

In a nutshell, what will GIDES be?

When a primary care provider has done everything s/he can do for a child with developmental-behavioral concerns, rather than refer for a specialty evaluation outside of the community, the PCP can refer locally to GIDES (General Interdisciplinary Developmental Evaluation System) for an interdisciplinary assessment. The PCP will get a report summary including recommendations for local services and/or additional evaluations. The family will have care coordination throughout the GIDES process.

Why are we developing GIDES?

- * In communities with a local, coordinated midlevel assessment system, it has been shown that fewer children need to be referred for tertiary evaluations (like Seattle Children's Autism Clinic). This cuts down on wait times for those children who *do* need such a referral.
- * When a child *is* referred to a specialty clinic, the GIDES integrated care plan will be given to the tertiary clinic. This means the clinic will NOT have to spend time collecting records and up-to-date information, and will be able to schedule the child for the actual evaluation appointment sooner.
- * GIDES includes local care coordination during the evaluation process. The care coordinator knows the local resources and will help families get local services.

First Step: GIDES ASD Pilot

We have in place a *partial* version of GIDES, called the GIDES ASD pilot.

In the GIDES ASD Pilot, GIDES provides *some* midlevel assessment and care coordination services when a child is suspected of having ASD, prior to the ASD tertiary evaluation with Dr. Afridi.

This pilot is a first step toward building the full GIDES model.

Next Step: Full GIDES system

We are working to implement the full GIDES service model in the upcoming year.

The full GIDES service model will include an interdisciplinary functional developmental assessment component, and an ARNP physical exam, as needed by the child. It won't be limited to assessing only children suspected of having ASD.

We are working toward: A Full GIDES Model: Mid-level Developmental Assessment Components

Children receive ONLY the assessment components needed, depending on previous evaluations and their individual needs.

Care Coordination

- * Collect/review evaluation reports
- * Consult with ARNP to determine which GIDES assessments are needed
- * Schedule for GIDES
- * Meanwhile, help family get services
- * Connect with current providers to share information and arrange care conference
- * If needed, identify after-GIDES care coordinator

Medically-focused Assessment

- * Review of previous evaluation reports
- * Developmentally focused health history
- * Physical exam
- * Address eligibility requirements for such services as special education, SSI, DDA, etc.
- * Provide report which is incorporated into an Integrated Care Plan

Functional/Developmental Assessment

- * Assess adaptive, cognitive, expressive & receptive communication, gross & fine motor, and social-emotional domains
- * Address eligibility requirements for such services as special education, SSI, DDA, etc.
- * Provide report which is incorporated into an integrated care plan