



Research into Developmental and Behavioral Conditions - Fact Sheet

Why is research funding important?

- Research funding is required so that researchers have the time and resources to conduct high-quality research.
- Research grants are awarded through a competitive process to the institutions where the researcher works.
- There are strict rules so that the funds are only used to support the costs necessary to conduct the project.

Why are the National Institutes of Health important?

- The National Institutes of Health (NIH) are the largest funders of biomedical research in the world.
- Large-scale research is needed to continue to improve our ability to diagnose and treat developmental and behavioral conditions.
- Private institutions and other research funders also provide grants, often focused on specific types of projects with small award amounts.
- NIH has funded some of the most important studies to benefit children with neurodevelopmental disorders.
- NIH funding is needed to support the large-scale, multi-site studies that are likely to have the greatest impact.

Potential impacts of funding cuts at the NIH:

- Funding cuts would delay or prevent research to improve our understanding of the causes of and treatments for children with developmental and behavioral conditions.
- Loss of large-scale research means fewer opportunities for research training, resulting in a loss of future researchers, potentially impacting the nation's research for years to come.

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