

# Autism Training and Technical Assistance Project Leadership Meeting

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Illinois State University Alumni Center

# Agenda

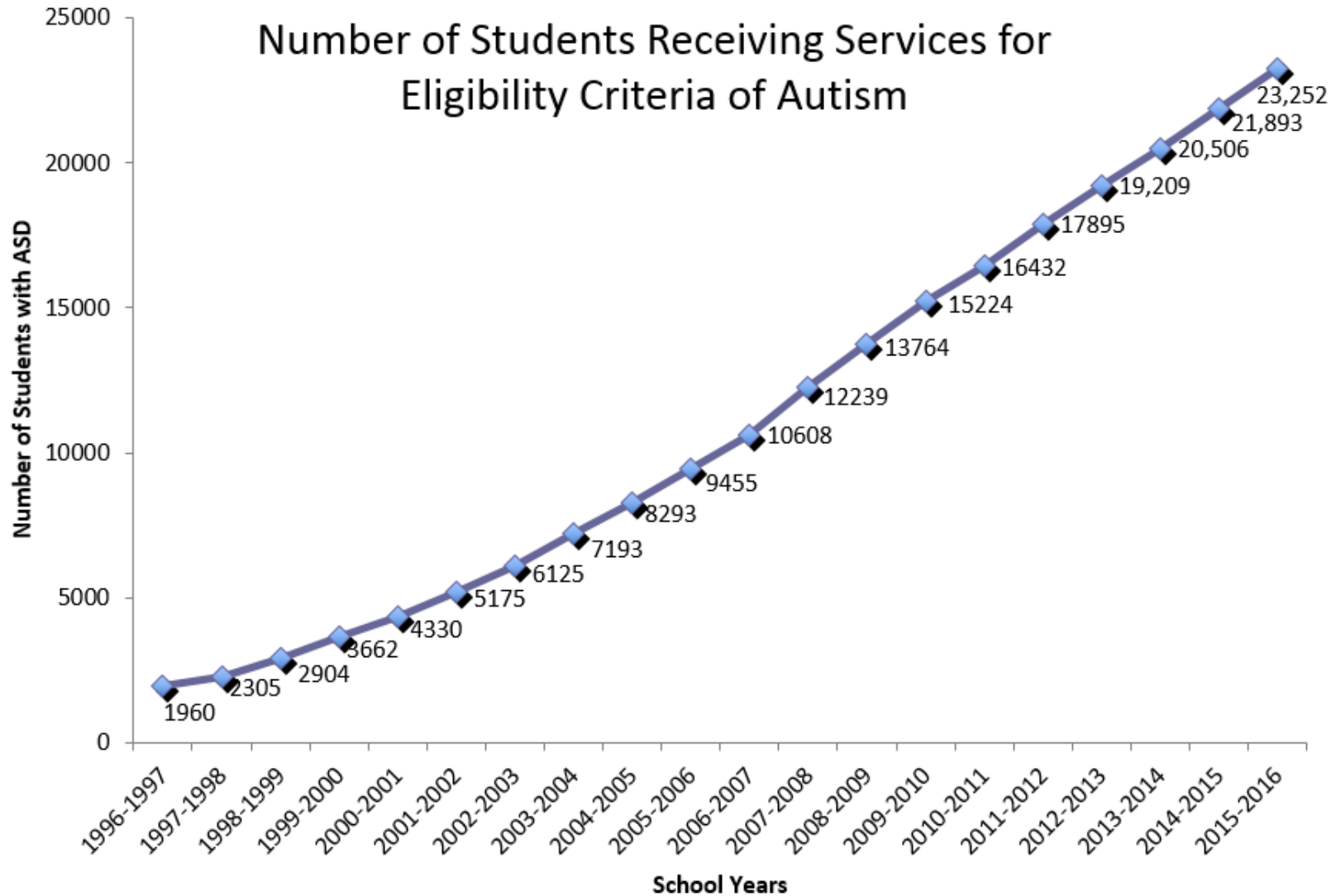
- ▶ Welcome and Introduction
- ▶ Thank you
- ▶ How we got here - defining the need
- ▶ Purpose and Objectives
- ▶ Web Application
- ▶ Discussion

# Illinois Center for Specialized Professional Support

- ▶ Creates, supports, and delivers professional development for career, technical and adult education professionals across Illinois. ICSPS provides technical assistance, develops publications, and facilitates program improvement strategies for our partners as they relate to college transition, recruitment, retention, and completion—encouraging achievement of special populations learners



# Identifying the Need...



## Purpose...

- ▶ The Illinois Center for Specialized Professional Support (ICSPS) will work under the direction of the Special Education Division on the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to develop and expand a variety of resources focused on the transition needs of students with Autism and other disabilities.

