What does TRIAD do?
TRIAD's work across home, community, clinic, and school settings positively impacts individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and those with whom they love, live, work, and learn. TRIAD has helped thousands of educators and families throughout the region with diagnostic, behavioral, and educational assessment, intervention strategies, and direct behavior analytic therapy. While TRIAD's education-focused professional development efforts are largely supported by the Tennessee Department of Education, our community engagement initiatives are currently minimally funded.

How does TRIAD support local communities?
The core of our Community Engagement Initiative is the Families First Program, where we directly teach practical tools to parents of children newly diagnosed with ASD. As an extension to Families First, we began an Organizational Engagement Program. It focuses on supporting organizations in building capacity for including individuals with ASD and related disorders. We identified organizations with existing cultural and educational programs – Frist Center for the Visual Arts, Nashville Children’s Theatre, Cheekwood Botanical Gardens, Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, Nashville Zoo at Grassmere, Nashville Opera, Nashville Public Libraries, YMCA, Nashville Predators, TPAC, and Vanderbilt University Athletics – and have collaborated to provide staff training, modify performances and programs, and develop evidence-based supports and resources to open new learning opportunities and experiences for families with ASD. By supporting families of children with ASD through direct teaching and practice, and by providing ongoing support to local organizations, TRIAD is developing a dynamic network to help families feel welcome and comfortable in their community.