



Supports and Services for Students with Autism in LCPS

Where We Are Now and Next Steps

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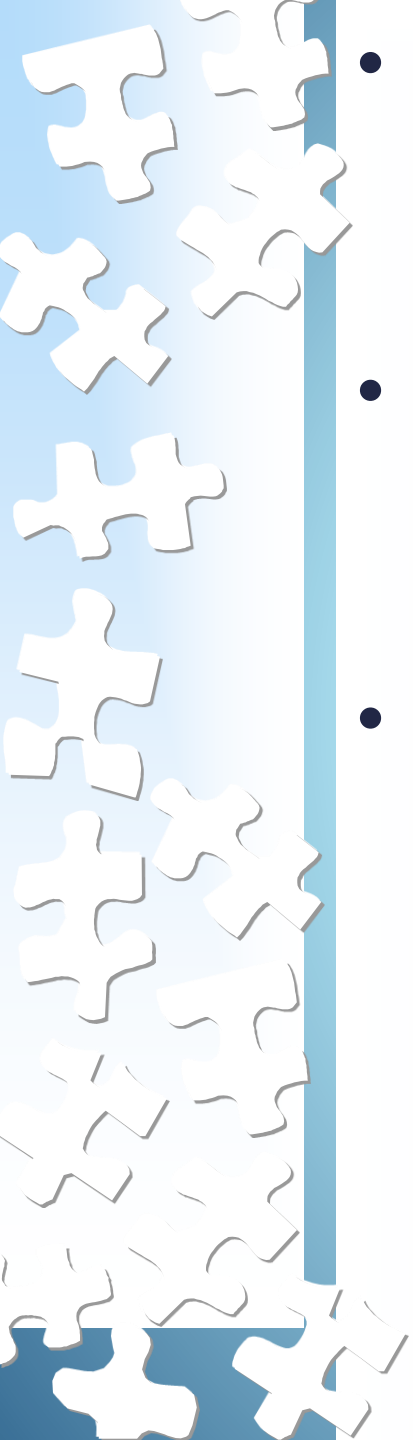


General Facts and Figures



Centers For Disease Control and Prevention

- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) now includes several conditions that used to be diagnosed separately: autistic disorder, pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified (PDD-NOS), and Asperger Syndrome.

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- CDC estimates that about 1 in 68 children has been identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD)
 - Almost five times more common among boys than among girls-
Boys (1 in 42) Girls (1 in 189)
 - The increase in ASD diagnosis is likely due to a combination of broader definition of ASD, better efforts in diagnosis and an increase in the number of people with ASD

