

## 2010 Summer Training Event

Our Great Plains ASD Treatment Program (GPAST) staff hosted a training titled *Making Sense of ASD Research: What Really Works* on July 16, 2010. Nearly forty participants were engaged throughout the day identifying key components of Evidence Based Practices (EBP) in autism, learning about where to find information about EBP, and networking with content specialists in the state. A highlight of the event was during the table activity where six specialists shared their technology (e.g., iPads, iPods, Flip Video Recorders) and techniques (e.g., Applied Behavior Analysis, Visual Schedules) with participants. The event concluded with a panel discussion about conducting research on autism in North Dakota. GPAST staff revealed a new Facebook page to engage potential researchers and families in the future.



### Feedback about the Training Event:

“Excellent resources”

“Conference was great, a lot of resources that will be helpful in the classroom”

“Appreciate links to websites which have access to studies which indicate which techniques are most successful and backed by research; information booths were also fun and exciting to visit.”

“Great info to start with- Thanks!”

“I appreciated the info and the reminder to ‘firm up’ or ‘organize’ what we do on an intuitive level during therapy”



# Other GPAST Training Topics:

- Red Flags
- General Overview of ASD
- Evidence-Based Practice
- Use of Technology to Provide Services
- Positive Behavior Supports
- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Lifespan Supports including:
  - Parent reactions to diagnosis
  - Strategies to empower families
  - Special needs planning for the future
  - Stressors at home and at school
  - Transitions for children & adults
  - Transitions to jobs and college
- Structuring the Environment
- The Rage Cycle and Crisis Intervention Planning
- “Au”some Autism Strategies
  - Social Stories
  - Comic Strips
  - Power Cords
- Theory of Mind



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