



# News & Notes

## Clinical News

### Expanded Speech-Language Services

We are delighted to welcome Joanna Ristow, MS, CF-SLP to the UW Autism Center team. Jo received her degree in Speech and Hearing Sciences from the University of Washington in August 2012.

Jo provides speech-language evaluations as well as therapy, with special interests in social communication and intervention using AAC techniques, including the iPad and PECS. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please contact the UW Autism Center clinic at 206-221-6806.



### “Ben’s Fund” Offers Family Scholarships

Through the generosity of Traci and John Schneider, families living in Washington State can now apply for funds to help cover the cost of clinical services for their children with autism. Ben’s Fund was established in honor of their son, and is being administered by FEAT of Washington. For more information about this program, please visit [www.featwa.org](http://www.featwa.org) or contact Julia Rule at 425-223-5126 or [Julia.rule@featwa.org](mailto:Julia.rule@featwa.org). We are so pleased to share this wonderful news from our friends at FEAT!

## Training & Outreach News

### School Consultations and Trainings

It’s back-to-school time and the UW Autism Center’s Training and Outreach program is here to help schools provide evidence-based educational programs for students with ASD. We offer a variety of services, including workshops for teachers, counselors, principals, and other school system personnel, consultation regarding individual students, classroom set-up, or program development, and psychoeducational evaluations for students. For more information, please contact Nicolette Brigham, PhD, Director of Training and Outreach, at 206-221-5674.

### New UWAC/FEAT Educational Series for Parents

Families for Effective Autism Treatment (FEAT) and the UW Autism Center are proud to announce a joint training initiative to address the needs of parents of children with autism. This collaborative effort will begin on November 10, 2012 with a workshop entitled, *“What to Do Now? Techniques That Every Parent of a Child with Autism Should Know to Get the Best Results - Navigating the Maze of Treatment Options.”* This event will be held at the FEAT offices in Bellevue, with subsequent events alternating between the FEAT offices and the UW Autism Center in Seattle. To register for the first workshop, please visit [www.featwa.org](http://www.featwa.org). Information about upcoming workshops will be available soon.

### Save the Date for 2013 SSAP Conference

The South Sound Autism Partnership (SSAP) has scheduled its 2nd Annual Conference and Resource Fair for Saturday, March 23, 2013 at the UW-Tacoma campus. The conference theme will be focused on mental health supports for people with ASDs and their families. It will feature seminars, panel discussions, resource booths from local agencies, and networking opportunities. If you are interested in sponsoring, presenting, or having a resource booth, please visit the [contact us page](#) on the SSAP’s website. We will continue to provide updates as the conference approaches, so stay tuned!



### Mt. Kilimanjaro Climb for UW Autism Center

Seattle area attorney Tracy Codd will be setting out on January 11, 2013 to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, with the goal of raising funds and awareness for autism. Mr. Codd will be donating the money he raises to the UW Autism Center, where contributions up to \$25,000 will be matched by an anonymous donor. Please visit the [Tracy Codd Mount Kilimanjaro Climb for Autism](#) Facebook page for more information and to read about this amazing effort (and don’t forget to “like” it and share it with your friends).



The UW Autism Center is grateful to Mr. Codd for making us a part of his journey, and we look forward to tracking his progress!

## Research News

### New Infant Brain Imaging Study

The Infant Brain Imaging Study-2 (IBIS-2) is a new research project launching this fall. UW Autism Center researchers Annette Estes, PhD, and Stephen Dager, MD, are seeking families with a 3-month old infant who has an older sibling with an autism spectrum disorder. The aim of this study is to learn more about brain development in young siblings of children with an ASD in an effort to improve methods of early detection and intervention. To learn more about this study, please call 1-877-408-UWAC (8922) or email us at [uwautism@uw.edu](mailto:uwautism@uw.edu).