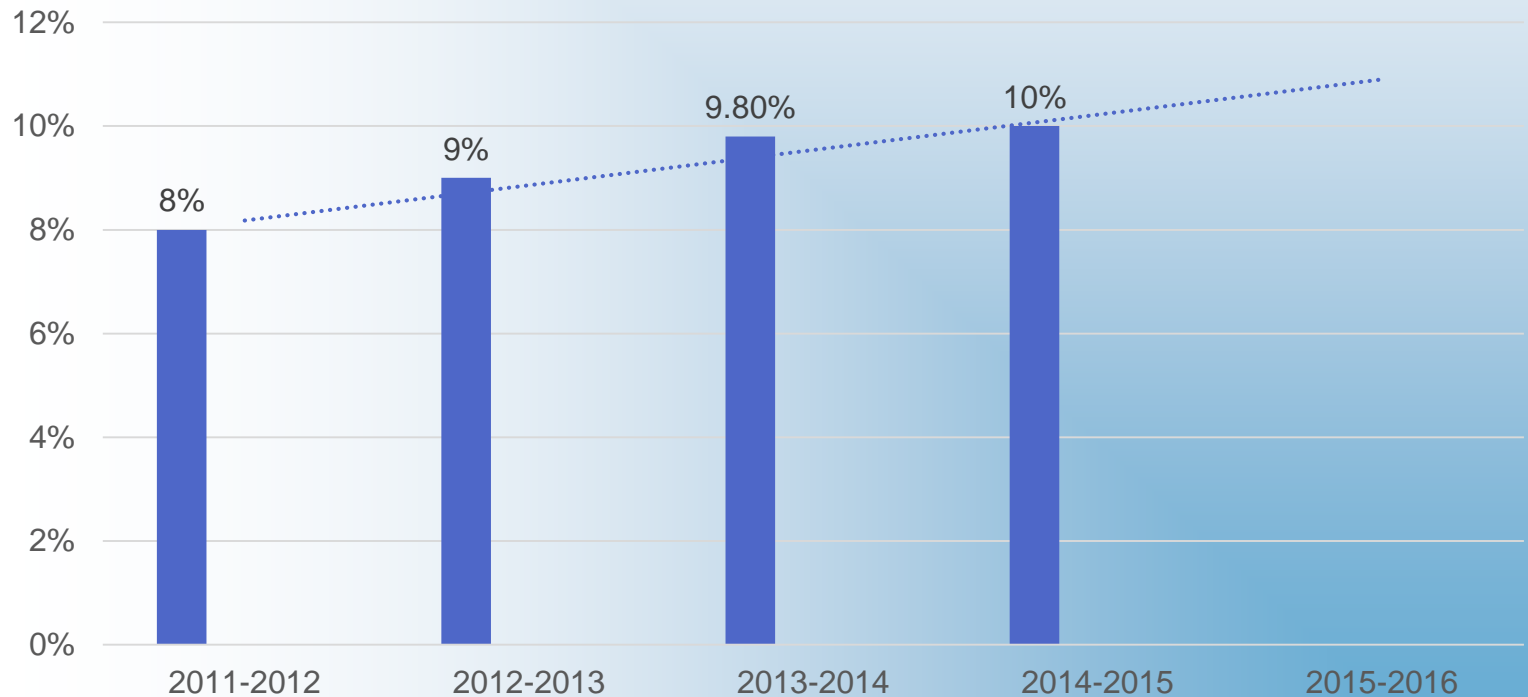


Statistics at the State and Local Levels

A Quick Comparison

Virginia- A Look at the Past 5 Years

