

## Autism Services

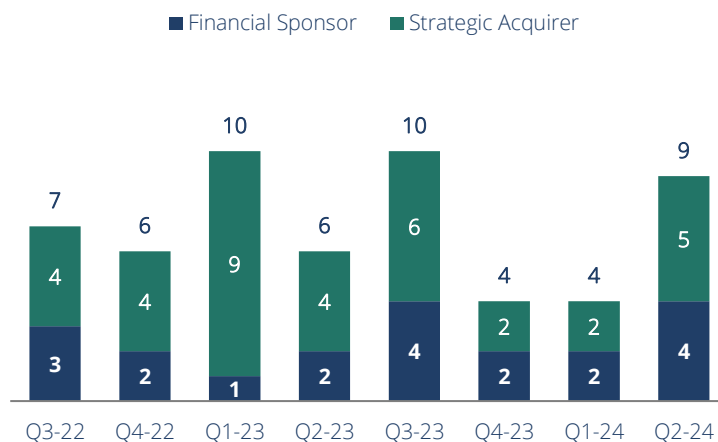
Q2 2024

### Market Update

Autism services transaction activity met Q2-2024's robust expectations with nine transactions closed, led by two secondary buyouts and two platform creations. Most notably, both Caravel Autism Health ("Caravel") and Behavioral Innovations ("BI") moved on to their next round of private equity investment, signaling strong investor sentiment and suggesting an active next 12-18 months from an M&A perspective.

More specifically, GTCR acquired Caravel from Frazier Healthcare Partners, who invested initially back in 2018, and Tenex Capital Management acquired BI from Shore Capital Partners, who initially invested in 2017. Despite stagnant reimbursement and ongoing labor challenges, both deals demonstrate investor confidence in a sector that saw a bottleneck in transaction activity over the past 12-18 months. Looking ahead, Provident expects several private equity-backed platforms to go to market given the successful exits of the two previously mentioned platforms and rebounding market sentiment across industry stakeholders. Notable companies currently out to market include Center for Social Dynamics, Journey ABA, and Gersh Autism.

### Quarterly Transaction Volume



### Select Transactions

Month	Acquirer	Target	Deal Description
June	 Point Quest	 Nyman Associates	Nyman Associates, a provider of school/home-based behavioral health in Pennsylvania, was acquired by Point Quest, an adolescent behavioral health and special education provider.
June	 FullBloom	 Lexington	FullBloom, a youth-focused education and behavioral health platform, acquired two locations from Lexington Life Academy, an Arizona-based special education services provider.
June	 GTCR	 CARAVEL AUTISM HEALTH	GTCR, a Chicago-based private equity firm, acquired Caravel Autism Health, an autism services provider with 60+ locations across eight states.
June	 TENEX CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	 behavioral INNOVATIONS	Tenex Capital Management, a New York-based private equity firm, acquired Behavioral Innovations, a Texas-based provider of autism services in 75+ locations across three states.
June	 SEVEN SPRINGS PARTNERS	 TALCOTT CENTER	The Talcott Center, a provider of pediatric therapy located in Connecticut, was acquired by Seven Springs Partners, a New York-based private equity firm.
May	 OPTIMAL INVESTMENT GROUP	 SPECTRUM BEHAVIORAL THERAPIES	Optimal Investment Group, a California-based private equity firm, acquired Spectrum Behavioral Therapies, an ABA, speech, and occupational therapy provider in California.
May	 opya bringing hope home	 CAST	Located in California, Opya acquired Center for Autism Spectrum Therapy, a center-based autism services provider located in Southern California.
April	 ILLUMINATE ABA THERAPY	 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKS Treatment for Autism & Related Disorders	Behavioral Health Works, a multi-state provider of behavioral health services, was acquired by Illuminate ABA Therapy, a New York-based ABA therapy provider.
April	 floreo	 AUTISM-EYES™	Floreo, a virtual reality therapy system for autism, ADHD, and anxiety, acquired Autism Eyes, an autism diagnostic and assessment company.

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