



News & Notes

New UW Autism Center Director



We are delighted to announce Dr. Annette Estes has assumed the Director role for the UW Autism Center. Dr. Estes has been with the UW Autism Center since it was founded by Dr. Geraldine Dawson in 2000. She is a licensed child clinical psychologist and is a Research Associate Professor with the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences and an Adjunct Research

Associate Professor with the Department of Psychology. Dr. Estes' research interests include early intervention, early recognition, and examining the role of the family in supporting positive outcomes for people with ASD. Welcome, Dr. Estes!

Training and Outreach Updates

School Services

Are you interested in learning more about applied behavior analysis? Would you like tips on how to set up your classroom for students with ASD? The UW Autism Center Training Team can help! Please contact our Training Director, Dr. Nicolette Brigham at nicb2@uw.edu or (206) 221.5674 if you are interested in back-to-school workshops for your school or district, or consultations and in-service trainings throughout the school year.

Tee It Up Fore Autism

On July 29, 2013, Lily's Foundation held their third annual Tee It Up Fore Autism golf tournament benefiting the UW Autism Center. We greatly appreciated their continued support of the UW Autism Center and look forward to next year's event.

Fred's Race

Thank you to all of the riders and volunteers who made the Fred C. Rehberger Memorial Washington State Masters and Juniors Track Cycling Championships such a great success. We were delighted to be a part of this event.

Motorcycle Club Event

A special thanks to the Flyin' Low MC and friends in Milton for their generous donation of an X-Box Kinect, games, and over \$300 to our Tacoma Clinic.

Research Updates

TADPOLE

Dr. Annette Estes and her team are looking for babies between the ages of 12-30 months who are showing signs of autism. The TADPOLE study is seeking a better understanding and improvement of early intervention outcomes. Qualifying families will receive assessments before and after a year of in-home intervention and parent coaching. If you are interested in learning more about this study, please contact our project staff at 206.616.2377 or tadstudy@uw.edu.

Clinic Updates

New Speech-Language Pathologist



We are so excited to announce that Rachel Lowy, MS, CF-SLP, is now working for the UW Autism Center clinic as a speech-language pathologist. Rachel's clinical interests include using AAC, such as iPad-based communication

programs and PECS, to increase communication. For information about speech and language evaluations and therapy, please call our clinic at 206.221.6806.

Summer Camp Updates

The UW Autism Center APEX Summer Camp was a great success this year! We had a



total of 43 campers for the four week camp, which focused on social skills and self-esteem. Campers participated in group recreational activities, including sports, games, and group projects. We had such wonderful responses from families that we are holding a booster program for several of the campers to continue building their social skills.