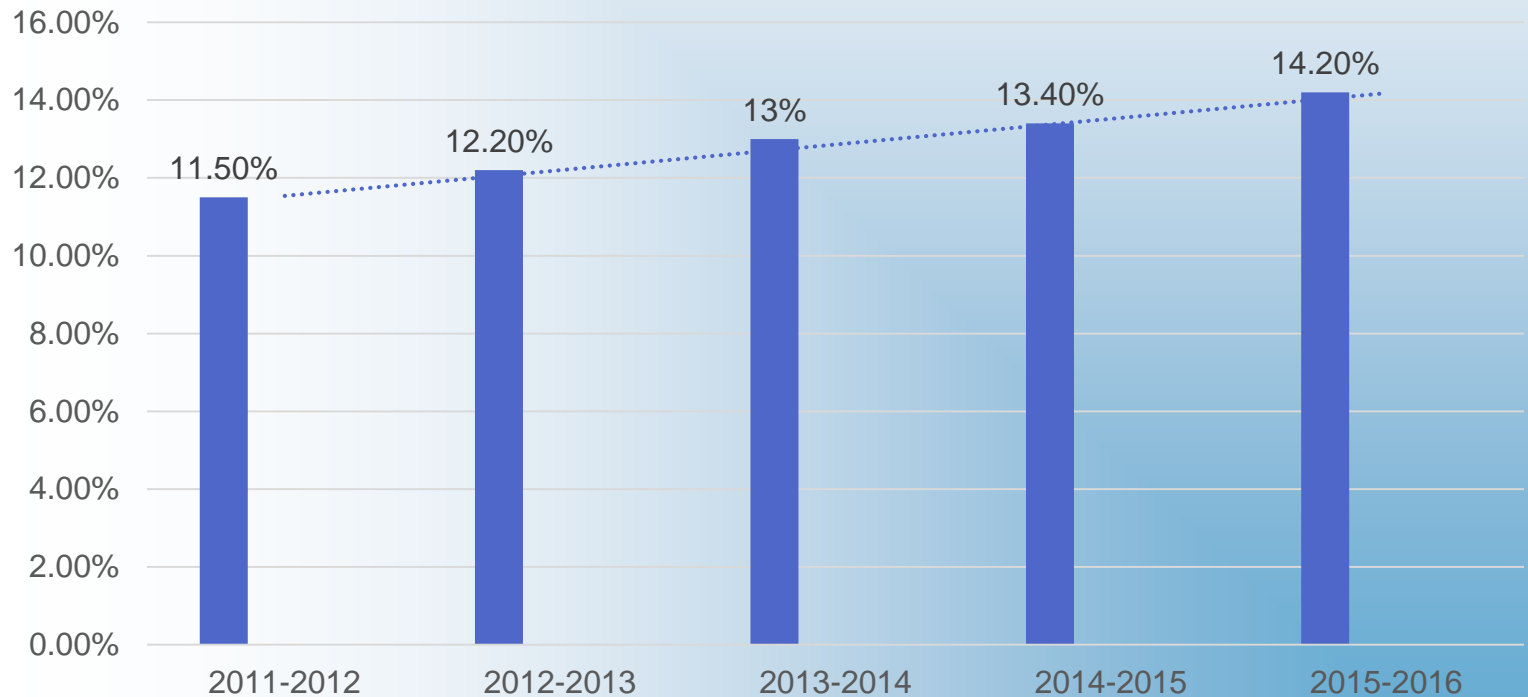
Percentage of Special Education Students with Autism
(Based on December 1 Child Count)



