

**Families for Effective Autism Treatment - North Texas  
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**FAMILIES FOR EFFECTIVE AUTISM TREATMENT - NORTH TEXAS (FEAT-NT) ANNOUNCES**

**2010 AUTISM AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES CONFERENCE IN JANUARY 2010**

**“Teaching Does Make a Difference”**

The 2010 Annual FEAT-NT Autism Conference will be held on January 28, 29 and 30, 2010 at the Plano Centre in Plano, Texas. The theme for this year’s FEAT-NT winter conference is “Teaching Does Make a Difference.” For nearly 15 years, FEAT-NT has been dedicated to serving educators, parents, professionals and individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders and developmental delays. In the spirit of our commitment we are honored to present a conference with a diverse array of professionals with valuable years of experience to share. Recognizing that each teaching opportunity impacts an individual’s quality of life and a lifetime of skills and success, these professionals have implemented and refined evidence based teaching strategies that have been proven to be successful.

**The FEAT-NT 2010 Keynote speaker is Jo Webber, PhD**

Jo Webber, PhD, professor of Special Education, has taught at Texas State University-San Marcos since 1986, and is currently serving as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for the College of Education. Dr. Jo Webber currently serves as chair of the Austin Regional Task Force for Autism reporting to the Texas Council on Autism and Pervasive Developmental Disorders.

Dr. Webber has co-authored three books, *Autism: Teaching DOES Make a Difference*, *Emotional and Behavioral Disorders: Theory to Practice*, and most recently *Educating Students with Autism: A Quickstart Manual* (Pro-Ed, 2008),

In addition to the keynote address based on Dr. Webber’s Book, “Teaching Does Make a Difference,” Dr. Webber will also be presenting on additional topics regarding how to educate children with autism.

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### **Workshop Topics**

Conference presentations will vary on Young Children/Elementary, Middle/High School Students and Adults, Over 25 presentations in a break out setting will cover topics on behavior management, assessments, classroom teaching, data collection, social skills, IEP and ARD process, special education law, teaching language and much more. Individuals will find that the tools and techniques presented in this conference are effective for not only Autism Spectrum Disorders, but for other disorders distinguished by developmental delay. Some of the topics overlap as they are appropriate for individuals of all ages and attendees.

### **Registration Information**

Early registration rate for everyone is \$125 until January 20, 2010. After the deadline individual rate will be \$165. Group, student, and family member discounts are available after that date. Additionally, scholarship aid may be available. For more information on conference registration, call (682) 626-5000 or by emailing [info@dfwautismconference.com](mailto:info@dfwautismconference.com)

The 2010 FEAT-NT Autism Spectrum Disorder and Developmental Delay Conference is designed to meet the needs of family members as well as special educators, therapists, psychologists, counselors, and a variety of other autism professionals.

**Read more information:** [www.dfwautismconference.com](http://www.dfwautismconference.com)

FEAT-NT is a tax exempt 501 c 3 nonprofit organization of parents and concerned professionals dedicated to providing Education, Advocacy and Support for children with autism and their families.

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If you would like more information about this topic or to schedule an interview contact:

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