# Mission Statement

The mission of University of Nevada, Las Vegas Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders (UNLV CASD) is to improve the quality of life for people with autism spectrum disorders and their families in Southern Nevada.

CASD activities are focused on increasing knowledge and understanding on autism spectrum disorders within the community through:

- Researching best practices in assessment and intervention,
- Actively engaging community stakeholders
- Providing training and outreach to the community

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#### **OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS:**







#### **TRAINING**

The CASD provides education and training to families, teachers, and service providers on autism spectrum disorders.

- Addressing Challenging Behaviors
  - In-depth training on the Positive Behavior Support approach to supporting individuals with challenging behaviors. Learn the principles of PBS and practical skills for designing and implementing interventions that improve quality of life.
- Other topics include:
  - Visual Supports
  - Choice-making
  - Functional Communication Training

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

The CASD increases awareness of issues related to autism spectrum disorders through our workshops and participation in community events. Including:

- Autism Awareness workshops
- Behavior Basics workshops
- Presenting at local conferences
- Support and education for local family and early childhood organizations
- Support and education for local autism groups

Workshops and professional development may be scheduled for your organization or group. Please contact us if you are interested in scheduling a session.

#### RESEARCH

The CASD conducts research on effective assessment and intervention of persons with ASD. Our research has appeared in premier scholarly outlets, including Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders and Focus on Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities.

We offer opportunities for graduate students to assist in the development and implementation of research studies through the UNLV Department of Special Education. Please contact us for more information.

