18th Annual
Virtual
Waisman Center Day with the Experts: Autism

Learn about the latest advances in autism research and services and hear from a panel of experts — individuals with autism and family members.

Saturday, January 22, 2022 | 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Live via Zoom

9:00-9:05 a.m.  Welcome
Qiang Chang, PhD, Director, Waisman Center

9:05-9:30 a.m.  Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) and Autism: An Introduction and Some Fundamentals
Jennifer Seale, PhD, CCC-SLP, Director, Communication Aids and Systems Clinic
This presentation will provide an overview of the fundamentals of augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) as it pertains to individuals with autism and their families. Topics covered will include how to support families and children with autism progress toward developmental milestones, prepare for AAC evaluation and treatment, and accessing resources available to support them in the AAC journey. Participants can expect to leave this session with ideas that can help to maximize existing communication skills and questions to consider when exploring AAC solutions for individuals with autism. The session will address interests and needs of families and individuals new to AAC as well as those who have experience with AAC services and solutions.

9:30-10:00 a.m.  Understanding Depression in the Context of Autism
Sara Warner, PsyD, Psychologist, Waisman Autism Treatment Programs
We know that mental health concerns such as depression can and do impact people of all backgrounds and ages including those with autism. This presentation will focus on understanding, recognizing, and treating depression in the context of autism.

10:00-10:30 a.m.  PANEL DISCUSSION — A panel of experts that includes individuals with ASD and family members.
Moderated by Nancy Alar, President, Autism Society of South Central Wisconsin.

Please register at www.waisman.wisc.edu/event/experts-autism-2022/

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