



# News & Notes

## Center Updates

### UWAC 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House

Thank you to everyone who joined us on April 30<sup>th</sup> to hear about our research, clinical and training programs and to celebrate 15 years of improving lives at the UW Autism Center! We were thrilled to have more than 100 people in attendance and we are looking forward to seeing everyone next year!



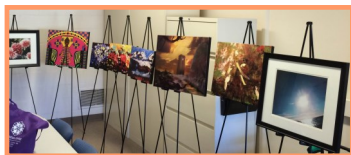
### Autism Center 15th Anniversary



UW Today featured the UWACs pioneering research and continuum of services that grow with a person from birth through adulthood. Click [here](#) to read the article.

### An Inspiring Gift of Art

We would like to thank James Frye, Matthew James, Grace Juchau, Cory Kanakis, Casey King, Forrest Sargent and [NW Special Artists](#) Director Leslie James, for donating 10 pieces of artwork from the [Through the Eyes of Autism](#) exhibit held this April at the Pacific Science Center! We are honored by these wonderful gifts.



**Interview on Microsoft Autism Hiring Initiative** Marcie Sillman, of KUOW's *The Record* spoke with our Director Annette Estes Ph.D. about the advantages of employing people with autism. Listen to the story [here](#)!

## Clinic Updates

### UWAC—Tacoma is Adding Social Skills Groups

We are proud to be launching the [Social Skills](#) program in Tacoma this September! Our supportive, individualized groups connects preschool children (ages 4-7) to learn social interaction skills. Groups will meet weekly for 10 weeks at the UWAC -Tacoma. To maximize student participation, group size is limited. Call 1-877-408-UWAC for more information!



### Apex Summer Camp 2015

We are looking forward to another great summer at Apex Summer Camp! Our day camp begins in July providing an opportunity for kids 6-12 to build social and behavioral skills. [www.apexsummercamp.org](http://www.apexsummercamp.org), email [apex@uw.edu](mailto:apex@uw.edu) or call us at (206) 221-CAMP (2267).



## Training Updates



### Join us for the first annual STAS!

The first annual Seattle Teachers Autism Symposium ([STAS](#)) with **Key Note Speaker Traci Schneider** is **August 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**! A generous gift from St. John's Masonic Lodge will allow us to provide this **FREE** training to greater Seattle area public school teachers and staff! Learn about Symposium [topics](#)! Class sizes are limited, [early registration](#) is encouraged!



### ABA Boot Camp Workshops Coming Soon

Our Training Team is pleased to offer [intensive workshops](#) and offer this training in Tacoma! Designed to prepare parents and professionals to work effectively with children with autism spectrum disorders using strategies based on principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). Visit our [website](#) for more information and to [register](#)! And check out [all upcoming training events](#).

## Research Updates



### The Latest in Early Intervention Research

Highlighted in [UW Today](#), our Director Annette Estes Ph.D. is the lead author of [Long-Term Outcomes of Early Intervention in 6-Year-Old Children With Autism Spectrum Disorder](#). The study will be published in the July issue of the Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. Hear Dr. Estes' [interview](#) about the lasting benefits of early intervention!

### Guest Lecturer Explains a Mouse Model of Autism

On June 3<sup>rd</sup> UWAC Autism Research Network's guest lecturer, Dr. Noboru Hiroi presented fascinating [research](#) on repetitive behavioral traits, social interaction and working memory deficits in mice. We feel so fortunate and inspired by his visit.



## Outreach News

### Applied Behavior Analysis & Insurance Bill Passes

UW Autism Center's own Susan Ray (3rd from right) was on hand on April 25<sup>th</sup> to watch Governor Jay Inslee sign [Senate Bill No. 5488](#) establishing licensure for BCBAs. We hope this increases access to quality community services for all!