



WAISMAN CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

20th Annual

In-person and Virtual
Waisman Center Day with the Experts: Autism

Learn about the latest advances in autism research and services and hear from a panel of experts — individuals with autism and family members.

Saturday, February 3, 2024 | 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Coffee & Connections at 8:15 a.m for in-person attendees. Virtual via Zoom.

- 8:15-9:00 a.m.** **Coffee and Connections:** If you are attending in person, please join us for Coffee & Connection prior to the start of the presentations. Representatives from the Waisman Center’s Autism & Developmental Disabilities Clinic and Autism Treatment Program, the Children’s Resource Center – South, and the Autism Society of South Central Wisconsin will be available for conversation and to answer questions. Coffee and refreshments provided. Come chat with us in the **Autism Treatment Program Suite, First Floor, West Annex!**
- 9:00-9:05 a.m.** **Welcome**
Qiang Chang, PhD, Director, Waisman Center
- 9:05-9:30 a.m.** **Update on the Rising Prevalence of Autism and its Impacts.**
Maureen Durkin, PhD, DrPH, Evan and Marion Helfaer Professor of Public Health and Chair, Department of Population Health Sciences and Waisman Investigator
For more than 20 years, Waisman Center investigators have been monitoring the frequency of autism among 8 year-old children in Wisconsin and across the country. During this time, the prevalence of autism has risen steadily. More recently, we have begun monitoring autism prevalence and impacts at ages 4 and 16 years, and studying impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on children with autism and their families. This talk will provide a brief update on our findings.
- 9:30-10:00 a.m.** **Scientific Advancements and New Perspectives on Research in Autism and ADHD**
James Li, PhD, A. A. Alexander Associate Professor of Psychology and Psychiatry Department of Psychology and Waisman Investigator
This presentation will cover some of the latest research findings from the UW Longitudinal Imaging in Kids (UW LINK) Study, which is investigating the co-occurrence of childhood autism and ADHD. These findings will be integrated into an emerging scientific perspective on autism and ADHD that eschews the largely inflexible and often arbitrarily defined nosologies of the DSM for one that takes into consideration dimensions (and individual differences) instead.
- 10:00-10:30 a.m.** **ADHD and Autism: A Clinician’s Perspective**
Kathleen Kastner, MD, Developmental Pediatrician, Waisman Center Clinics
- 10:30-11:30 a.m.** **PANEL DISCUSSION** — A panel of experts that includes individuals with ASD and family members. Moderated by Nancy Alar, Autism Society of South Central Wisconsin.

Please register at www.waisman.wisc.edu/event/experts-autism-2024/

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