

# Case study

## Positive Partnerships



<b>Year:</b>	2010
<b>Client:</b>	PEAC (Partnerships between Education and the Autism Community) and DEEWR (Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations)
<b>Aim:</b>	Inform, involve and engage those dealing with school-age children with autism spectrum disorders
<b>Solution:</b>	A series of interactive, easy-to-use online training modules
<b>Results:</b>	422,318 learning activities completed since launch, Gold Winner Best Partnership in a Training Program, LearnXprogram at LearnX

### Background

The Australian Autism Education and Training Consortium (AAETC) consists of five organisations concerned with autism spectrum disorders, especially in relation to education. When the Federal Government announced a new autism spectrum disorder initiative in 2008, 'Helping Children with Autism', the consortium was given a leading role in improving educational outcomes amongst affected school-age children.

### The challenge

Improving educational outcomes for these children demanded AAETC to engage with a diverse range of stakeholders, including teachers, school bodies, parents and carers. They would all require communication, information and support.

Additionally, there was the geographic issue of doing this across all the States and Territories of Australia, often to relatively small and isolated groups of people.

### The solution

Workstar developed a series of easy-to-use training modules, accessed online, allowing the client to achieve national coverage with limited resources.

Education professionals had their own dedicated modules, with discussion boards to encourage collaboration and sharing of ideas, and experiences.

Parents and carers could access interactive, self-paced learning modules.

Also included was the ability to manage bookings and pre-learning for workshops.

### The results

- Over 35,000 teachers and caregivers have joined the community
- Has become self sustaining - growing by approximately 700 new users per month
- 422,318 learning activities completed since launch
- Winner: LearnX Best Partnership in a Training Program - Gold - 2010
- Significant interest amongst other autism groups in Asia Pacific
- DEEWR recommitted to funding the initiative for another three years since its initial term

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