Not yet
Available

Locally- A Look at the Past 5 Years

Percentage of Special Education Students with Autism in LCPS (Based on December 1 Child Count)



LCPS- A Look at the Past 10 Years

Number of Students with a Primary Disability of Autism in LCPS



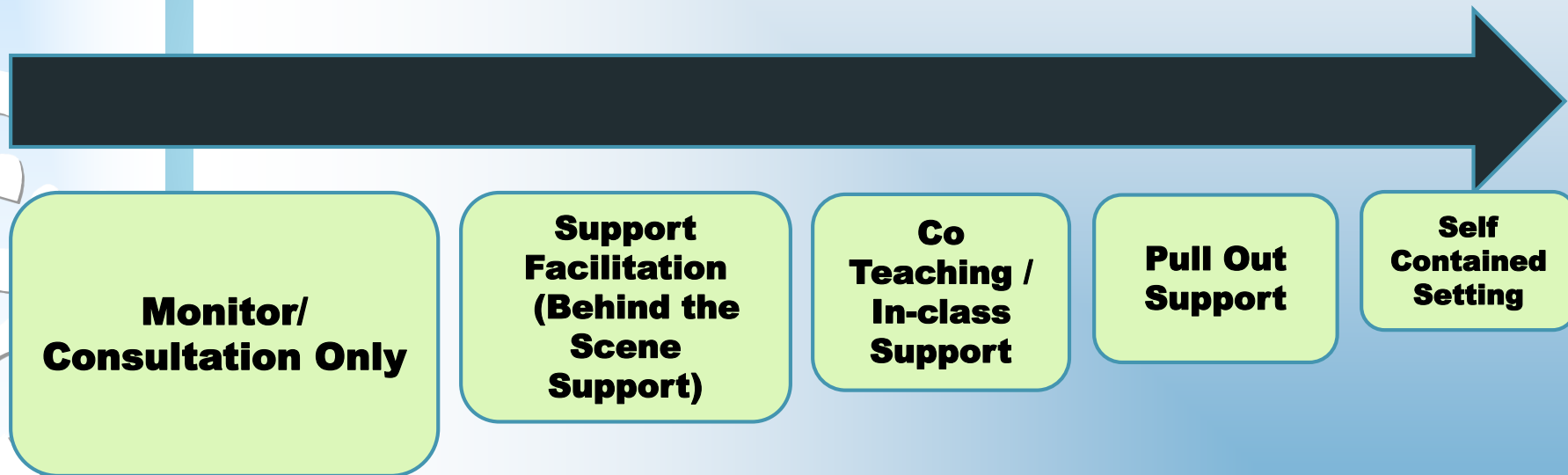


Conclusions and Next Steps

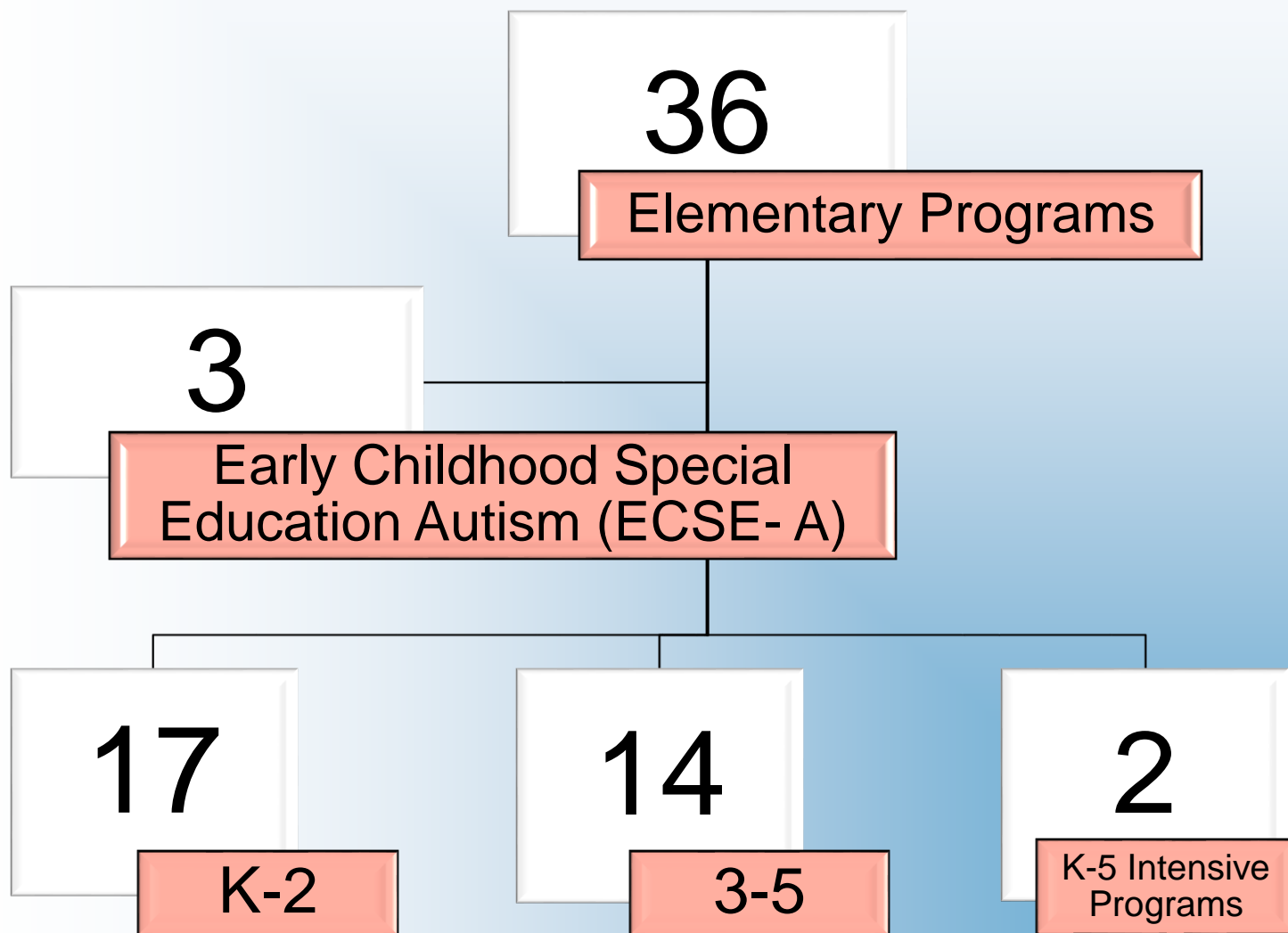
- Rapid growth in Loudoun- exceeds overall growth in the state
- Need for additional specialized programs
- Increased focus on professional development for ALL staff
- Continued training and implementation of evidence based-practices
- Exploration of innovative supports and resources

