

Grant Awards

Respite has received a new grant, "Bear Hugs" from the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services to begin July 1st. It is a collaboration between Child Care Focus and Respite. Pam Cavitt will be the Program Coordinator. The focus of the project is to create a system of care for mildly ill children in child care and to create and maintain a substitute provider list for center and family daycare. Counties included will be Elk, Chautauqua, Montgomery, Labette and Cherokee.

David Lindeman and Bobbi Fabrycky has received a new three-year grant, Child Care Networks, for recruitment of child care providers in Labette and Montgomery counties. Bobbi will be the Program Coordinator on this grant.

Michael Perone and Dean Williams grant, "A laboratory model of escape-motivated aberrant behavior in persons with mental retardation" received a 2.3 percentile score.

Father's Day
Sunday
June 18th



ForSight

The ForSight project is the latest in a 24-year long series of grants here at the Parsons UAP in the area of vision research and training. The ForSight Screener Training program is an interactive CD with accompanying print manual that can be used as a self-paced, self-instructional training program, as well as a “refresher” course for retraining. The project is funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research. Focusing primarily on detecting vision problems in infants, toddlers, and preschool children, the CD contains three parts for each of the nine test procedures featured in the program. The learner can choose the “Watch” section, which brings up a QuickTime movie of an experienced screener conducting the procedure; the “Learn” section, which provides step-by-step instruction on the administration and interpretation of the procedure; and the “Practice” section, wherein the learner conducts a simulated screening procedure and is also provided feedback as to the accuracy of his/her performance. Extensive field-testing has shown that learners who complete the entire program are highly accurate in their administration and interpretation of these screening procedures.

The project is currently developing a dissemination plan for making the ForSight program available for preservice and inservice training of vision screeners.

Project staff include: Charles Spellman, Principal Investigator; Pamela Cress, Program Coordinator, both at the Parsons KUAP; and former staff members: Frank Carey, Paul Tangen, Marilyn Ault, Jennifer Holvoet, and Susan Bashinski, all at the KU Lawrence campus at the time of their involvement with the project.

Symposiums

In May, the following symposiums were conducted at the 26th Annual Convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis held in Washington, DC:

Jennifer O'Donnell - *"Generation and generalization of punishment effects with individuals with mental retardation"*. In Dean Williams (Chair), Laboratory models of clinical conditions 2: Generalization of treatment effects.

Jennifer O'Donnell and Kathryn Saunders - *"Sample-S+ control and emergent stimulus relations"*. In Manish Vaidya (Chair), Toward experimental analyses of relational responding: Methodological variations in the study of equivalence relations.

Michael Perone, Leo Carlin, and Dean Williams - *"A laboratory model of escape-motivated aberrant behavior in persons with mental retardation"*. In Dean Williams (Chair), Laboratory models of clinical conditions 2: Generalization of treatment effects.

Jerry Rea, Carolyn Martin, and Joan Burke - *"The use of person centered planning to address socially significant behaviors for individuals with developmental disabilities"*. In Steve Holburn (Chair), Results of various person-centered strategies for adults in residential settings.

Muriel Saunders, Julie McEntee, Kathleen Drake, and Richard Saunders - *"Development of supported vocational routines using a comprehensive skills assessment"*. In Michael Cameron (Chair), Antecedent control: Innovative assessment and treatment strategies in the applied setting.

Richard Saunders, Muriel Saunders, and Joseph Spradlin - *"Trends in treatment research in JABA from 1968 through 1998: History, design, and validity of the review"*. In Joseph Spradlin (Chair), The shaping of behavior analysts' behavior: Trends in facilitating homework completion and accuracy.

Manish Vaidya and Timothy Hackenberg - *"Do equivalence classes mediate extensions of stimulus functions?"* In Manish Vaidya (chair), Toward experimental analyses of relational responding: Methodological variation in the study of equivalence relations.

Dean Williams (Chair) - *"Laboratory models of clinical conditions 2: Generalization of treatment effects"*.

In addition to these presented papers, Kathryn Saunders, Muriel Saunders, Richard Saunders, and Joseph Spradlin served as discussants in symposiums.

