

## **Lab E-Newsletter**

Research in Early Autism Detection and Intervention

#### Find Us on Social Media!

In a bold leap into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the READi Lab now has a Facebook page and a website! We will use these outlets to highlight our activities and events, as well as current news and research findings in the world of autism. Check us out and let us know what you think!

Click below to visit our Facebook page:



And here is our new website: http://depts.washington.edu/readilab

We love input, so let us know if there's anything you'd like to see us include!



# Research Project Offers Free Evaluations!







The READi Lab is evaluating the effectiveness of a new, streamlined autism assessment for future use in the National Children's Study. We are comparing results obtained from the new assessment to those obtained from a "gold standard" diagnostic evaluation. We are looking for children between 24 and 39 months of age for whom there are concerns about autism OR developmental delay. This study will involve 1-2 visits to UW. For more information, please contact us at 206-685-4304 or READiLab@uw.edu.

### **Celebrating Autism Awareness Month**

In celebration of April's Autism Awareness Month, the READi Lab will present our first-ever "Virtual Talent Show" to showcase the amazing talents of children with ASD. There is no talent too big or too small! Whether your child is a master at hammering out melodies on pots and pans or a finger-painting Picasso, we invite you to send us a performance video or an artwork sample.



We will feature submissions on our Facebook page during the month of April. Please send electronic submissions to READiLab@uw.edu or mail artwork directly to the READi Lab (c/o Lisa Ibanez, University of Washington, CHDD Box 357920, Seattle, WA 98195) -but only if you'll let us hang it on our walls!

### In the Spotlight:

Many of you know Katrina Mares as the warm voice over the phone and the friendly face greeting you during lab visits. After 2½ years at the READi Lab, Katrina will be leaving in April to pursue other opportunities, including completing her BCBA degree,

working on an early intervention project, and, of course, perfecting her mountain climbing skills. We will all miss Katrina and wish her the best!

Questions? Please contact us at READiLab@uw.edu or 206-616-7358.