

9th Annual

Waisman Center Day with the Experts: Autism

Participants will learn about the latest advances in autism research, and will hear firsthand from a panel of experts—individual(s) diagnosed with ASD and their families

Saturday, January 26, 2013 • 9:00 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

(Complimentary coffee & bagels at 8:30 a.m.)

Friends of the Waisman Center Auditorium

1500 Highland Avenue, Madison WI 53705

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

- 9:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction to the Waisman Center**
Marsha Mailick, PhD, Director, Waisman Center
- 9:30 a.m.–10:15 a.m. **Psychiatric Comorbidity in Children, Adolescents, and Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder**
Janet Lainhart, MD, Professor, Department of Psychiatry
Depression, anxiety, inattention, and other neuropsychiatric conditions occur commonly in children, adolescents, and adults with autism. These conditions add substantial burden to affected individuals and their families and are challenging for researchers and clinicians. The conditions make it difficult for parents, schools, community service providers, and clinicians to improve the lives and outcomes of affected individuals. Lack of understanding of these conditions in ASD may also be a barrier to more complete elucidation of the causes of autism. This talk will address neuropsychiatric comorbidity: what it is, why it is frequent in individuals with ASD, how it can be treated, and the difference treatment can make.
- 10:15 a.m.–11:00 a.m. **Update on Prevalence Trends and Risk Factors for Autism Spectrum Disorder**
Maureen Durkin, PhD, DrPH, Professor, Departments of Population Health Sciences & Pediatrics
This talk will provide an update on trends in the prevalence of autism spectrum disorders. Associations between autism and risk factors such as pregnancy complications, parental age, birth order, gene mutations, socioeconomic status and co-occurring disabilities will also be described. Local, national and international trends based on the most recent data from the Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network and other sources will also be presented.
- 11:00 a.m.–11:15 a.m. **What is the Autism Society?**
Susannah Peterson, Executive Director, Autism Society of South Central Wisconsin
- 11:15 p.m.–12:00 noon **LUNCH**—Optional, \$5 box lunches (Cousins Subs) available for purchase. Gluten free options available.
- 12:00 noon–12:45 p.m. **Community Support to People with Autism and Challenging Behaviors**
Paul White, MA, Director, Community TIES, Waisman Center
The Waisman Center Community TIES program has provided outreach behavioral support to persons with psychological, behavioral and emotional challenges for more than 26 years. This presentation will offer an overview of practical strategies for families and their community support teams to consider in providing such support to people with autism.
- 12:45 p.m.–1:45 p.m. **PANEL DISCUSSION**—A panel of experts that includes individuals with ASD and family members.

❖ **Capacity is limited, please pre-register to attend the event at the Waisman Center.**

To register go to: <http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/events/experts/>

❖ For additional details call (608) 263-5837 or email to palumbo@waisman.wisc.edu