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News from the National Autism Center

National Standards Project Update

The response to our September announcement of National Standards Project results has been tremendous! Individuals from every state in the United States, and from close to 50 countries, have visited our website in the past two months. They have downloaded tens of thousands of free copies of the Project results.

Help us to continue spreading the word! [Forward our e-card](#) to others who might be interested in learning about the National Standards Project.

We invite you to [visit our website](#) to view and download a free electronic copy, or to purchase a printed copy, of the report.

The primary goal of the National Standards Project is to provide critical information about which treatments have been shown to be effective for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders. The National Standards Report covers a broad range of applied treatments and identifies the level of scientific evidence available for each. The report serves as a single, authoritative source of guidance for parents, caregivers, educators, and service providers as they make informed treatment decisions. We are confident that these findings and recommendations will change lives and give hope and direction to people whose lives are touched by autism.

National Autism Center Releases New Autism Educator Manual

We are pleased to make available a comprehensive new manual by the National Autism Center entitled, *Evidence-Based Practice and Autism in the Schools*.

“We created this manual for educators as a means of promoting evidence-based practice for Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) in schools,” said Susan M. Wilczynski, Ph.D., BCBA, Executive Director of the National Autism Center. “We know that research-supported interventions are most likely to produce positive outcomes for the ever-increasing numbers of students with ASD.”

The development and publication of the manuals were made possible through support from the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc., and the Niel M. Wreidt 2003 Revocable Trust. The American Legion grant enabled us to distribute the first 3,000 manuals free of charge to public school systems throughout the country.

Due to the overwhelming response to the manuals, we are making them available on our website. Visitors can now [download them for free](#), or purchase a hard copy through our [on-line Bookstore](#). We welcome you to take a look!

In the News

Executive Director Dr. Susan Wilczynski was featured recently on a Fox News (Washington, D.C.) segment about autism in the military. [Access the clip through our website!](#)

In the Community

The National Autism Center was honored to collaborate with the Ford Hall Forum recently in presenting a panel discussion in Boston entitled, *Autism: Looking Beyond Cause and Cure — Critical questions surrounding one of today's greatest healthcare challenges*. The Ford Hall Forum is the nation's oldest continuously operating free public lecture series.

Panelists included Susan Wilczynski, Ph.D., BCBA, Executive Director of the National Autism Center, Brenda Smith Myles, Ph.D., author and consultant with the Ziggurat Group, and Rebecca Woodcock, a special needs teacher and mother of a child with autism. The panel was moderated by James T. Brett, President & CEO of the New England Council and current chair of the Governor's Commission on Developmental Disabilities.

Video of the evening's event will be available in the coming weeks on our website. To read more about the forum, visit www.fordhallforum.org/programs/autism.

Thank you for your interest in the National Autism Center! If you would like to support the Center's efforts to provide direction and information to families affected by autism, we invite you to [donate today](#).

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