



Center on Human Development and Disability

University of Washington Autism Center

Winter 2020



Our 4th annual Illuminating Autism Benefit Dinner and auction was a fabulous success again this year! Thanks to your support, low-resourced families can obtain services, clinicians will provide innovative intervention for very young children and families, the training team will reach professionals from around the state, and APEX summer camp can look forward to another fantastic year.

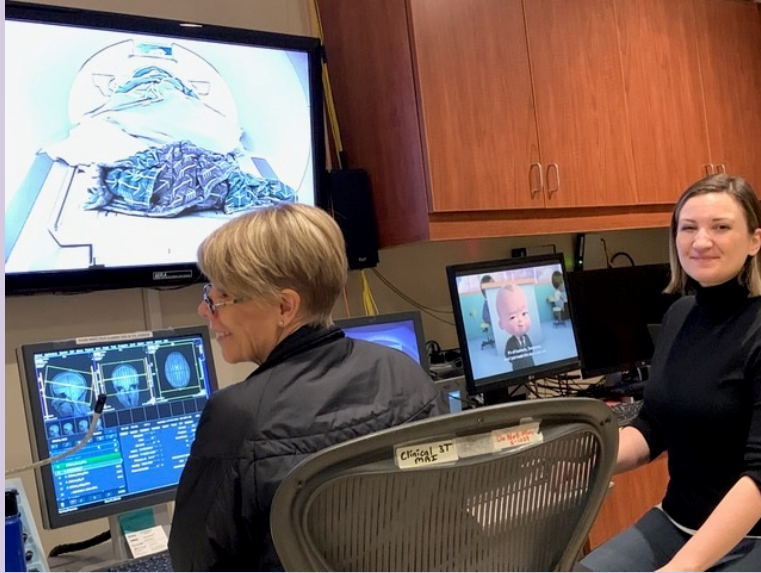
Thank you!

UWAC Research

The UW Autism Center is actively

recruiting participants as part of our collaboration in the multicenter Infant Brain Imaging Study (IBIS). We are seeking [infants age 0-6 months](#), [Down Syndrome age 0-6 months](#), and [Down Syndrome age 7-11 years](#). Participants in each of these studies will complete developmental testing, and participate in MRI scans without the use of sedation.

IBIS MRI Technician, **Mindy Dixon** is seen here with BCBA **Robin Finalyson, M.Ed.** during one of our IBIS School-Age scans.



Interested families may call us at 1.877.408.UWAC, or [follow this link for more information on how you can be involved.](#)

UWAC Clinical Services

AAC Evaluations



For more information:

Contact Kate Granath
(uwacpsy@uw.edu, 206-543-4255) OR Go to UWAC AAC
page: [https://
depts.washington.edu/uwautism/
clinical-services/evaluations/
augmentative-alternative-
communication-aac/](https://depts.washington.edu/uwautism/clinical-services/evaluations/augmentative-alternative-communication-aac/)

What is AAC?: Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) are tools and services offered to individuals with significant expressive language challenges to provide temporary or permanent communication support.

Common examples:

- Gestures and manual sign language (i.e. ASL)
- Picture communication cards, boards, and books
- Speech generating devices with communication software and spoken voice (i.e. tablet)

What UWAC is offering:

- One 2-hour initial evaluation to determine what AAC supports are the most appropriate for an individual's communication needs.
- Caregiver training scheduled after evaluation
- Offered to anyone between 2-18 years old with an ASD diagnosis.

Learn more about AAC here!

ADOS-2 Trainings

The UW Autism Center is excited to offer workshops on the **Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS-2)**, a gold standard, autism diagnostic tool. These trainings are designed for researchers and providers with at least a Master's level degree and a

background in autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and standardized testing.

[Introductory Clinical Workshop](#)

March 23-24, 2020
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
UWAC - Seattle

[Toddler Module Workshop](#)

March 25, 2020
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
UW Autism Center - Seattle

[Advanced Research Workshop](#)

March 26-27, 2020
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
UWAC - Seattle



[Visit our training website!](#)

Run 2 Pieces



Run 2 Pieces
5K, 10K & Kids Dash
March 21st
Willis Tucker Park,
Snohomish
www.run2pieces.jigsy.com
benefiting the UW Autism Center

The Run 2 Pieces 5K, 10K, and Kids Dash benefits the UW Autism Center Family Scholarship Fund! We are grateful to the Run 2 Pieces team for organizing another wonderful event!

Join us Saturday, March 21st at 9:00am at Willis Tucker Park in Snohomish. We'll have our running shoes laced and ready!

[Register here!](#)

Young Learners Social Skills Group

Young Learners Social Skills Group
4:15-5:30pm Ages: 5-7 years old UW Autism Center

Currently recruiting participants and peer models!

The Young Learners Social Group is developed for children with ASD, age 5 – 7 years old. The curriculum is structured and developed with evidence-based treatment strategies for teaching social skills in young children with ASD which include video modeling, peer modeling, role-playing, and more. The group will be targeting play skills (parallel play, cooperation, group play), early perspective taking skills (emotions, theory of mind), sportsmanship (turn-taking, win/lose), and increasing social interactions with others (commenting, initiation of play). There will be an emphasis on communication with families on how to best support your child learning new social skills outside the therapeutic setting through parent training and child-directed homework. Contact the UW Autism Center or Jim Engracia for more information



Time and Location: UW Autism Center 1701 NE Columbia Rd Seattle, WA 98195 Time: 4:15-5:30pm
*No Session on 2/17/19: President's Day

Session Leaders: The group will be led by **Jim Engracia**, speech language pathologist. Graduate student clinicians in speech therapy and student volunteers will be present and support students.

Cost: Insurance and Private Pay (scholarships available)

Contact Information: Jim Engracia engracia@uw.edu Phone: 206.616.5857 UW Autism Center: 206.221.8303

[Check out the flyer here!](#)

Employee Spotlight



Scott Partington, M.A., BCBA is the Clinical Supervisor of the ABA Services Team at the UW Autism Center. He received his master's degree in Psychological Science at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs in 2012 and became a board certified behavior analyst in 2014.

Scott began serving individuals with autism and their families in 2007. Prior to joining the UWAC team, Scott trained and received valuable teaching and consulting experience while working at the clinics of Drs. James Partington and Ivar Lovaas. In 2018, Scott moved to the Pacific Northwest and served as the Clinical Director of an ABA company based out of Redmond, WA.

In addition to rendering clinical services, Scott enjoys conducting research and teaching others to apply behavior analytic principles with emphasis on teaching skills to individuals with autism. He has provided trainings and consultation, both domestic and abroad, to parents, educators, and teachers. Scott also co-authored two books with Dr. Partington and has publications in various scientific journals.



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