

Center on Human Development and Disability

## University of Washington Autism Center

Spring 2019

# ASD Community Services Lightning Rounds

#### **Hosted by UWAC**

Join us to learn about services and resources for the ASD community in Seattle. Enjoy informative talks by groups like WAAA, Square Pegs and P.E.E.R.S. Play, followed by a reception at the UW Autism Center Portage Bay Clinic.

#### Thursday, April 25, 2019 12:00-2:00 p.m.

UW Haring Center Building, Rm 150
1981 NE Columbia Road, Seattle, WA 98195
 <a href="http://haringcenter.org/contact/">http://haringcenter.org/contact/</a>
 Reception and Q&A 1:00-2:00 p.m.
 UW Autism Center Portage Bay Clinic
 Portage Bay Building, Rm 207
1715 NE Columbia Road, Seattle, WA 98195</a>

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

## **UWAC Trainings**

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER TODAY! The UWAC is proud to announce that trainings for Winter and Spring are now available for registration. Find trainings conveniently located at both our Seattle and Tacoma campuses!



#### Run2Pieces





Our UWAC Staff and families enjoyed another wonderful year of Run2Pieces. This annual event helps to support of UWAC Family Scholarship Fund, and is a wonderful opportunity to gather as a community for this cause. We thank all who organized, attended, and ran at Run2Pieces this year!

## Illuminating Autism Benefit Dinner

With the generous gifts from our donors we were able to raise over \$225,000 at our 3rd Annual Illuminating Autism Benefit Dinner and with employer matching, this number will continue to increase! These funds allow low-resource families to obtain services, provides innovative intervention for very young children and families, and trains counselors at APEX summer camp. Thank you to all who joined us in supporting people with autism to reach their full potential.



### Staff Update



The UWAC would like to introduce our new Patient Navigator, **Kate Granath**.

A message from Kate: "I've worked in a number of fields including healthcare, IT, leadership development, and education. As a child, at 9 I spent a year in the Dominican Republic with my family working to provide healthcare for people living in extreme poverty. Today, I'm an avid traveler who values curiosity, joy, adventure, complexity, intersectionality, and socioeconomic justice. I graduated from Seattle

University in 2014 with two degrees in biology and interdisciplinary studies, and spent two summers as an outdoor educator in the Pacific Northwest. [Ask me about teaching kids how to do calculated risk assessment;)]

I greatly enjoy working with patients, connecting with coworkers, and hearing about research, so please don't be shy!"

#### **UWAC Tacoma**



#### **Exciting Visitors to UW Tacoma!**

The team at UW Tacoma received a visit from Governor Jay Inslee in the month of January. Governor Inslee met with our staff during his trip to the UW Tacoma Campus in January.



Members of our staff met with UW Tacoma Chancellor Dr. Mark Pagano and Senator Patty Murray to celebrate the launch of the Simon Family Endowment.

#### **UWAC Autism Stories**



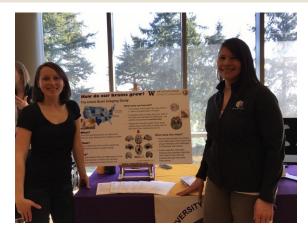
#### **Autism Stories 5: Natasha and Brandon**

Head over to our website to listen to the newest episode of UWAC Autism Stories, featuring our own Dr. Natasha Lewis Harringon. In this installment of Autism Stories, Natasha and Brandon talk about their friendship and other friendships between autistic adults.

**LISTEN NOW** 

#### Brain Awareness Week





In celebration of Brain Awareness Week this March, members of our UWAC staff presented information about our research, as well as demonstrated the use of a mock MRI to school-aged students visiting the University of Washington. Drs. Kate MacDuffie and Tanya St. John are seen here with a poster presentation of the Infant Brain Imaging Study.







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