Australia's Largest Autism Service Provider Adopts Innovative Software to Help Bridge the Services Gap

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"Thousands of Australian children are in desperate need of autism services," said Adrian Ford, CEO of Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect). "We believe that this new software will complement our existing services and will help meet the needs of other service providers and families working with children with an autism spectrum disorder."

"The software is called AutismPro," said Mr. Ford. "It was developed by an international board of autism experts, we've recently signed an agreement with the developers to become the exclusive Australian distributors."

Australian governments have recently increased their commitment to families and service providers supporting people with an autism spectrum disorder.

Cynthia Howroyd, President of Virtual Expert Clinics, and a speech language pathologist who worked for years with children with autism, said, "We created AutismPro to meet service needs of communities and school systems alike. Autism diagnoses have skyrocketed everywhere and government agencies simply don't have the resources to keep up."

"AutismPro has a special component for training teachers," said Ms. Howroyd. "It consists of a series of online workshops accompanied by a rich inventory of resources and multimedia tools that teachers can use to apply their workshop training in the classroom."

"A key feature of the program," said Ms. Howroyd, "is its adaptability to support intensive early intervention in a cost-effective manner. It's also a collaborative tool that provides a means for teachers, clinicians and parents to work together as a team and have thousands of valuable resources at their finger tips."

"Parents need to be empowered as soon as possible to help their children," said Mr. Ford. "Now we can provide Australians with a desperately needed tool for autism intervention planning and training over the Internet. This means we can reach large numbers of children and families easily and economically."

About AutismPro:
AutismPro is a 9-step Internet-delivered program for designing and delivering individualized autism treatment
in the home, school or clinic. It can be used manage and coordinate teams of autism caregivers. A special edition of the program, called AutismPro Educator, has been created to train teachers and other school personnel in the basic concepts of autism and provide them with the resources they need to deliver services in the classroom.

About Autism Spectrum Australia:
Since its inception in 1966, Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) has developed and provided desperately needed services and programs for many thousands of children, adolescents and adults with an autism spectrum disorder in Australia.

About Virtual Expert Clinics:
Virtual Expert Clinics develops educational e-therapy for special needs children. Their first product, AutismPro, blends the expertise of world-class autism experts and intelligent computer systems to deliver accessible and affordable autism services to families everywhere.

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