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Company Overview

Company History

Virtual Expert Clinics, Inc., provides a 21st century response to the challenges of educating students with autism called AutismPro. The company works with school districts, early intervention providers, and governments to supplement quality programs.

- Cynthia Howroyd, a speech-language pathologist and clinical director, created AutismPro to provide efficient and affordable guidance to professionals working with children with autism.
- The goal in developing AutismPro was to leverage technology to address the ongoing challenges and issues related to the treatment of children with autism.
- Understanding how the expertise of professionals, the Internet, software, and online learning could be combined in a single solution, Howroyd developed the vision of a “virtual autism clinic” that would dramatically increase accessibility to treatment guidance.
- Virtual Expert Clinics was established in 2004.
- As a result of strong interest from school districts and early intervention centers, Virtual Expert Clinics developed a package of software, consulting, training, and program-design services to help these institutions deliver autism programming to improve child outcomes.

Quick Facts

- More than 1,000 individuals and organizations in a dozen countries use AutismPro.
- Virtual Expert Clinics has established high profile re-seller partnerships in Poland (SOTIS), Australia (Autism Spectrum Australia), The Netherlands (Fontys University), and the U.S. (MAXIMUS).
- The company employs more than 20 people, with solid experience in autism programming, training, project management, and client services.
- Virtual Expert Clinics is based in Fredericton, New Brunswick, with offices and staff in Boston, Mass., and Denver, Colo.

Professional Advisory Board

The AutismPro Advisory Board represents some of the world’s leading autism researchers, educators and advocates. The Advisory Board’s role is to review the design, content and functionality of AutismPro.

Dr. Kathleen Ann Quill, Director, Professional Advisory Board, AutismPro (Specialty Area: social & communication intervention)

Dr. Concetta Russo, Assistant Professor, Seton Hall University and former Director of Special Education, Massapequa Public Schools (Specialty Area: autism, dyslexia, reading disorders, auditory processing)

Dr. Pamela Wolfberg, San Francisco State University (Specialty Area: social intervention through play)

Dr. Cathy Pratt, Chair, Autism Society of America; Director, Indiana Resource Center on Autism (Specialty Area: functional behavior assessment, positive behavior supports)

Dr. Brenda Smith-Myles, Psychologist in Private Practice (Specialty Area: assessment, Aspergers Syndrome)

Dr. Diane Twachtman-Cullen, Director, ADDCON Center (Specialty Area: communication, educational programming)

Margaret Spoelstra, Executive Director, Autism Ontario (Specialty Area: needs of autism community)

Paula Aquilla, Occupational Therapist (Specialty Area: sensory integration, motor skill development)

Theo Peeters, Founder, Centre for Training on Autism, Belgium (Specialty Area: autism training, autism in Europe)

Dr. Michael Cameron, Director of Graduate Programs in Behavioral Education, Simmons College, Boston (Specialty Area: Applied Behavior Analysis or ABA)

Neil Walker, Program Director, Geneva Center for Autism (Specialty Area: parent education, program delivery)

Board of Directors

Brian Neill – Chairman, Virtual Expert Clinics

Kevin Custer – CEO, Virtual Expert Clinics

Cynthia Howroyd, SLP – Founder, Virtual Expert Clinics

Steve Abrams – Director, Venture Capital, Business Development Bank of Canada

Peter Clark – Regional Investment Manager, Growthworks Atlantic Ltd.

Remington Fairlamb – Senior Vice President, Kaplan Educational Services

David Wagner – President & CEO, Atlantic Hydrogen