

Global Knowledge Translation for Research on Early Identification and Intervention in Autism

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Description

There is increasing appreciation of the need to enhance research impact through the iterative and dynamic process of knowledge translation: The synthesis, dissemination, exchange, and application of knowledge to improve quality of life for people affected by autism. This SIG will initiate dialogue, identifying knowledge gaps, barriers, and action priorities with a particular emphasis on global knowledge translation in the area of early identification and intervention for autism.

2012 Kick-off meeting during IMFAR

Friday 18th May 7:00-8:30 am

Dominion Ballroom South, Sheraton Center hotel

Program

7:00 Welcome and introduction to the special interest group

Mayada Elsabbagh & Petrus de Vries

7:10 Launching the June 2012 special issue: Global Perspectives on Autism

7:15 Three-minute samplers of knowledge translation activities around the globe

Autism Global Public Health Initiative

Andy Shih, Autism Speaks

Community engagement in research on screening in South Africa

Amy Wetherby, Florida State University

Educating community pediatricians in early identification of developmental disorders in Palestine

Jumana Odeh, Palestinian Happy Child Center

PASS: Parent-mediated intervention for autism spectrum disorders in South Asia

Jonathan Green, University of Manchester

The Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network in the USA

Daisy Christensen, CDC

7:40 Group discussion and priority setting

In this hands-on session, participants will discuss two questions:

Q1. *What is currently going on in your community to support early identification and intervention for autism through:*

- a. Enhancing community awareness and public engagement,
- b. Supporting informed decision-making and evidence-based practice,
- c. Building research capacity in under-resourced communities,
- d. Implementation of evidence-based public policy?

Q2. *Outline priorities that you would like the SIG to support over the next 3-years and provide examples of activities that may address these priorities.*

8:20 Wrap up

Organizational Supporters



Special thanks to the 2012 Steering Group: Laura Anthony, Tony Charman, Beth Ann Malow, Catherine Rice, Andy Shih, Helen Tager-Flusberg, and volunteers: Miriam McBreen, Justin Ng

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