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Southwest
Autism
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SARRC Fact Sheet - What is special about SARRC?

- The Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center attracts nationwide attention as a model of a comprehensive community-based autism organization.
- SARRC provides a lifetime of services to individuals with autism, from early intervention for the families of toddlers who have just been diagnosed through employment services for adults.
- SARRC is committed to evidence-based practices; that is, SARRC implements only those treatments that have strong scientific support.
- SARRC is entrepreneurial. With SARRC support, individuals with ASDs win jobs, earn paychecks and pay taxes; SARRC's year-old entrepreneurial center has already launched two SARRC-owned businesses.
- SARRC is on the forefront of finding the causes and developing new treatments for autism. Partnering with the Translational Genomics Research Institute (T-Gen), the international Autism Genetics Resource Exchange (AGRE) and the clinical network trials of Autism Speaks, SARRC is among the most robust sites for recruiting families into molecular / genetic, pharmaceutical and clinical research trials.
- In just 13 years, SARRC grew from a virtual resource founded by two mothers and their pediatrician to two campuses in downtown Phoenix – the 18,000-square-foot Campus for Exceptional Children and the 10,000-square-foot Vocational & Life Skills Academy.
- SARRC served nearly 3,000 children, teens and adults with ASDs, more than 4,000 parents, family members and neurotypical peers and more than 5,000 educators and medical professionals during 2009.
- SARRC has expanded internationally in a new partnership to serve families in western Canada with the Sinneave Family Foundation.
- SARRC is among 14 national organizations leading the Advancing Futures for Adults with Autism initiative. SARRC co-founder Denise Resnik serves on the federal Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee and the Family Services Committee of Autism Speaks.

The Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center (SARRC) is a nonprofit, community-based organization dedicated to autism research, education and resources for children and young adults with autism and their families. SARRC undertakes self-directed and collaborative research projects, serves as a satellite site for national and international projects, and provides up-to-date information, training and assistance to families and professionals about autism and related disorders. For more information about SARRC, please call (602) 340-8717 or visit www.autismcenter.org.