



News & Notes

Kudos!

Dr. Raphael Bernier, Director of Clinical Services at the UW Autism Center, received a "Rising Star" award from the Association of Psychological Science. This coveted award goes to individuals in the early stages of their career who are already making significant contributions to psychological science. Congratulations, Raphe!



Clinical News

New Summer Camp program offered

In response to parent feedback, the UW Autism Center will be offering an expanded summer camp program this year. Our day camp will run from July 1 through July 26, 2013, five days per week, from 9am - 3pm. This camp is designed for 8-12 year olds with ASD and their peers. Campers will have the opportunity to develop friendships and learn social skills through group recreational activities in a fun and therapeutic environment. For more information, please contact us at camp2013@uw.edu or 206-221-CAMP.

Research News

UWAC research cited in 2012 Top Ten lists

For the second year in a row, UW Autism Center researchers have contributed to scientific papers that were recognized in the Top Ten for 2012 by both Autism Speaks and the Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative (SFARI). Dr. Raphael Bernier contributed to important research identifying common gene mutations in children with ASD. Work conducted by Dr. Sara Webb, in conjunction with Dr. Michael Murias, Dr. Susan Faja, and other collaborators, found a link between participation in early intervention and changes in brain activity in young children with ASD. To see the complete Top Ten lists, go to [notable papers of 2012 webpage](#) and [Top Ten Autism Research Advances of 2012](#).

Training & Outreach News

"All I really need is an iPad, right?"

UW Autism Center clinical psychologist Dr. Kelly Johnson, with contributions from speech-language pathologist Jo Ristow MS, CF-SLP, recently presented a webinar about the use of iPads for families of individuals with special needs for the Simons VIP Connect website. The 90 minute webinar can be found on the [Simon's VIP website](#), and is a wonderful resource for anyone considering -- or already using -- an iPad or similar device.

New ASAP! program for early detection and intervention

The UW Autism Center recently received a grant from the Washington State Attorney General's Office to provide free training in early detection and intervention for autism to communities across the state. The goal of the ASAP! program is to improve outcomes for young children with autism by offering an integrated approach to early identification and intervention. Our focus is on children under three years old from Latino as well as English-speaking families. We are looking for community agencies and service providers who are interested in partnering with us on this project, as well as families of young children who are interested in helping us create videotapes that we can use to train providers. For more information, please call Dr. Lisa Ibañez at 206.616.7358 or email asap@uw.edu.



SSAP Conference registration now open

The South Sound Autism Partnership's (SSAP) 2nd Annual Conference and Resource Fair will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2013 in Tacoma, and registration is now open! This year's theme is "Mental Health

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Supports for People with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their Families." Please visit the SSAP webpage at www.southsoundautism.org for more information about the conference and to register.

Autism Awareness Month is approaching

The UW Autism Center will continue its tradition of hosting a number of free evening events for families and service providers throughout the month of April. This year's topics will include: Enriching your relationship with your health care provider; Becoming an educated iPad consumer; Talking to your child about his (or her) ASD diagnosis; and Managing sleep problems. Please see our [calendar of free events](#) on our website for more information.