**What is CSESA?**

CSESA is a research and development project funded by the Department of Education that focuses on developing, adapting, and studying a comprehensive school- and community-based education program for high school students on the autism spectrum.

**What are the CSESA Components?**

The comprehensive model will have five components that work together to best meet the needs of students, school staff, community partners, and families.

**CSESA Timeline**

Year 1 CSESA Activities

**Focus Groups:** 28 focus groups were conducted across four states, with 141 participants representing various stakeholder groups. Participants shared their perspectives on the needs of high school students with ASD, as well as the needs of families and school/community staff that provide support to this population. The data shared is being used to refine CSESA interventions.

**Pilot Studies:** Currently we are piloting intervention components at 9 high schools in five states across the country. We are examining the feasibility, acceptability, and social validity of the intervention pieces, as well as student outcomes after receiving intervention components. 135 participants across stakeholder groups are taking part in our pilot studies. The data gathered will also be used to refine CSESA interventions, as well as to develop training materials for school sites. Teams are using design experimentation and single case design.

**Year 1 CSESA Findings**

Preliminary focus group findings indicate a number of concerns and considerations around programming in secondary settings. Data analysis is ongoing to compile cross-site data.

**Year 1 CSESA Needs YOU!**

Consider the districts you work with:

- Are there high schools that could benefit from comprehensive programming for their students with ASD?
- Are their district/school leaders that are interested in collaborating with a research team?

**Benefits to collaborating with CSESA:***

- Support in developing site based team
- Ongoing assessment of program quality
- Training and weekly coaching on each component
- Financial compensation for team members
- Training at the end of the study (2017)

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