



Center on Human Development and Disability  
University of Washington  
Autism Center News & Notes

Oct/Nov 2017

## Announcements

UWAC Event | 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
**illuminating Autism**  
Benefit Dinner & Auction

Saturday, January 27, 2018 | 6pm  
The Rainier Club  
820 4th Ave, Seattle

**For More Information Contact:**  
Tanya Cooke  
Event Coordinator  
206.485.4539  
tanya@seattleeventworks.com

**Purchase Tickets:**  
[uwaitism.ejoinme.org/illuminatingautism](http://uwaitism.ejoinme.org/illuminatingautism)

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UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

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### **Simon Family Endowment**

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Building and enhancing programs and services supporting adults diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder or other intellectual disabilities

### Simon Family Endowment

We are thrilled and grateful for the recent gift to UW Tacoma: The Simon Family Endowment. This gift will go toward support of adults with autism through two initiatives; (1) a new **Masters of Social Work Practicum Program** to offset program and faculty costs support UW Tacoma MSW practica student fellowships and (2) the **Autism Coalition of Tacoma (ACT)** to address significant gaps in services for individuals and their families affected by autism and related developmental disabilities across the lifespan.

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## Research

**Meet our new Postdoctoral Research Associate!** I moved to Seattle last month after finishing up my degree in clinical psychology from Duke University. I grew up in Philadelphia, and went to the University of Michigan for college where I studied neuroscience and first fell in love with research. As a postdoctoral research associate here at the UWAC, I will be conducting research and providing clinical services.

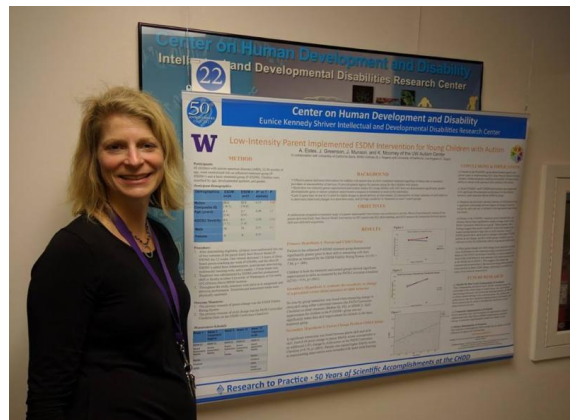
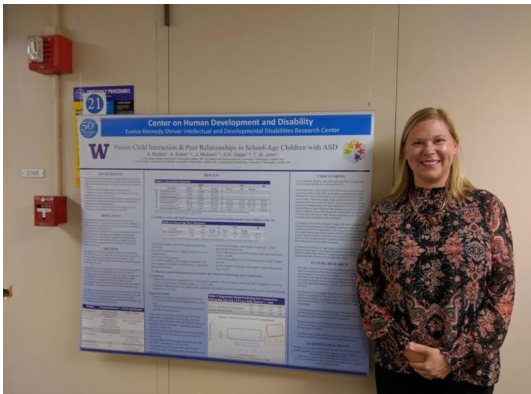


UW Autism Center researchers (Jeff Munson, Research Associate Professor, Dept of Psychiatry, Annette Estes, UWAC Director and Research Professor, Dept of Speech and Hearing Sciences), in collaboration with health care economists (Cidav, Mandell) and early intervention colleagues (Dawons, Rogers) have demonstrated that the cost of early, intensive autism intervention, begun when children are 10-30 months of age, and implemented for 2

years at 20 hours per week, is offset within 2 years. You can find a link to the abstract [here](#) and you can email us at [uwautism@uw.edu](mailto:uwautism@uw.edu) to request a copy of the full article. Thank you to all the Seattle families who participated in this ground breaking study!

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Dr. Rodda and Dr. Greenson presented their posters for colleagues at the Center on Human Development and Disability 50th Anniversary Symposium

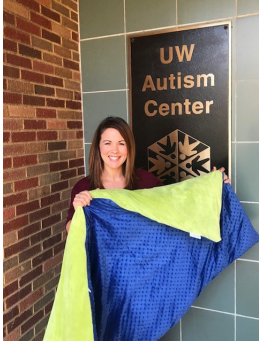


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## Community Engagement

The Harkla company generously donated weighted blankets to the UW Autism Center. Within the first week of receiving this donation we were able to pass on a blanket to a young adult with ASD who had her belongings, including a weighted blanket, stolen.