# Objectives...

- ▶ Provide new and expanded Autism resources for use as professional learning, technical assistance, and outreach
- ▶ Provide resources that are relevant and accessible for use by students transitioning to postsecondary, educators (both secondary and postsecondary), families, employers and community partners.
- ▶ Develop a self-assessment for educators (both secondary and postsecondary), families, employers, community partners and students with autism to ensure equitable access in workplace/postsecondary transition.

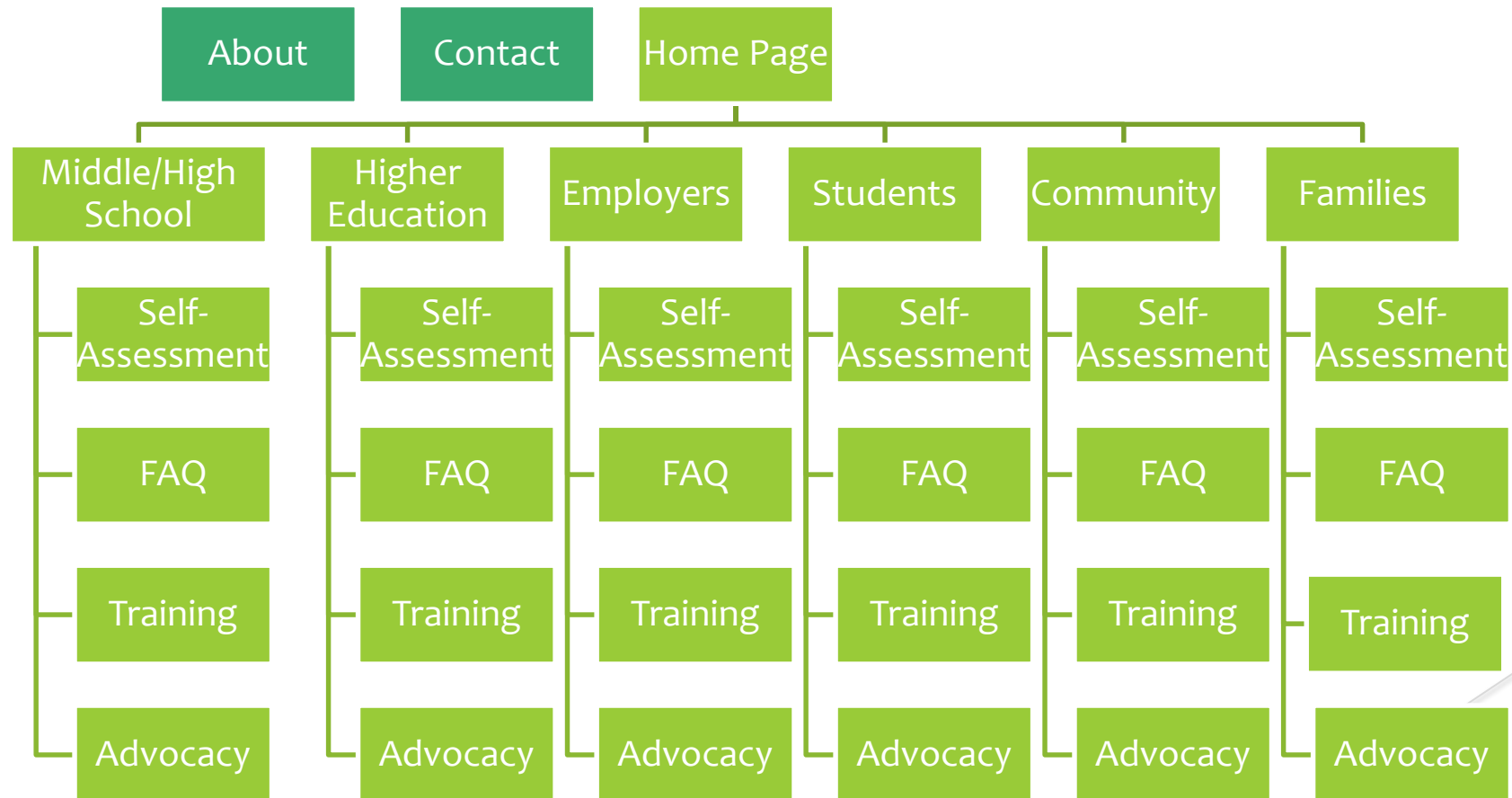
# Scope of work for the project...

