



Free Trial of New Software for Designing Autism Intervention

A trial version of AutismPro, AutismPro First Steps, will be available free of charge for a limited time to give parents, educators and clinicians an inside look at this innovative program for providing autism services over the Internet.

Fredericton, NB (PRWEB) February 13, 2007 -- Since its launch in November 2006, the Canadian software company Virtual Expert Clinics (VEC) has been fielding queries from around the globe about AutismPro, the world's first online software for autism intervention. To help educate the world about what AutismPro offers, VEC today announced that AutismPro is available for free for a limited time in a scaled down version, called AutismPro First Steps.

AutismPro is a subscription-based 9-step program delivered over the Internet. "We have had both parents and professionals excited about trying out AutismPro" said Cynthia Howroyd, President and CEO of VEC. "They can now go on to our website at www.autismpro.com and subscribe for free to AutismPro First Steps."

The AutismPro First Steps free release illustrates a beginning intervention program for a young child with severe autism. AutismPro First Steps includes 8 learning objectives and over 100 printable activities along with video components and case studies that allow users to view and learn about teaching techniques and various levels of behavioral supports for children on the ASD spectrum. "It serves to illustrate a small part of the total program," said Ms. Howroyd, "which includes dozens of video components, hundreds of learning objectives, and several thousand activities designed for supporting intervention with children across the autism spectrum."

"When families first get a diagnosis the first place they often go to is the web," said Dr. Cathy Pratt, Chair of Autism Society of America. "AutismPro will provide a tool for them to not only gather information initially about their child but it will help them to organize that information and to put together goals and objectives and programming strategies for their children."

"The other positive aspect of AutismPro is that it will also allow teams to work collaboratively on behalf of these children," said Dr. Pratt.

AutismPro First Steps will be available for a limited time through www.autismpro.com.

Sound bites and b-roll available at:

<http://www.prnewswire.com/broadcast/25175/consumer.shtml>

About Virtual Expert Clinics

Since November of 2004, Virtual Expert Clinics has been developing a revolutionary approach to providing services to children with special needs. Through a first-of-kind blend of clinical expertise, expert systems programming, and Internet-based delivery, VEC has taken a global leadership role in its first product offering: AutismPro.

AutismPro is an online subscription-based program for providing immediate just-in-time therapeutic guidance to parents of children with autism, and to educators and autism professionals. The expert intelligence underlying the program allows them to build and manage teams and provide customized intervention plans for individual children. The program monitors each child's progress and adapts the plans as needed.

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