The following poster sessions were also presented at the same convention:

C.E. Bullock, Manish Vaidya, and T.D Hackenberg - *"Schedules of token reinforcement in pigeons: Implications for the unit price concept."*

Robert Peyton, Helen Yoo, Laure Weithof, Deborah Napolitano, Katherine Stewart, Susan Jack and Dean Williams - *"A comparison of subjective and objective data from a placebo-controlled study on atypical neuroleptics"*.

Laure Weithoff, Helen Yoo, Deborah Napolitano, Jennifer Zarcone, Dean Williams, Susan Jack, Robert Peyton and Katherine Stewart - *"Differential effects of atypical neuroleptics and environment on aberrant behavior in persons with developmental disabilities"*.

Dean Williams and Kathryn Saunders - *"Lessons from the behavior pharmacology lab: Stimulus control and cognitive side effects of pharmacotherapy in developmental disabilities"*.

Helen Yoo, Deborah Napolitano, Robert Peyton, Dean Williams and Laure Fielder - *"Effects of reinforcement and risperidone on aberrant behavior while engaged in a task"*.

A panel discussion was conducted by Jerry Rea in Peter Vietze (Chair), *"A behavior analysis of person-centered planning and enrich applied behavior analysis"*.

Michael Mueller, Joe Olmi, and Kathryn Saunders - *"Recombinative generalization at the CVC word level with testing of recombined-word reading comprehension in typically-developing children"*. In Meeta R. Patel (Chair), ABA 2000 Student paper contest winners.

Other Presentations

Earlier this month, Kathy Olson and Kelly Perry presented two workshops on *"Dual Diagnosis: Mood Disorders and Developmental Disabilities"* and *"Dual Diagnosis: Assessment"* at Live the Dream-2000 Kansas Conference on Developmental Disabilities held in Wichita.

During May and June, Kathy Olson and Patty Black have presented *"Train-the Trainer Workshops on Dual Diagnosis Assessment and Mood Disorders"* in Lawrence, Wichita, and Topeka.

To be presented~

Steven Mills, Director of Media Services, will be conducting a workshop at the end of June titled, “*Designing Web Pages for Accessibility*” and a presentation titled, “*Unlocking the Gates of the Kingdom: Designing Web Sites for Accessibility*”, both at the ED-MEDIA 2000 World Conference on Educational Multimedia, Hypermedia, & Telecommunications in Montreal, Canada.

Vera Lynne Stroup-Rentier will present “Effective Early Childhood Transitions: Making the Shift from Infant/Toddler Services to Preschool Services at the Kansas School for the Deaf for Their Families in Action Weekend on June 10 in Olathe, KS.

Publications

M. M. Mueller, D. J. Olmi, and Kate Saunders have an article accepted pending revisions in the Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis titled, “*Recombinative generalization of within-syllable units in prereading children*”.

Kate Saunders, M. D. Johnston, and Nancy Brady’s article on “*Identity matching of CVC words by prereaders*” is currently in press in the Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis.

THE NEXT
PROJECT DIRECTORS MEETING
WILL BE ON
MONDAY, JULY 10, 10:00 A.M.
IN THE RESEARCH CENTER
CONFERENCE ROOM

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WHAT'S GOING ON?

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Where</u>
June 16	<i>Fetal Alcohol Syndrome & Fetal Alcohol Effects.</i> [Contact Person: Debra Childress, 785-235-5437]	Olathe, Kansas
June 20-23	<i>KITS Summer Institute: Brain Research and Its Implications for Intervention in Natural and Least Restrictive Environments.</i> [Contact Person: Misty Goosen, 785-864-0725]	Wichita, Kansas
June 30-July 1	<i>Early Childhood Workshops - Summer 2000.</i> Pre-registration: (316) 341-5385 or (877) 332-4249 [toll free] by June 23.	Emporia, Kansas
July 31-Aug. 4	<i>15th Annual Early Intervention and Early Childhood Summer Institute.</i> [Contact Person: Lisa McKean, (757) 566-3300; FAX (757) 566-8977.	Williamsburg, VA

For more information or registration forms on any of the above, please check the Conference Bulletin Board in your area.