Harkla is a small dedicated company whose goal is to provide families with the best products and resources for raising a special



needs child. They support the community by donating 1% of sales each month to the UW Autism Center. THANK YOU HARKLA!

<https://harkla.co/>



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## Camp Orkila Family Camp

The UWAC APEX Program collaborated with YMCA Camp Orkila to launch a Family Camp for Exceptional Families. From rock-climbing to arts and crafts to roasting marshmallows, a beautiful weekend was enjoyed by all! We were thrilled to collaborate with the Y camp and hope to support this program next fall too.





## Family Resource Navigation

### A service provided by the Washington Autism Alliance and Advocacy (WAAA)

Do you have questions about where to find resources for your child with ASD or other developmental disabilities?

Washington Autism Alliance and Advocacy (WAAA) has experienced Family Navigators available to share information about resources and support services and help families access these services.

#### We help with:

- Individualized service navigation support
- Resource and referral assistance
- Connection to specialists with experience in:
  - Insurance Navigation
  - Special Education Navigation



#### How to connect:

- Call the WAAA main office to request an appointment, Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM at 425-836-6513.
- We are co-located at UW Tacoma Autism Center on Fridays from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Call 253-692-5689 to request an appointment at this location.

**AVAILABLE IN THE  
SOUTH SOUND!**

*Fridays  
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM*

**WHERE**  
*UW Autism Center  
Tacoma, WA*

**For more information, please contact our main office at 425-836-6513  
or [korina@washingtonautismadvocacy.org](mailto:korina@washingtonautismadvocacy.org)**

**WAAA Redmond Office**  
425.836.6513  
Fax 425.836.6512

**UW Autism Center**  
<http://www.depts.washington.edu/uwautism>

**Tacoma Satellite**  
253.692.5689  
Fax 253.693.4718

Calling all artists with disabilities! Check out this great opportunity to showcase your artwork in [Museum of Special Art's](#) upcoming exhibition!

MOSA website: <http://www.museumofspecialart.org/calling-all-artists>

Submission Guidelines:

[http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/aa2a81\\_50095119f0ee4ba79b450733de11fa1d.pdf](http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/aa2a81_50095119f0ee4ba79b450733de11fa1d.pdf)

# Calling All Artists With Disabilities

*Greetings Everyone,*

The Museum of Special Art (MOSA) located in Washington State is calling all artists with disabilities for participation in our upcoming "Celebration" exhibition.

We are currently extending an invitation to all artists with disabilities across the country to encourage them to:

***"Come celebrate the holidays with the MOSA Museum!"***

This is an excellent opportunity for artists located throughout the country to exhibit and sell their original artwork, prints, and gifts over the holiday season!

Click on "Submission Guidelines" below for information on how to submit your work to this exhibition. We are very excited about this upcoming exhibition and look forward to exhibiting your beautiful artwork to our community!

Please don't hesitate to contact the MOSA Museum, if you have any questions at [info@museumofspecialart.org](mailto:info@museumofspecialart.org).

Thank you!

Museum of Special Art (MOSA)  
720 238th St SE, Suite I  
Bothell, WA. 98021



**Maggie the Mug!**

Rainy season has arrived in Seattle. Time to fill up our Maggies with something to keep us warm!



**"Celebration"**

**Exhibition**

**November 18, 2017 to**

**March 16, 2018**

**at MOSA Museum**



**Museum of Special Art**



Located at:

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**Submission  
Deadline**

**November 9, 2017**

**"Artists" Please click  
on the submission  
guidelines for  
information on how to  
submit your work.**

**Submission Guidelines**



**UWAC Husky!**

Our UWAC Husky attended a Luau in September! Now it is time to trade in that lei for a scarf (or a UWAC tee shirt!)



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