

# ALLUVION HEALTH FOUNDATION



## MOBILE AUTISM UNIT

People with autism are just like you – they have hopes, dreams, and wishes. However, unlike you, people with autism face a staggering lack of resources getting critical diagnostic and therapeutic services across North Central Montana.

At the Alluvion Health Foundation, we are working to provide access to free and low-cost services for people with autism so that they achieve their hopes, dreams, and wishes, but we need your help.



## STATS

### 1 in 44 children in the U.S. are diagnosed with autism

Due to a lack of access to critical resources, this number is likely much higher.

### 2-year wait time for a diagnosis

In our region, because of the complexity of autism spectrum disorder, the therapies, interventions, and services are scarce. Once diagnosed, children wait even longer to receive these therapies.

### 134 miles to the nearest site for a comprehensive autism evaluation

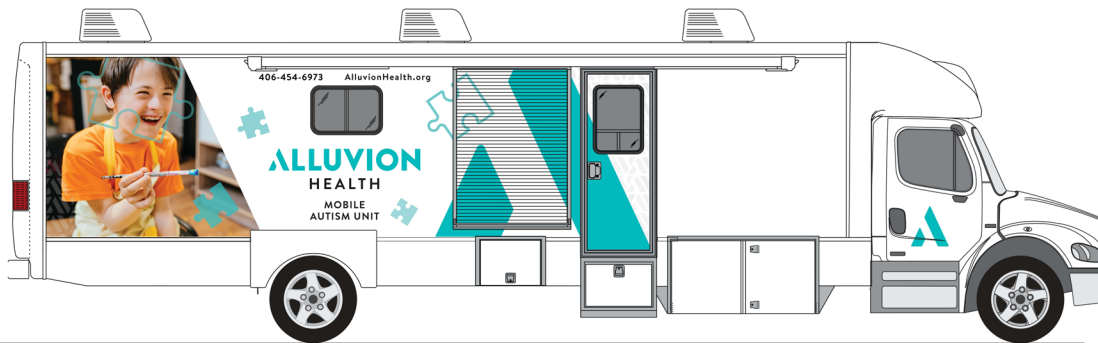
Currently, traveling to Billings or Missoula is the only option for a comprehensive autism evaluation.

### Average cost for care for someone with autism

Costs associated with having a child with autism can be **\$60,000 a year**, with the bulk of these costs in special services and lost wages related to increased demands on one or both parents. Mothers who tend to serve as the child's case manager and advocate are less likely to work outside the home. On average, they work fewer hours per week and earn 56 percent less than mothers of children with no health limitations and 35 percent less than mothers of children with other disabilities or disorders. -*Autism Speaks*



## MOBILE UNIT RENDERING



We can change this. Help us invest in our community with free and reduced early intervention autism services. Together, we can change the trajectories, stories, and lives of our families, friends, and neighbors by investing in the \$350,000 community Mobile Autism clinic.

**To learn more about the Mobile Autism Clinic, contact Alluvion Health Foundation's Executive Director, Teresa Schreiner at (406) 231-6521, or email [TSchreiner@AlluvionHealth.org](mailto:TSchreiner@AlluvionHealth.org)**

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