- ▶ Convene a state advisory committee to provide guidance and expertise in developing effective practices and resources. The Autism Training and Technical Assistance (ATTA) project advisory committee will meet at least twice during the process of the grant.
- ▶ Work with teachers, local and national experts to develop applicable resources to support and enhance experiences for students as they transition to postsecondary and workforce.
- ▶ Create a web-based application to house online resources and examples of best practices.

# Web tool...

# Site Layout

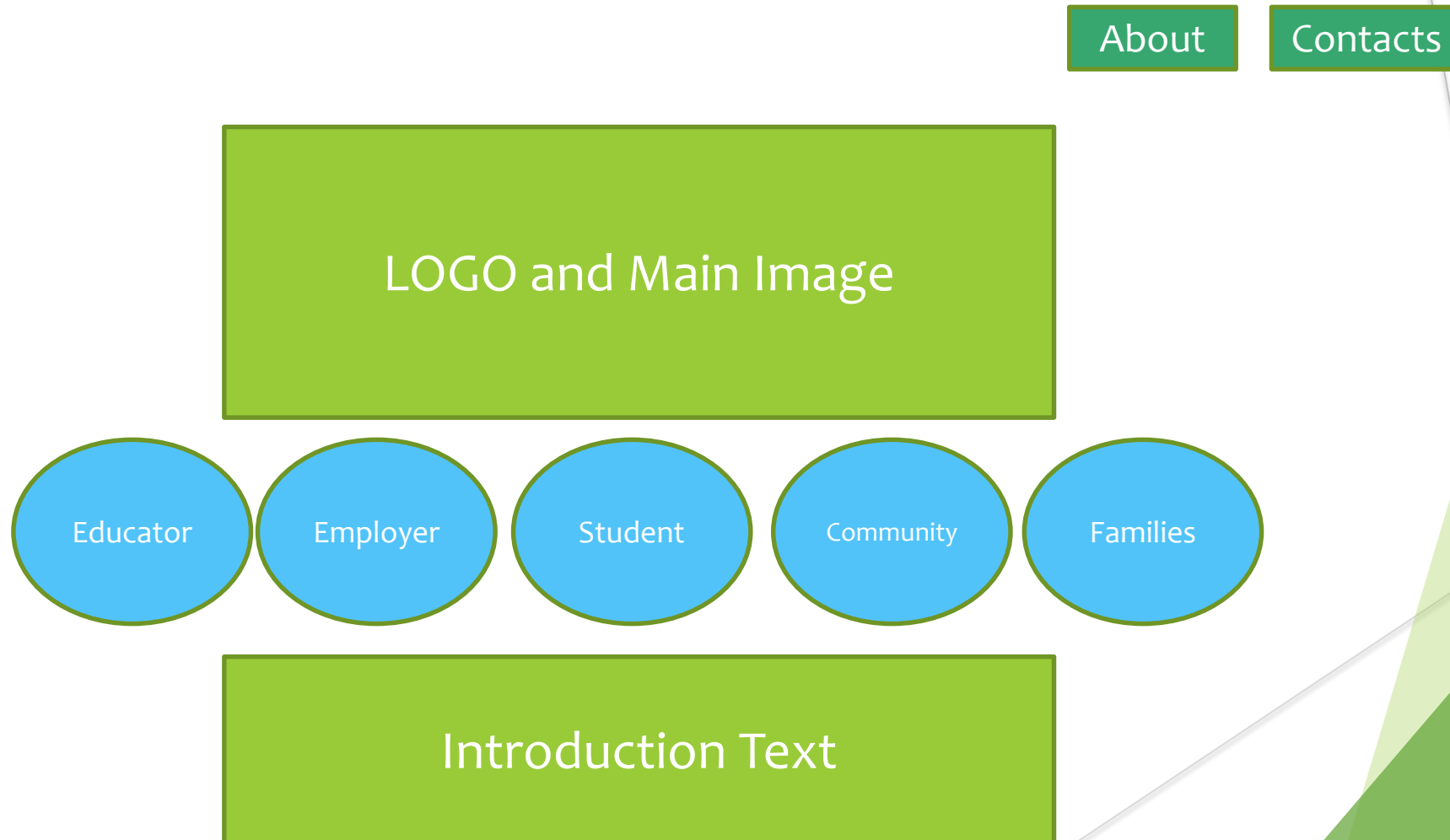
Objectives: Accessibility, Usability, and Clear Navigation





