1. Families of 20 to 30 year-old individuals with ASD (and no ID) who self-isolate in the family home need assistance and consultation services to help their adult family members to engage in their communities. DDS in collaboration with DMH develop and implement a family consultation initiative to address that need. This initiative would allow families and individuals with ASD, regardless of DDS or DMH eligibility, to have access to specialized expertise and technical assistance to address the needs of this segment of the ASD population. DDS and DMH will report annually to the Autism Commission on the implementation of this initiative.

2. The Adult Subcommittee will work with the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) to gather information regarding that agency’s involvement with aging individuals presenting with ASD, and collaborate with EOEA to ascertain if individuals with ASD known to or served by EOEA are aware of other services that may be available to individuals with ASD, and to ensure that EOEA’s network of services are aware of the needs of individuals with ASD and receive training on how to address these needs.

 3. DDS, in conjunction with DMH and MassHealth develop and establish specialty ASD adult services that are designed and staffed to meet the needs of adults with ASD who present with severe challenging behaviors, including but not limited to; Day-Habilitation services, Community-Based Day Support services and other types of day services and specialized clinical support services necessary to effectively serve these adult individuals.