



Center on Human Development and Disability

University of Washington Autism Center

Autumn 2018

News & Notes

Introductions

The UWAC welcomes some of the newest members of our team: **Wayne Lynch, M.Ed. BCBA**, **Sara Gratz M.S., CCC-SLP**, and **Yolonda Virgili!**

Wayne received his M.Ed in Special Education with an emphasis in Applied Behavior Analysis from the University of Washington. After entering the field in 2011 he has gained an interest in evidence based practices for effective treatment design, with a focus on communication and community access. His experience ranges from school, community, and clinic based settings serving a diverse population.



Sara is a licensed and ASHA-certified speech-language pathologist at the University of Washington Autism Center. She received her M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology at the University of Washington in 2016.

Prior to joining the UWAC, Sara provided speech and language services in outpatient clinics in the Seattle area, during which she developed a particular interest in serving children with autism. She has completed additional training in the SOS Approach to Feeding as well as PROMPT. Sara especially enjoys conducting play-based therapy with toddler, preschool, and school-age children. She is passionate about working with children, families, and other therapists to provide functional and collaborative evaluation and treatment services.

A message from **Yolonda**:

"I am a new Patient Navigator at the Autism Center in Tacoma. I am a Seattle native that loves to cook, camp, and am a Seahawks fan. I previously worked for a Skilled Nursing facility in Admissions as well as for the UW, in Medicine and Dental clinics. I am excited to be here in my new role and look forward to working with everyone."



October 2018 ABA Workshops

Principles of Applied Behavior Analysis

October 4, 18, November 1, 15, 29, and December 13, 2018
9:00 AM - 2:30 PM
NWESD Anacortes

Who should attend?

Practitioners working with special populations with and without previous experience in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)



What content will be covered?

This rigorous 40-hour* course is designed to provide participants with opportunities to examine and apply instructional strategies utilizing the principles of ABA, collect and analyze student data, and develop intervention and instructional plans based upon data collection. Instruction is delivered on-site in Anacortes and through online sessions through collaboration between UW Autism Center and [Northwest Educational Service District 189](#).

Cost

\$675 per person

**Instruction provided in this course meets the coursework requirements for those pursuing Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) Certification. Other requirements apply and those interested in pursuing this option are encouraged to visit this website for additional requirements: <https://bacb.com/rbt/>. Pursuit of RBT certification is not required nor is it necessary for educational staff providing instruction utilizing the Principles of Applied Behavior Analysis.*

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APEX Summer Camp

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Our APEX Summer Camp program enjoyed another terrific season serving school-aged campers with ASD and ADHD. We had record participation with over 120 campers and an interdisciplinary staff of over 60 graduate students, undergraduates, and professionals from across the country and abroad. With another successful summer completed, we look forward to serving families in 2019! Electronic applications for 2019 are expected to go live in January. We are grateful for the community's generous support of the UW Autism Center's Family Scholarship Fund to make this program possible.

Family Camp for Exceptional Families

YMCA Camp Orkila in collaboration with the UW Autism



Center and the APEX Program is excited to host a Family Camp for Exceptional Families this fall. This program provides an opportunity for families of all shapes, sizes and abilities to unwind and reconnect away from the pressures of busy life. Camp activities include arts and crafts, boating, archery, the giant swing, and climbing wall. Visit the APEX website www.apexsummercamp.org for more information about this weekend for all ages in the inspiring natural beauty of Orcas Island.

LEARN MORE ABOUT APEX

Staff Updates

Goodbye, Summer!

Our UWAC family had a lot to celebrate this season! From licensures and internships to new arrivals and fresh beginnings - our staff celebrated together in August. The rainbow unicorn horns demonstrated just how "magical" the evening turned out to be!



Where in the world?

Many of our UWAC staff were able to enjoy the summer season locally and abroad! Our ABA Patient Navigator, **Shari Mendez**, enjoyed the canals of Venice, Italy with her family.



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