

University of Iowa Children's Hospital Autism Center Presents:

Understanding Autism: Practical Help for Parenting Children with Autism 2015 Workshop Series

"How to Change Challenging Behavior at Home Using Coaching through Telehealth" Wednesday, February 4th from 6:30pm-8pm

In this presentation, we will summarize the results of projects conducted directly in children's homes, in regional outpatient clinics using telehealth, and in the children's homes using telehealth. In all projects, parents, with coaching from trained applied behavior analysts, conducted functional analyses (FA) of their children's problem behavior, then implemented functional communication training (FCT) to replace problem behavior with more appropriate communication. Parents across all projects achieved reductions in problem behavior of around 90% and rated the FA + FCT program as being very acceptable. A description and summary of these results will be presented along with video clips showing several parents working with their children. The speakers will be available for a question and answer session immediately following the presentation.

About Our Speakers



David P. Wacker, Ph.D.

Dr. Wacker is a professor of Pediatric Psychology at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital, where he directs the Biobehavioral outpatient service at the Center for Disabilities and Development. He is the Co-Principal Investigator of National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) and Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCH) grants that have funded telehealth research programs for young children with autism who engage in problem behaviors at home. The initial results of these projects, which involved conducting functional analysis and functional communication training via telehealth in outpatient clinic settings, were recently published in JABA (Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis). The most recent project involves conducting these same procedures directly in the home. Dr. Wacker is a former editor of JABA. He is a Fellow of the Association of Applied Behavior Analysis International and the American Psychological Association.



Alyssa N. Suess, Ed.S., BCBA

Alyssa is a pediatric psychology intern at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital. She specializes in the assessment and treatment of problem behavior. She is a behavior consultant on the Maternal Child Health telehealth project, the Biobehavioral Service, and the Behavioral Pediatric Clinic at the Center for Disabilities and Development.

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Registration Information

To register for a workshop email: **mary-roberts-1@uiowa.edu** or call: **319-467-5658**.

- Please indicate whether you would like to attend the workshop at the Center for Disabilities and Development or by Webinar on your computer.

Directions and Parking

Maps and directions available online at: **www.uihealthcare.org/yourvisit**. The closest available parking is the visitor parking lot in front of the Center for Disabilities and Development. Parking is also available in Ramps 1 or 3. **There is a fee for parking**. Families can use the coined meters in the visitor parking lot or use cash or credit card in Ramps 1 and 3.

Location

University of Iowa Children's Hospital
Center for Disabilities and Development
Rembolt Conference Room (first floor)
100 Hawkins Drive
Iowa City, IA 52242

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