**Autism Assessment Team**

The Greenbush Autism Assessment Team (AAT) works together with families and doctors to remove barriers to accessing diagnostic appointments for children ages 18 months - five years in a nine-county southeast Kansas area. The team provides evaluations, assists families throughout the process, and makes sure families have access to available resources and services.

### INITIAL REFERRAL

- Referrals may come from parents/guardians, medical professionals, or the child’s academic or early intervention team.
- Completion of a positive, age-appropriate screening tool is recommended before making a referral to the Greenbush Team.

### GATHER INFORMATION

- Team reviews new referrals to determine next steps which may include connecting families to additional services or a home visit prior to the evaluation.
- Greenbush community liaison speaks with the family about the assessment process and helps schedule the on-site clinic visit.
- Questionnaires and other information requests may be sent to schools or other key partners who care for the child.

### GREENBUSH CLINIC

- A play-based assessment is completed with the child (Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule - ADOS-2).
- The family is interviewed using the Childhood Autism Rating Scale (CARS 2).
- Team completes assessments.

### REPORT TO PHYSICIAN

- Team shares summary and impressions of the evaluations with family.
- If indicated, Team assists family in scheduling office visit with one of the team pediatricians who is experienced in autism spectrum disorders.
- Team prepares a report summarizing the information gathered through assessments, interviews, questionnaires, and health history.
- Physician makes final determination of autism diagnosis after examining the child and talking with parents during an office visit.

### FOLLOW-UP WITH FAMILY

- Greenbush community liaison contacts family by phone or home visit to follow up on the pediatrician office visit and connect family to any available supports or resources.

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