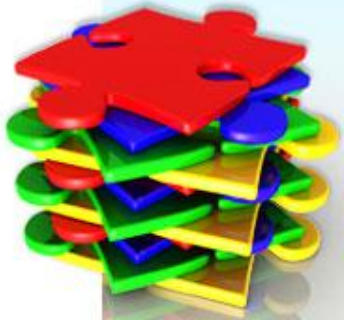
Develop a **Plan** with specific strategies related to enhancing the service system for people living with ASD throughout Nevada.



How is today's Discussion Going to Help?

This discussion will help us understand the issues that impact children birth – age 6, and their Caregivers living with ASD.

- We want to find out what the needs are of this population?
- How services currently **do** or **do not** work to meet those needs, and
- What you would like to see as areas for focus and action in the next 5 years?



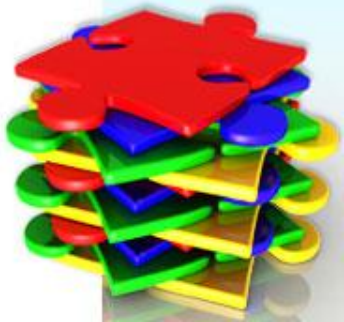
So, how are we going to do this?

What today's discussion is:

- Today's discussion is meant to be a focused attempt to identifying overarching concerns particular to children birth – age 6 and their caregivers, living with ASD throughout the state of Nevada. Everyone should have space and time to share their perspective in this setting.

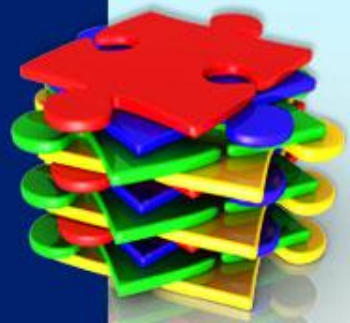
What today's discussion isn't:

- A debate
- A conflict resolution session
- A problem solving session



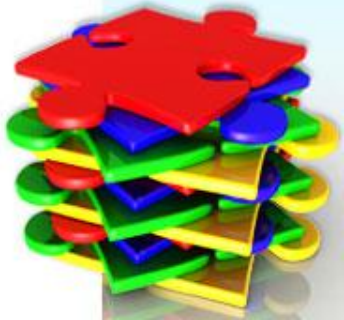
Lets Get Started

- There are a total of 10 questions.
- I have provided you with a Notes packet, because we all process differently.
- Group Discussion: We will talk about each question as a group. I will call for specific input from people who are present (in person) and those that are joining us on the phone.



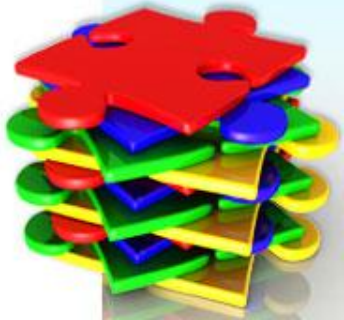
Question #1

What are the most significant needs or challenges facing children birth – age 6, and their Caregivers living with ASD who need/use services?



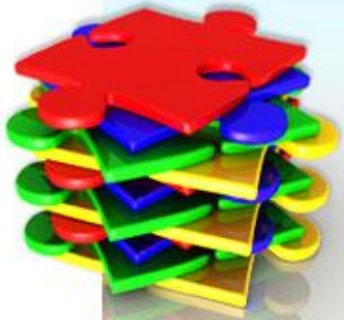
Question #2

To what extent are those needs currently being met?



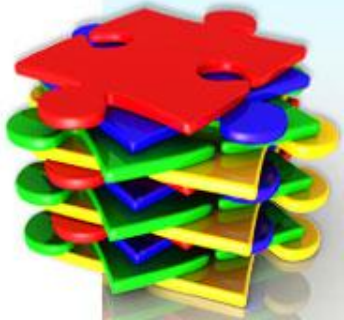
Question #3

What are the biggest gaps in services? Are there any gaps that are particularly pronounced based on region?



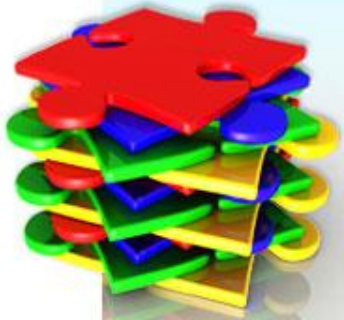
Question #4

How well are programs and services coordinated across systems?



