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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



There are a variety of great websites that offer current, valuable, information for teachers, administrators, and parents working with individuals on the autism spectrum. Although the following resources may be useful to individuals, many of these resources work best when content is viewed and discussed by all members of the IEP team.

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...

<http://www.autisminternetmodules.org/>

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.

<http://www.autism.pbisillinois.org/video.htm>

Nebraska Autism Spectrum Disorders Network

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<http://www.unl.edu/asdnetwork>

Workshops and Training Opportunities:



**Nebraska Autism
Spectrum Disorders
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SAVE THE DATE

NE ASD Network's 7th Annual Conference
April 8th and 9th, 2010
Kearney Holiday Inn and Convention Center

A Framework for Success: Supporting Individuals on the Autism **SPECTRUM**
Keynote Speakers Include:
Fern Sussmen, The Hanen Centre
Ruth Aspy and Barry Grossman, The Ziggurat Model
Mary Schlieder, Behavior Specialist, Norris Public Schools

Conference Highlights Include: a NEW Breakout Strand for Parents, a NEW Breakout Strand for Transition and Career Planning, and a Low Incidence Disabilities Strand

*Registration Flyer will be sent out in January 2010.
*Look for additional information on our website at <http://www.unl.edu/asdnetwork>

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Upcoming Workshops:

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

Date: November 12th, 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 13th, 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 23rd, 2009

Time: 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Place: ESU #13

Presenter: Vicki Rutter

Paraeducator Teacher Conferencing

Date: November 30th, 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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