Expertise in Autism Spectrum Disorders

Graduate and Undergraduate Training

The Center provides graduate and undergraduate students with the opportunity to build research experience grounded in evidence-based practice for individuals with autism.

**Graduate** students who receive assistantships through the Center are encouraged to attend conferences to present their research and also to learn about current developments in the field of autism. Graduate students acquire a range of skills and experiences through their training at the Center and through the clinical psychology program at UAlbany and are extremely competitive candidates for clinical internships.

Directed Study/Research in Psychology at the Center provides a unique opportunity for **undergraduate** students to participate in autism research and to gain a broad range of experiences while learning more about autism spectrum disorders and other developmental disabilities.

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A number of training initiatives and programs on evidence-based practice are available for families, schools, and professionals.

**SEMINARS:**
- Local/statewide: educational presentations to school personnel, parents, and community professionals on a variety of topics specific to autism

**CONFERENCES:**
- Local/statewide: experts in the field of autism spectrum disorders present on current and important issues

**SCHOOL CONSULTATION:**
- Local/statewide: training, consultation, and resources for school personnel and parents regarding evidence-based practices for educating students with autism spectrum disorders

For more information on the above training programs, please call (518) 442-2574 or visit the website at www.albany.edu/autism.

CARD Albany also coordinates a statewide network of Regional Centers for Autism Spectrum Disorders with an overarching goal of identifying, disseminating, and assisting in the implementation of evidence-based practices to improve services and outcomes for children with autism. For more information: http://www.albany.edu/autism/nysrcasd.php.

In collaboration with CapitalCare Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics, CARD Albany offers comprehensive autism spectrum disorder evaluations. In accordance with practice guidelines, evaluation occurs over several sessions and includes a detailed psychosocial/developmental history and review of records; formal evaluation of intellectual, adaptive, and behavioral functioning, using standardized measures including the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS); direct observation of social interaction, communication, and behavior; consideration of possible diagnoses and appropriate referrals; in-person feedback and comprehensive written report including recommendations for intervention planning in home, school, and/or community. For more information please call the CARD Albany office at 518-442-2574.

CARD Albany specializes in research on topics associated with autism spectrum disorders. Project findings are disseminated through presentations at national conferences and publications in peer-reviewed journals.

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