



Milestones Autism Conference with OAR Sets New Attendance Record

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ARLINGTON, VA– On June 21, 2011 the Organization for Autism Research (OAR) joined Milestones for the 9th Annual Autism/Asperger’s Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. In its first Conference-on-the-Road test, OAR sponsored four presentations in the “Research to Practice” conference track. Attendees heard OAR researchers and autism experts discuss fluency, quality of life for adults with autism, social interaction programs for high school aged students, and treatment of comorbid conditions.

For Milestones, this year’s conference broke all previous attendance records by a wide margin. Over 900 people attended, not just from greater Cleveland and Ohio, but also from Kentucky, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York, and Florida. The conference also proved a success for OAR’s new approach to its education mission--partnering with established events instead of holding an independent conference. “It was exciting to see the Conference-on-the-Road approach work so well,” said Allison Gilmour, Director, Programs and Community Outreach. “Our speakers were among the best around, and we thought they would be a great fit for Milestones.”

In addition to the speakers OAR brought to the conference, OAR also provided complementary registrations to a number of *RUN FOR AUTISM* -Cleveland team members as well as parents and friends from local autism organizations and schools.

Gilmour concluded, “Milestones puts on a professional conference. OAR was happy and excited to be a part of the event.”

In the next test of the Conference-on-the-Road program, OAR will offer a research to practice track and presentations at the Autism NJ Conference on October 13-14 in Atlantic City, NJ. For details or to register visit <http://www.autismnj.org/29thAnnualConference.aspx>.

About OAR: The Organization for Autism Research (OAR) is a national non-profit organization formed and led by relatives of children and adults with autism. OAR is dedicated to promoting research that can be applied to help families, educators, caregivers, and individuals with autism find much-needed answers to their immediate and urgent questions. Learn more at their Web site: <http://www.researchautism.org>