Waisman Center Day with the Experts: Autism

Saturday, January 21, 2017 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

(Complimentary coffee & bagels at 8:30 a.m.)

9:00-9:15 a.m. Welcome and Introduction to the Waisman Center
Albee Messing, VMD, PhD, Professor of Neuropathology and Waisman Center Director

9:15-9:45 a.m. ASD Unplugged: Managing Internet Use with Safety and Understanding Across the Lifespan
Madeline Barger, MS, LMFT, Program Coordinator, Waisman Center Autism Treatment Programs

Do you ever feel like your child or young adult with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is permanently plugged into “the grid”? Having ASD is challenging on its own, but having ASD in an age where electronics, social networking, gaming, and internet use are prevalent and pervasive comes with added concerns for safety, and physical and psychological health. This presentation will explore the implications and interventions associated with proactive safety surrounding internet use, including unique online safety concerns for individuals with ASD, and strategies for managing internet use and limiting negative impact.

9:45-10:15 a.m. Insights from Families of Children with Autism
Sigan Hartley, PhD, Associate Professor of Human Development and Family Studies

We will discuss lessons learned from the past three years of our ongoing research study that involves 175 families with a child with ASD (aged 5-12 years old) in Wisconsin. The overall goal of the study is to understand the resources and processes that foster positive development and family dynamics. We will share what we have learned from the families related to their parenting experiences, couple relationships, and mechanisms linked to variability across families and from one day to the next.

10:30-11:00 a.m. Change, Choice, and Opportunity: Guiding Transitions for Children, Teens, and Young Adults with Autism and Their Families
Molly Murphy, PhD, BCBA-D, Director, Waisman Center Autism Treatment Programs

All parents navigate through natural transitions as their children grow, including establishing daily routines, transitioning to and between schools, and launching into adulthood. Families with children with ASD often encounter more frequent and potentially challenging transitions as they manage their child’s need for predictability and their relationships with service providers and the service system. This presentation will offer parents strategies to bring balance to everyday and lifelong transitions, with consideration of the needs of their child with ASD, and family priorities and well-being.

11:00-11:30 a.m. Question and answer session with a panel of clinicians

11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. PANEL DISCUSSION—A panel of experts that includes individuals with ASD and family members.

Please register at waisman.wisc.edu/events-experts-autism17.htm

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