Continuum of Services

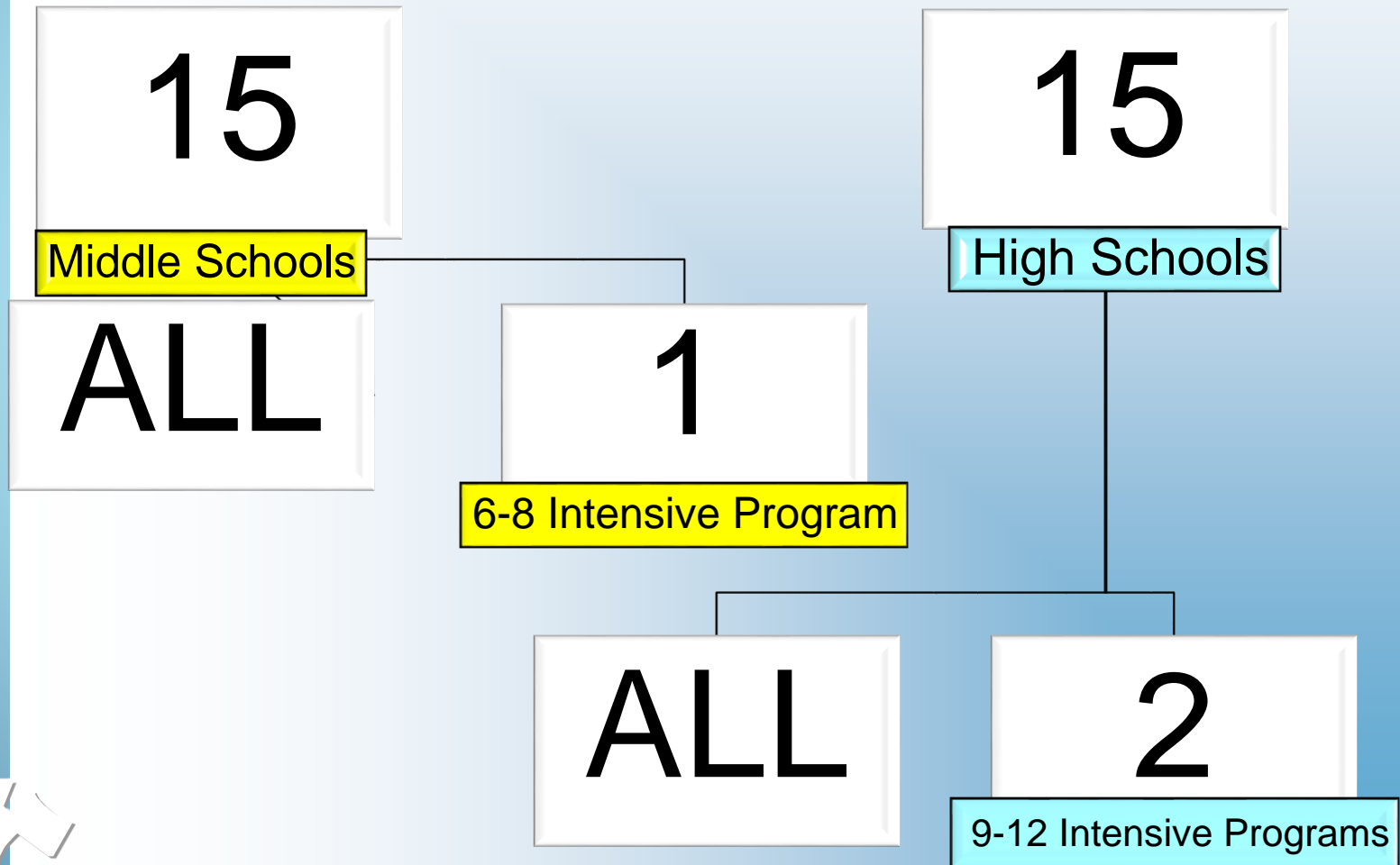
Services available at all grade levels



Current Elementary Programs- 21 Schools

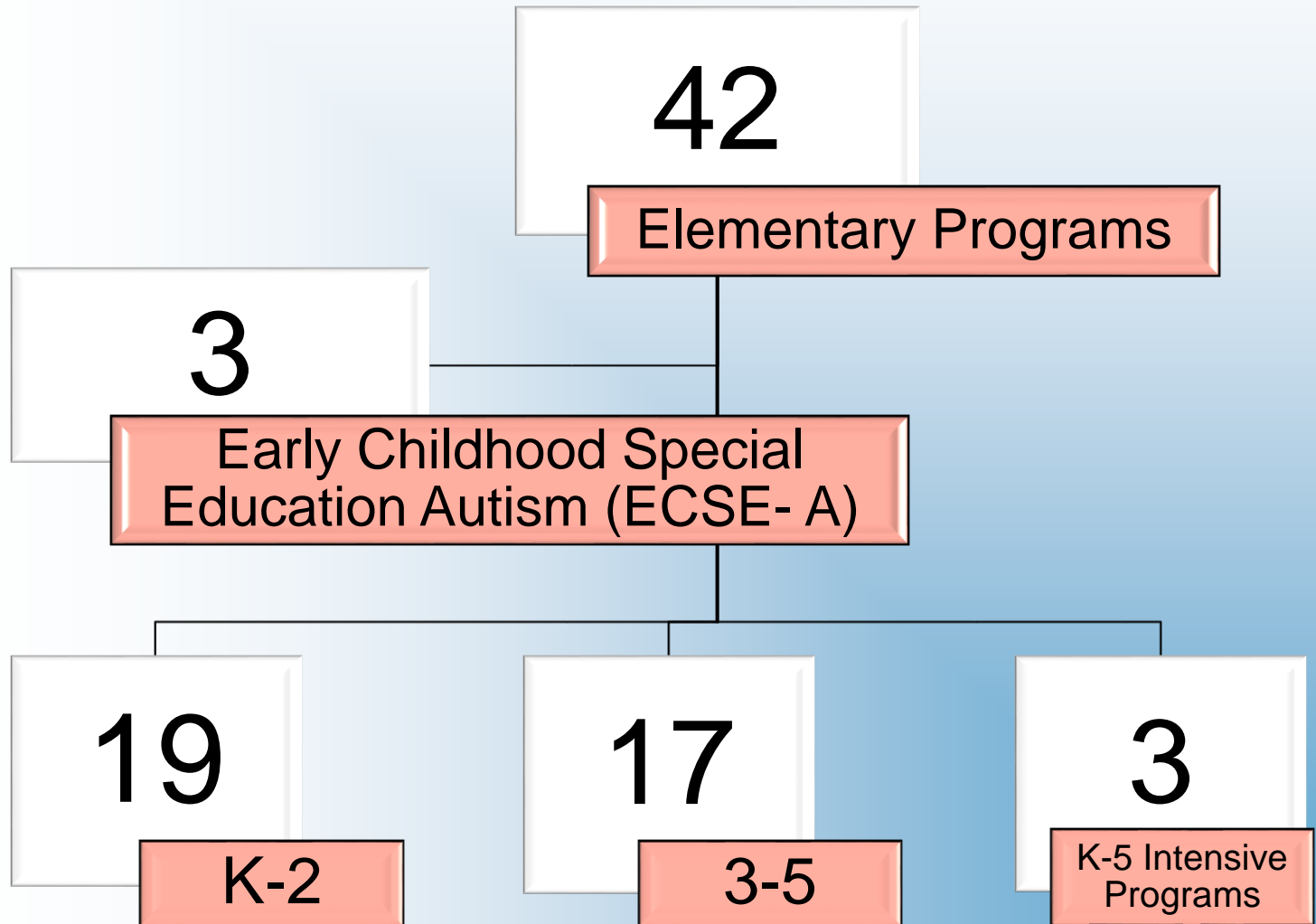


Current Secondary Programs- Programs and Supports in All Schools



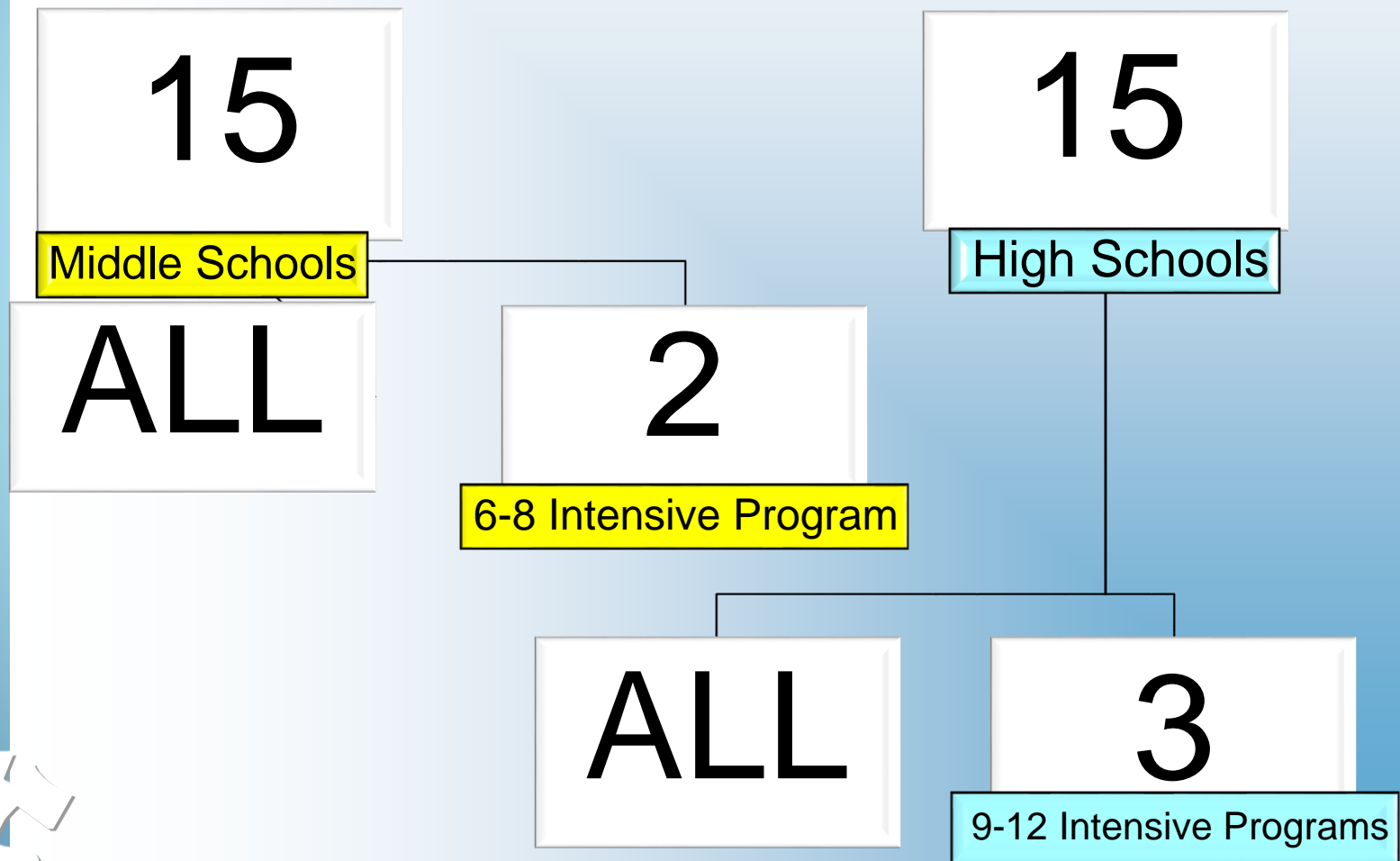
Potential Programs 2016-2017

23 Schools



Secondary Programs 2016-2017

Potential New Intensive Programs





Additional Supports, Interventions and Resources

- In School resources
- Pupil Services Student Support Team Meetings
- Related Service providers
- Assistive Technology
- Autism Consulting Teachers (teacher resource)



Current Training and Professional Development

- Paraprofessional Training
 - To date 792 Paraprofessionals have been trained in the VCU Autism Center for Excellence Training
 - Mandt Training
 - School-based, student specific ongoing service delivery training



