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6th Annual

Autism: A Day with the Experts

“Optimizing Outcomes for Children and Families”

Saturday, January 30, 2010

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (Complimentary coffee & bagels at 8:30 a.m.)

Friends of the Waisman Center Auditorium

1500 Highland Ave.

Madison WI 53705

FREE ADMISSION & PARKING • EVERYONE WELCOME • PLEASE PRE-REGISTER

This event offers participants an opportunity to learn about research and resources related to Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) at the Waisman Center, and to hear firsthand from a panel of individuals diagnosed with ASD and their families.

• 9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.

Rachel Fenning, PhD, “Evidenced-Based Treatments for Social-Emotional Difficulties in Children with ASD”

Children with ASD are at increased risk for social and emotional problems, including difficulties related to anxiety, mood, and social functioning. Established research-based interventions targeting these important areas of development have recently been adapted for children with ASD. This talk will focus on these interventions.

• 9:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Andy McDuffie, PhD, “A Parent Implemented Language Intervention for Young Children with ASD”

This talk will describe a pilot intervention project in which parents were taught to use several strategies to support their children's language development within the context of everyday routines and activities. The intervention consisted of parent education sessions as well as clinician coaching of parent-child play sessions.

• 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

PANEL DISCUSSION: A discussion with individuals who have an autism spectrum disorder and their families.

• 12:15 p.m.-1:00 p.m. **LUNCH (Optional, \$5 box lunches (Cousins Subs) available for purchase.**

• 1:00 p.m.-1:45 p.m.

Leann Smith, PhD, “Supporting Families During the Transition to Adulthood”

Adolescence is a unique time of change and challenge for many families of individuals with ASD. This talk will focus on results from recent focus groups on the types of services that families need during the transition to adulthood. A new education and support program for families of adolescents with ASD being developed will also be discussed.

• 1:45 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Kristin Aasen-Gowen, MSSW, “Key Resources Every Family Should Know About”

There are a variety of supports and services available to families with children or youth with ASDs and other special needs. These resources are designed to support children in their homes, with their families, and families within their community. This talk will examine the range of formal and informal supports available for families as they work to meet their children's unique needs and interests.

■ **Please pre-register since capacity is limited. Pre-registrants receive priority seating.**

To register send an email to autismmadison@gmail.com with the following information:

name • organization (if applicable) • status (e.g. professional, educator, student, parent, individual with ASD) • address • email address
• phone number • **Please indicate if you plan to purchase a boxed lunch.**

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