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## Nebraska Autism Spectrum Disorders Network Newsletter, Winter 2009

#### Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs)

#### Facts:

ASDs are a group of developmental disabilities that can cause significant social, communication and behavioral challenges.

People with ASDs handle information in their brain differently than other people.

ASDs occur in all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups.

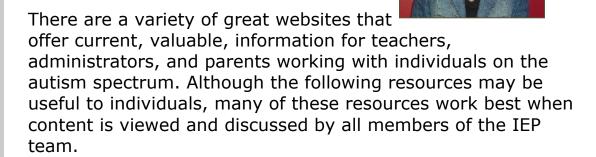
Research shows that early intervention services can greatly improve a child's development.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2009



## A Few Ideas for Online Training Resources

Annette Wragge, NE ASD Network, State Coordinator



### **Autism Internet Modules (AIM)**

Intervention Modules for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders including Home Base, Structured Work Systems and Activity Organization, Transitioning Between Activities, Visual Supports. Modules on each topic include discussion questions, FAQ's, Case studies, video examples, and much more... <a href="http://www.autisminternetmodules.org/">http://www.autisminternetmodules.org/</a>

### **Illinois Autism Training and Technical Assistance Video**

This video is a basic introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) appropriate for family members, school personnel including teacher assistants and general education staff as well as community members who want to learn about this increasingly prevalent disorder and basic effective strategies for interacting with individuals with ASD. <a href="http://www.autism.pbisillinois.org/video.htm">http://www.autism.pbisillinois.org/video.htm</a>

### **Nebraska Autism Spectrum Disorders Network**

The Nebraska ASD Network is committed to providing up-to-date information and training based on current research about autism spectrum disorders. Workshops are scheduled throughout the state on a variety of subjects <a href="http://www.unl.edu/asdnetwork">CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!</a>
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## **Workshops and Training Opportunities:**



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### **Upcoming Workshops:**

## Using Peer Mediated Strategies to Improve Social Skills in the Inclusive Setting (Preschool, K-1)

Date: November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Time: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Place: ESU #3, Omaha

Presenters: Teri McGill & Metro Region Team Members

### **Program Planning for More Involved Students with ASD**

Date: November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Time: 8:30 a.m. (Registration), 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (Workshop)

Place: ESU #10, 76 Plaza Blvd., Kearney

Presenters: Dawna Sigurdson, Ed. S.-School Psychologist & Judy Lauby, M.S. SLP

### Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) Overview

Date: November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 Time: 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Place: ESU #13 Presenter: Vicki Rutter

### **Paraeducator Teacher Conferencing**

Date: November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Time: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Place: ESU #7, Columbus

Presenter: Dawna Sigurdson & Sonja Ford

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"Someone with Asperger's really is like you, just more extreme."

Dr. Winnie Dunn

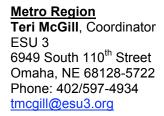
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