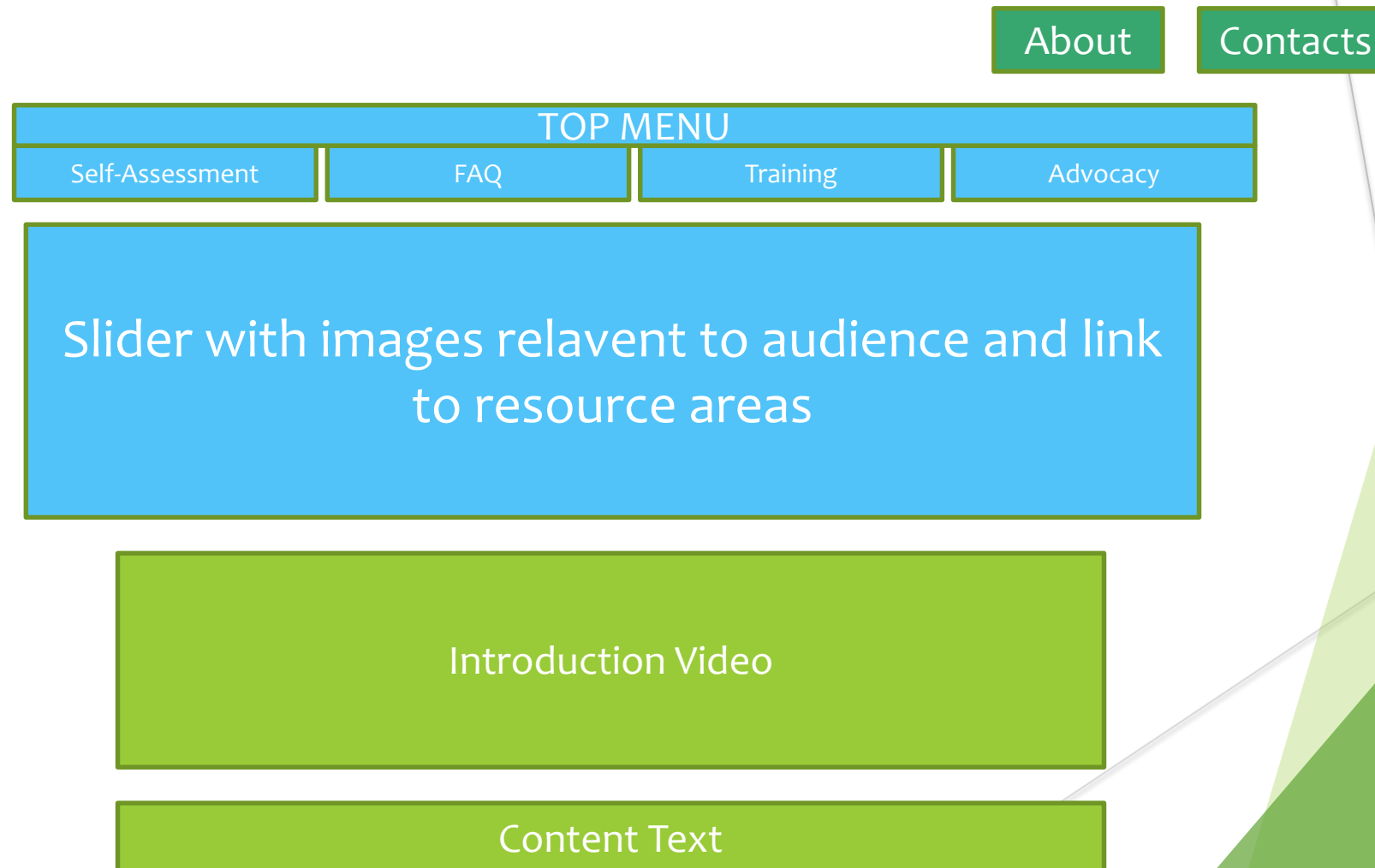
# Homepage

- Branding and directing audiences to relevant resources



# Audience Landing Page

- Introduction to autism from perspective of this audience and presentation of resources



## Discussion...

- ▶ What have we missed?
- ▶ Where do we focus our time?
- ▶ What is currently happening in the system?
- ▶ What is the need? What resources are needed to address the needs?

Thank you.

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