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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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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