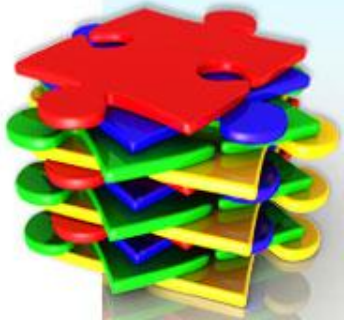
Question #5

What are areas of ongoing strengths within the various systems that serve individuals with ASD in Nevada that should be maintained, expanded or leveraged in other areas?



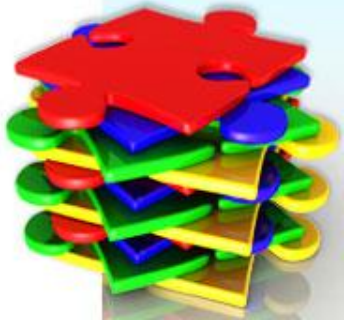
Question #6

What are the most critical issues that Nevada needs to address to meet the needs of people living with ASD now and in the future?



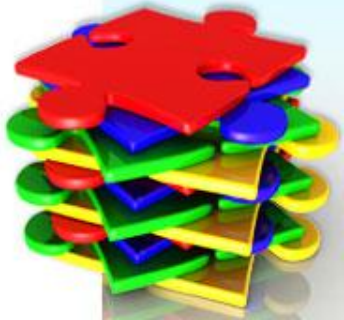
Question #7

What progress has been made since the 2008 Autism Task Force Report was produced?



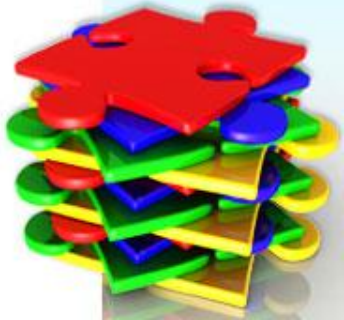
Question #8

What policy level changes are still needed to improve services for children birth – age 6 with ASD at the local, regional, and/or state level?



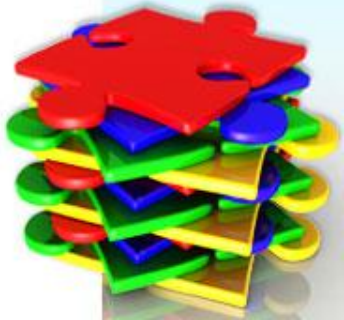
Question #9

What practical changes are needed to improve services for children birth – age 6 with ASD at the local, regional, and/or state level?

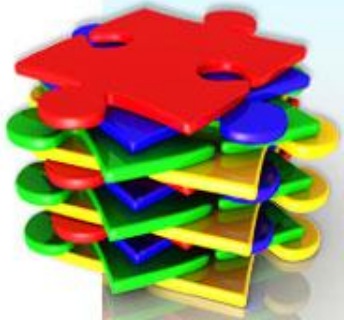


Question #10

Are there any other insights you would like to share at this time?

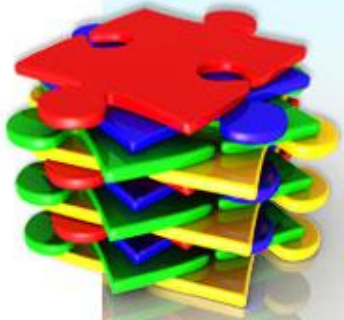


Is there anything we missed?



Vision, Mission and Guiding Principles

The Commission is crafting their vision, mission and guiding principles to act as a framework of how they operate. We are asking for your feedback to finalize these foundational concepts.



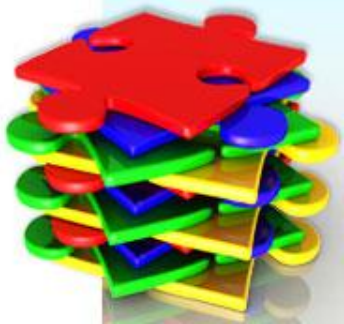
Vision, Mission and Guiding Principles

Please complete the worksheets provided. The following definitions are provided to help you complete the request.

Vision: The vision statement is a vivid description of what kind of future the organization is trying to create. In other words, it is a clear and compelling goal that serves to unify an organization's efforts.

