



# News & Notes

## Center News

### A wonderful gift

A wonderful gift of nearly a quarter of a million dollars was given to the Autism Center to launch the first phase of the renovation of the Portage Bay clinic. This gift will enhance the mission of the Center to support individuals and families affected by autism spectrum disorders through exceptional clinical services, innovative scientific research and high-quality training. The caring and hard-working staff of the Center, the amazing families and children who are our clients, and the community professionals and trainees who come to the Center to learn will all benefit tremendously. To learn more about the impact of this gift please contact Annette Estes Ph.D. at (206) 543-1051.



### Announcing the Tacoma Clinic Re-Opening



We are delighted re-open the satellite clinic in our new location on the UW Tacoma campus in the McDonald Smith Building 101. UW Autism Center-Tacoma offers diagnostic, treatment, and training services to children and adolescents from birth through adulthood and their families.

## Clinic News

### New Appointments

A warm welcome to Patricia Matestic Ph.D. our new Clinical Psychologist in Tacoma. Dr. Matestic recently returned to the U.S. after for 3 years in Germany, serving as lead Pediatric psychologist on the only multidisciplinary diagnostic autism clinic for active duty service members and their families in Europe. Dr. Matestic was a postdoctoral fellow at Madigan Army Medical Center and the Child Study and Treatment Center in Lakewood. The Center is glad to have Dr. Matestic's clinical and diagnostic expertise in supporting families and furthering the mission of the Center within the South Sound community.



We are happy to announce the appointment of Robin Talley M.Ed., BCBA as the Director of Training. Robin brings prior leadership experience, her passion for training, and her strong relationships with the community and with the Center. This is a wonderful opportunity for the Center to build on the great work that has been going on over the past years and move forward with new directions.



This month, Cameron Siquimani M.Ed., BCBA joined us the Center. Born and raised in Washington, Cameron recently moved back to the state from San Diego, California where she supervised a program for children with autism. You may recognize Cameron from the three years she worked on a previous UW Autism Center intervention study called Early Steps. We are excited to add Cameron to our team in ABA intervention and treatment services.



## Training and Outreach Updates

### Microsoft Autism Resource Day and Giving Campaign

We had a great time on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> participating in Microsoft's Autism Resource Day to launch their Giving Campaign for Autism charities. We met with many great people and look forward to next year's event!

### Autism Speaks Walk & Resource Booth Teams

Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> was a sunny day in Seattle for the annual Autism Speaks walk. Visitors stopped by for information, to play games, and even get Mehndi henna designs! It was a great time connecting with the community, visiting with old friends and making new ones. A special thanks goes out to everyone who participated in this terrific tradition!

