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UW AUTISM CENTER

# **News & Notes**

# *Clinic Updates* Open House



Many thanks to everyone who attended and participated in our Open House for Autism Awareness Month. We had a wonderful turn-out and look forward to seeing everyone again next year!

### Infant and Sibling Clinic

Families with children with autism face unique stressors, especially when a new infant is born. The UW Autism Center is working to bring research into clinical practice by developing a clinical program to provide very early assessment, monitoring, support and interventions for families of infant siblings. Our goal is to develop a clinic that effectively serves the needs of the entire family. This may include supporting parental well-being, programs for siblings of children with autism spectrum disorders, assessment and monitoring in infancy, and interventions for infants showing early red flags for ASD.

We are seeking your input and recommendations. Please email us <u>uwautism@uw.edu</u> or call 206.221.6806 or toll free 1.877.408.UWAC. We thank you for sharing your expertise.

#### Social Skills Groups

We are excited to announce the continuation and expansion of our social skills group program! This summer, we will be offering two groups for verbal preschool children ages 3-5. Groups will be centered around the *Incredible Flexible You*, a part of Michelle Garcia Winner's *Social Thinking* curriculum. The next social skills group sessions will take place June 16-August 25 and June 25-September 3. Please contact us to register your child or for more information.



**Apex Summer Camp** is almost full for 2014! Our program has doubled in size, and we are expecting over 70 campers. We've recruited an enthu-

siastic and energetic staff from around the country to receive training and implement the camp program. We are looking forward to a productive and fun summer!

#### **Research Updates** Time and Movement Study

Dr. John Welsh (Seattle Children's) with UW Autism Center researchers Drs. Annette Estes, Stephen Dager, and Jeff Munson are launching a new project to follow up children in the Infant Brain Imaging Study (IBIS) and Toddler Assessment Project (TAP) between 8 and 12 years of age. We hope that the information gained in this project will provide insight into long-term outcomes of behavioral intervention and help identify underlying neural mechanisms of ASD. For more information about the study, please contact Lena Tsui at 206.616.9566 or <u>Itsui@uw.edu</u>

## Training and Outreach Updates Summer Workshop Series

The UW Autism Center is excited to announce our Summer Workshop series dates and topics for 2014. This summer, we'll be partnering with the Sequim School District (July 9 & 10), the UW Haring Center (July 16 & 17), and the Northwest Autism Center (July 23 & 24). Workshop topics will include Classroom Support Strategies and Addressing Challenging Behaviors in Students with ASD. Please see our <u>website</u> with more details and to register.

#### Tee If Up Fore Autism Awareness

Don't forget to register for the Lily Foundation's annual golf fundraising event held at the Mill Creek Country Club on Monday, June 23rd starting at 1:00 p.m. In addition to first place trophies, tournament winners will also receive gift prizes. Please see the website for more details!

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