



**Nebraska Autism
Spectrum Disorders**
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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**

**Friend of Autism Award
Call for Nominations**

Do you know an educator who demonstrates remarkable dedication to individuals with autism spectrum disorders? Nominate them for the ASD Network *Friend of Autism Award*. Submissions should include details of how the nominee exhibits the following qualities (max. 5 pages).

1. **Commitment:** Has the education of families and children and youth with ASD as a primary focus and provides opportunities that enable students with ASD to reach their potential.
2. **Vision:** Sees potential in all individuals, readily adapts to change and accepts all individuals with ASD and their strengths and needs.
3. **Innovation:** Is aware of empirically supported practices in the field of Autism Spectrum Disorders and shows a willingness to adapt and use resources creatively.
4. **Inspiration:** Displays positive interactions with students and parents and actively influences peers with their energy and enthusiasm.

Include contact information for the nominee and the person(s) submitting the nomination. Nomination must be submitted by February 1, 2010 via email: to Annette Wragge at awragge2@unl.edu

Hotel

Please make hotel arrangements in advance with the Holiday Inn and Convention Center in Kearney 1-308-237-5971. Mention the Autism Conference to get a rate of \$74.95

Continuing Education Units
CEU stickers will be provided at the conference for educational professionals and other service providers, who will be responsible for soliciting school approval of their school district or professional organization.

NEW Voc Rehab Strand Sponsored by Voc Rehab & Region 7 TACE

NEW Parent Strand Sponsored by the Autism Society of Nebraska

Purchase Orders Welcome!
When registering online please select the INVOICE option IF you are paying with a Purchase Order.

Register Now At: http://asdconference2010.eventbrite.com	Early Bird Jan 19- March15	Late March 16- April 1	Walk In (If available)
Professional	\$150	\$175	\$185
Parent /Family Member/Individual with Autism	\$ 75	\$ 85	\$ 95
Voc Rehab (Friday only)	\$ 50	\$ 75	\$ 85

Limited Scholarships for parents (for registration costs) are available through the Autism Society of Nebraska by visiting their website at www.autismnebraska.org , completed scholarship forms must be postmarked on or before March 1st, 2010.

Thursday Morning Keynote Speaker



Fern Sussman, BA D.S.P.A., is Program Manager of *More Than Words*® – The Hanen Program® for Parents of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder at The Hanen Centre. She is the author of the *More Than Words* guidebook. Fern is a National presenter providing *More than Words Training* for SLPs parents and professionals.

Thursday Afternoon Keynote Speaker



Mary Schlieider is the author of *With Open Arms* and currently teaches in the Norris Public School District, working with kids in grades 6-12 with behavioral and social challenges. She also travels presenting workshops and seminars helping schools learn

Thursday Evening Keynote Speakers

Joe Steffy was diagnosed with autism and Down syndrome. Nonverbal, he uses an AAC device to share his story of perseverance and success.

Andrew Neiland is an active member of the Nebraska Youth Leadership Council and is using his skills to be a "voice" for all youth with disabilities.

Friday Morning Keynote Speakers

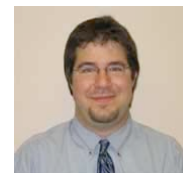


Ruth Aspy is a licensed psychologist with the Ziggurat Group. Dr. Aspy specializes in assessment and intervention for individuals with autism spectrum disorders. She is co creator of a comprehensive model of intervention. Along with Dr. Barry Grossman, she has written *The Ziggurat Model*. Dr. Aspy speaks internationally.



Barry Grossman is a licensed psychologist and author. He specializes in assessment and intervention for individuals with autism spectrum disorders. Dr. Grossman, along with Dr. Aspy, wrote *The Ziggurat Model* on designing interventions for students with Asperger's Disorder and high-functioning autism.

Friday Morning Voc Rehab Keynote Speaker



James Emmett is a national leader in development of employment services for persons with autism spectrum disorders. He is an individual with a disability and a parent with three daughters with disabilities. He serves as Chief Operating Officer of integrated Behavioral Systems and is a partner in the consulting firm *Two Steps Forward*.