Mission: The mission defines the fundamental purpose for the organization to exist. Together, the mission and values show what people in the organization believe in, giving meaning to the work necessary to make the organization flourish.

Guiding Principles: Guiding Principles, also called Core Values, shape and influence the actions of a group. Guiding principles are those principles and beliefs that are held dear and which shape how people think and act within the organization. Guiding Principles can ***act as a compass*** to keep a group on course.



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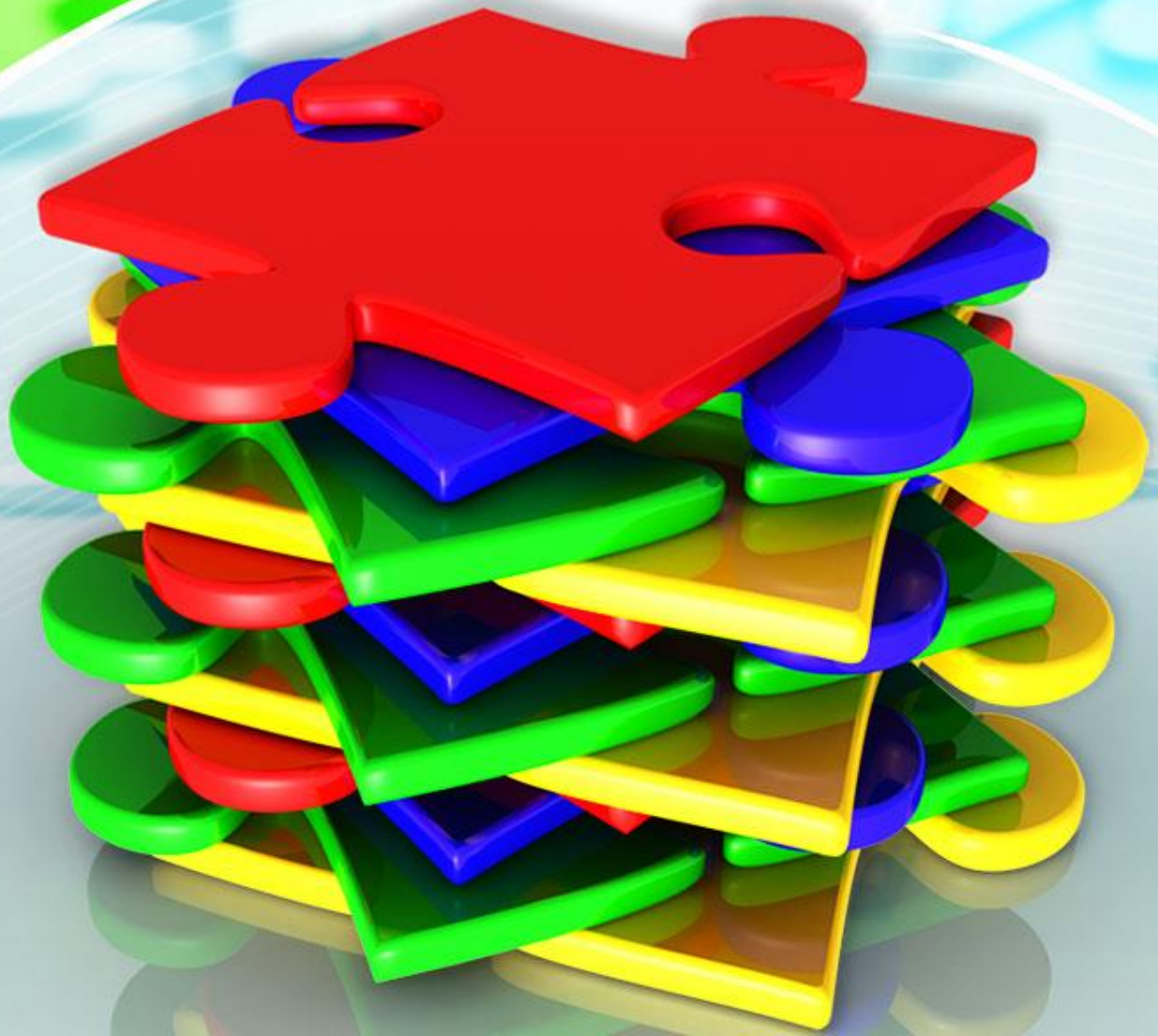
Please don’t forget to leave your written notes and your strategic orientation worksheets.