Current Training and Professional Development

- Teacher Training
 - 3- Day Summer Institute
 - Mandt Training
 - Behavior Supports (i.e. FBAs, BIPs, Crisis Plans)
 - Data Collection
 - Unique Learning System
 - Program-specific training (as requested or deemed necessary)
 - ABA Cohort (George Mason University)



Current Training and Professional Development

- Parent Workshops
 - Executive Functioning Skills
 - Message of Behavior
 - Promoting Independence
 - Positive Mealtime Strategies
 - Upcoming Workshops- Leisure Skills (4/13)
Communication & Play (5/11) and
Successful Toileting (TBD)



Training and Professional Development- Next Phase

- Social Skills- a multi-tiered approach
 - CEC Social Skills Curriculum K-12, Social Thinking, Needs-based instruction
- Classroom Management
- Behavior Management
- Instructional Programming
- Assessments (diagnostic, formative, summative)
- Communication (Picture Exchange, Core, AAC Devices, etc.)
- “What You Need to Know” training sessions geared towards administrators, general education teachers, classified staff



Closing Remarks

- Continued focus on the effectiveness and efficacy programs; targeting structure and consistency
- Exploration of additional supports and interventions to keep students in the least restrictive environment
- Offering professional development for ALL staff at all levels
- Collaboration is key between all internal and external stakeholders

April is Autism Awareness Month





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Resources

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/data.html>

- Virginia Department of Education-

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/special_ed/reports_plans_stats/child_count/index.shtml