



# AUCD UPDATES

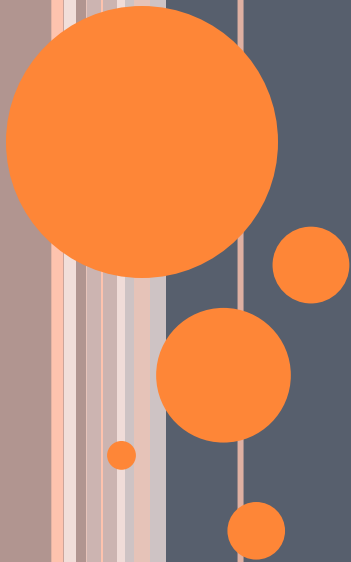
George Jesien

LEND Directors 2010 Spring Meeting



ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY CENTERS ON DISABILITIES  
RESEARCH, EDUCATION, SERVICE

# NEWS AND RECOGNITION



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY MCHB!

MCHB 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration in October



## PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

**Karen Edwards moving  
from Westchester LEND  
to Cincinnati LEND  
July 1**



# CONGRATULATIONS NISONGER

Nisonger researchers recognized by Autism Speaks in *Top Ten List of Autism Research Achievements of 2009* for their work demonstrating that combined therapies hold promise for more effective treatments



- Overview
- Science News
- Science Portfolio
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- Grants Program



Autism Speaks™

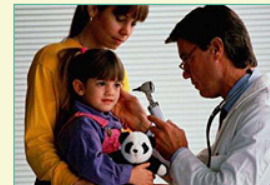
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SEARCH

## TOP 10 AUTISM RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS OF 2009

### Combined Therapies Hold Promise for More Effective Treatments

*Medication and parent training are more effective for reducing serious behavioral problems in children with autism than medication alone*



Just over three years ago the FDA's landmark approval of risperidone for the treatment of ASD represented a significant breakthrough for the autism community. Since then other large-scale autism studies have sought FDA approval for drugs that target core or associated symptoms for autism, but

unfortunately few of these trials have proven successful. In 2009, taking a cue from other disorders such as ADHD where a combined effect of both medication and behavioral therapies has proven fruitful, researchers published the first successful combined randomized controlled trial for ASD<sup>1</sup>. The paper in the *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry* demonstrated that combined pharmacological and behavioral treatment was more effective than pharmacological treatment alone for reducing challenging behaviors.



# DIVERSITY IN MCH TRAINING COLLABORATIVE

- This Peer Collaborative is an intensive 9-month collaborative peer learning process in which 5 teams are provided with a structured environment to address challenges to racial and ethnic diversity within their Training Program through targeted TA and collaboration with peers.
- Kicked off October 2009
- 5 LENDs participating:
  - University of Alabama at Birmingham Consortium
  - UCLA/University of Southern California
  - University of Minnesota
  - Utah Regional Group
  - Westchester Institute for Human Development
- The updated literature review on recruitment and retention of cultural diverse students and faculty is on the MCHB website
- *Not sure what else to report here*

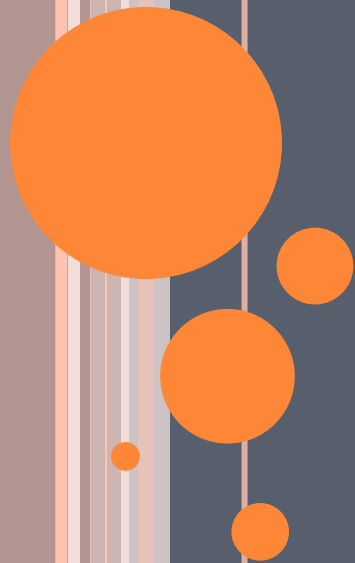


## CAAI EVALUATION

- All LENDs and DBPs provided data for year one evaluation through NIRS module
- Importance of evaluation data in today's climate



# AUCD PROJECTS





# 2009-2010 AUTISM SUMMITS

- Supported by MCHB and CDC:
  - Region 4B (AL, FL, GA, MS): Held October 2009
  - Region 10 (AK, OR, WA, ID, MT): Held February 2010
  - Region 3 (PA, DE, MD, WV, VA, DC): March 25-26, 2010
  - Region 1 (ME, NH, VT, MA, RI): April 26-27, 2010
- To date, 45 states have participated in the Summits



# ITAC WEBSITE

- Supported by MCHB
- [www.aucd/itac](http://www.aucd/itac)
- Resources, events, news posted regularly



# EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS WEBSITE

- Developed with support from NEC Foundation.
- Will be launched this spring with former trainees of the network as the primary target audience.
- Will contain resources, listing of educational opportunities, job search tips, blog, and a self assessment tool
- The self assessment tool is adapted from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau's Leadership Competencies.
- After completing the assessment, users will be able to
  - See a visual representation of their perceived leadership strengths and areas for development
  - Compare their strengths with others in their discipline and educational level
  - Email themselves and others a copy of the assessment results
  - Use resources on the website to further develop their leadership competencies



# AUCD WEBINARS

- Recently hosted
  - 2 webinars to support webmasters in addressing accessibility issues
  - Webinars to support trainee liaisons
- Currently co-sponsoring with
  - AAIDD on an Aging and End of Life webinar series
  - Easter Seals and SABLE on a Family Support conference call series
- Planning
  - Fall 2010 webinar on the Life Course Approach



# UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Pac Rim International Conference on Disabilities (Honolulu, HI) April 12-13, 2010
- Disability Policy Seminar: April 12-14, 2010 (DC)
- CEC Annual Meeting (Nashville, TN) April 21-24, 2010
- ASA National Meeting (Dallas, TX) July 7-10, 2010
- AUCD Annual Meeting (Hyatt Regency Crystal City, DC) October 30-November 3, 2010



# LEGISLATION AND APPROPRIATIONS



# AUCD DUES

- The board has approved a 2% dues increase
- The average increase per Center will be approximately \$180



# QUESTIONS

