Meeting Highlights  
Sept 11, 2009—Madison, WI  
Southern Regional Team on ASD and other Developmental Disabilities

**Purpose of the Southern Regional Team (SRT) on ASD/DD**

1. Use facilitated resource mapping strategy to identify resources to support children and youth with autism spectrum disorders and their families in the southern region of WI.
2. Build connections and strengthen collaborative opportunities among partners on this team.
3. Improve families', SRT partners', and others' access to information about these resources in the southern region of WI.

**Sept 11th Meeting Objective**

Identify key resources for parents, child care providers, educators, health care providers, and community agencies/programs to support children and youth with ASD and their families in the southern region of WI.

**We’re Making Connections!**

- We’ve begun to use the Southern Regional Team on ASD/DD meetings to share resources with one another. Bill Helm from ASGM shared posters for A-Maze-ing Days for Autism on October 3, 2009. Thanks to those who posted these in their agencies and program spaces!
- The Educational Partnerships division of Imagine a Child’s Capacity and the Southern Regional Center for CYSHCN are partnering to incorporate “Learn the Signs. Act Early.” and community resource information into trainings and consultation to child care providers being done through Imagine a Child’s Capacity.
- Dr. Glenis Benson expressed interest in the opportunity to integrate “Learn the Signs. Act Early.” and community resource information into her training and outreach. Gail will be following up with Glenis about this opportunity.
- Pilar Guzman (Birth-to-3), Sandy Magana (Social Work), Liz Hecht (Family Voices, Southern Regional Center), and Gail Chodron (Southern Regional Center) met about reaching Spanish-speaking families. They are following up on opportunities to provide an ASD training to service providers who routinely serve Spanish-speaking families.
- Nancy Alar and the Southern Regional Center are setting up a community conversation in 2010 with the AUSOME social group to learn from youth and young adults with ASD.

**NEXT STEPS:**

- When you make a new connection or start a collaborative effort because of your involvement in the SRT on ASD/DD, make note of it! We’ll share these at each meeting.
- Bring resources you want to share to the upcoming Southern Regional Team meetings. We’ll set up a display and sharing table each time we meet.
- Review the resource guides in your binder. Think about the following questions:
  - Which resources in the guides do all parents/families NEED to know?
  - Which resources in the guides do all health care providers NEED to know?
  - Which resources in the guides do all education staff NEED to know?
  - Which resources in the guides do all child care providers NEED to know?
  - Which resources in the guides do all community providers/programs NEED to know?

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- We’ll soon have a work space for sharing announcements, documents, and discussion on www.sharedwork.org. More news to come soon!