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In 2008, NDCPD hosted the ND Symposium on Autism. The event attracted over 300 people from across the state and was the launch event for the Great Plains Autism Spectrum Treatment program at NDCPD.

In 2008, Dr. Fifield retired and Dr. Brent Askvig became NDCPD’s third Executive Director. Dr. Askvig maintained the leadership infrastructure and continued guiding NDCPD through successful years of service to the disability community and effective grant writing efforts.

Individuals serving as NDCPD’s Associate Director changed over the years. The Associate Director’s role was to coordinate NDCPD’s grant development process.

- Dr. Christy Carroll, 2008-2010.
- Dr. Lori Kalash and Dr. David Roof, served simultaneously during 2011.

- Ms. Susie Mack served as NDCPD’s Office Manager coordinating Human Resources and Operations.
- Ms. Marcia Johnson served as NDCPD’s Finance Manager managing the projects’ finances with the Project Directors.

NDPCD’s Core Coordinators carried out a variety of activities and programs in their different areas. Faculty and staff within these positions also changed throughout the years.

PreService Training Coordinator
Ms. JoLynn Webster, 2006-2010

Community Services Coordinator
Ms. Wendy Thomas, 2006-2010

Dissemination Coordinators
Ms. Cynthia Salazar, 2007-2009
Ms. Linda Modsen, 2009-2010

Research Coordinators
Dr. Bryce Fifield, 2006-2008
Dr. Christy Carroll, 2008-2009
Ms. Janet Green, 2009-2010

Ms. Dawn Olson, CAC 2009-2010

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In 2010, NDCPD celebrated their 20th Anniversary. The event acknowledged the first director, Dr. Ragan, as well as former Associate Directors, Unit Coordinators and past and present staff. Activities around the state were organized as well as a reunion of past and present Consumer Advisory Council members. Chet McDaniel, a motivational speaker born without arms, presented to the MSU campus and to the public. It was a week-long celebration!

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235 Funded Grants & Contracts
$29,406,718

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