### What does the LASARD Project do?

The LASARD Project partners with districts and schools across the state to provide:

- Assessment of school supports for students with ASD and related disabilities.
- Collaborative action planning with a multidisciplinary team.
- Technical assistance and coaching to help the school team reach their goals.

The LASARD Project offers training and resources to any interested educator in the state through:

- Live online workgroups
- Online training modules
- Evidence-based practice tutorials
- Videos of effective practices
- Strategy guides



### **HDC Mission**

The HDC was established in 1974 as Louisiana's University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, one of a network of 67 UCEDDs across the country.

Our mission is to strengthen and increase the capacity of local communities to support and include individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in all aspects of life in the community.

#### Louisiana Autism Spectrum and Related Disabilities Project





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## What is the LASARD Project?

The goals of the LASARD Project include:

- Improve educational practices and outcomes for students with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and related disabilities and
- Develop statewide capacity to provide high quality educational programs for these students.

# What are the Louisiana Autism Quality Indicators (LAQI)?

The LAQI is a research-based school improvement tool to assist in evaluating the quality of the programs offered to students with ASD and related disabilities.

Key areas addressed include:

- Collaboration
- Environment
- Communication
- Social
- Inclusive Practices
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Behavior
- Transition

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