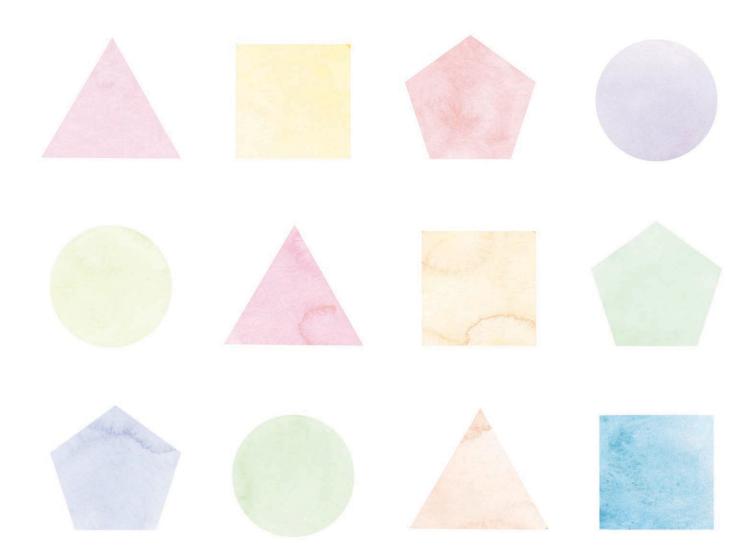
Conclusion



As the reality of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) grows in the Capital Area Region so must the resolve to identify and pursue development of the resources needed to meet the many challenges ASD presents to our citizens on the spectrum and their families. This assessment project, designed to identify significant gaps in our region's ASD resources infrastructure, benefitted greatly from the experience-based knowledge, keen insights, and honest opinions offered across a period of approximately two years by dozens of ASD stakeholders.

The result of this assessment is a formidable list of 25 recommendations that touch all the key chapters of a normal lifespan from early diagnosis and intervention through the Pre-K-12 education years and transitions into post-secondary education, employment, and independent living. Some of the recommendations require near term tactical efforts, others are more midterm strategic projects, and a few are visionary, aspirational goals. Each recommendation would make an important contribution to the building of an ever stronger ASD resource infrastructure in the Greater Baton Rouge region.





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