

Committee Conducting an Independent Analysis of Department of Defense's Comprehensive Autism Care Demonstration Program

VIRTUAL PUBLIC SESSION

April 22, 2024 (Eastern times shown)

12:00-12:05pm

Public Session and Livestream Welcome

Aubyn Stahmer (*Committee Member*)

12:05-2:00pm

Perspectives from Autism Research

Facilitator: Aubyn Stahmer (*Committee Member*)

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Discussion Questions

- What are notable areas of research on autism-related domains? How has research evolved in these areas?
- How is learning progress different for those with neurological disorders such as autism and how does this impact skill acquisition?
- What are the latest insights into social cognition and autism? How can interventions be tailored to support social development?
- What factors (medical and non-medical) impact the developmental trajectory of children with autism spectrum disorder? What are optimal roles for parents and caregivers?

Q&A with the committee

2:00pm

PUBLIC SESSION ADJOURNS (Livestream Ends)