



The Insider

Life Span Institute at Parsons

March, 2007

Pat White, Editor

Testimony

Katie Hine, Supervisor of the Southeast Kansas Pilot Project to Replicate the Oregon Model of Intervention With Antisocial Youth Families testified before the Kansas State Board of Education Tuesday, February 13, 2007. Dr. Hine spoke in support of the proposed regulations for the use of physical restraint and seclusion rooms in schools. The proposed regulations identify the conditions under which seclusionary time-out and physical restraint are applicable, and specify the steps intended to guide the ongoing use of these potentially restrictive procedures. Dr. Hine proposed also that the regulations include a process for objective human rights review and monitoring of behavior support programs utilizing restrictive procedures.

Presentations

Mitchell, L., Lindeman, D. P., Bowman, D., & Martinez, R. (2007, February). *Working together to improve early childhood services in Kansas: SICC working together with LICCs in Kansas*. Paper presented at the Kansas Division for Early Childhood 2007 Multidisciplinary Conference, Wichita, KS.

Lindeman, D. P., Goosen, M., Rinkel, P., Bayless, R., & Page, K. (2007, February). *Kansas inservice training system: Initiatives and services*. Four posters presented at the Kansas Division for Early Childhood 2007 Multidisciplinary Conference, Wichita, KS.

Smith, C. L., & Cress, P. (2007, March). *Comprehensive quality management: Developing and implementing a quality management framework for the developmental disability system in Ohio*. Poster session presented at the 2007 New Freedom Initiatives Conference, Baltimore, MD.

Publications

Saunders, R. R. (2007). Residential and day services. In J. W. Jacobson, J. A. Mulick, & J. Rojahn (Eds.), *Handbook of intellectual and developmental disabilities* (pp. 209-226). New York: Springer.

Grants Submitted

David Lindeman (PI), *Child Care Focus: Resource, Training, and Technical Assistance for Southeast Kansas*, submitted to the Kansas Association for Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies.

Muriel Saunders (PI) and Richard Saunders (Co-PI), *Assessment of Sensory Sensitivity and Learning in Adults with Profound Multiple Impairments*, 2007-2009, NIDRR, in response to RFA for Field Initiated Research.

Muriel Saunders (PI) and Richard Saunders (Co-PI), Module B—*You Cannot Reduce What You Have Not Measured*, 2006-2011, Supplement to Kansas Department of Health and Environment Core Grant Application to the CDC, as part of a package of supplemental modules submitted by the Research and Training Center.

Muriel Saunders (PI) and Richard Saunders (Co-PI), *Pilot Evaluation of the Impacts of Special Olympics Healthy Athletes Screenings*, 2006-2007, in response to a RFA from Special Olympics, with pass-thru funds from the CDC. Application submitted in consortium with Centro Ann Sullivan del Peru-CASP in Lima, Peru.

Project Highlight

Reducing the Incidence of Obesity in Adults with Developmental Disabilities in Kansas

**Richard R. Saunders and Muriel D. Saunders, Principal Investigators
Joseph Donnelly, Bryan K. Smith, and Debra Sullivan**

A collaboration between the Life Span Institute and developmental disabilities scientists aim to develop a simple, effective and inexpensive diet plan that will eventually be promulgated throughout the Kansas developmentally disabled network.

This is a 3-year study that will target significant weight loss in at least 100 people from northeast Kansas through a modified version of a proven 1,200 calorie a day diet plan. In Year 3, the researchers will take their resulting modified plan on the road in day-long workshops to the Kansas network of community developmental disabilities organizations.

Dick and Muriel are teaming with Joseph Donnelly, director of the Physical Activity and Weight Management Center and colleague Bryan K. Smith, assistant research professor. Debra Sullivan, chair and associate professor of the Department of Dietetics and Nutrition at the KU Medical Center will serve as an advisor.

The project is funded through a grant from the Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities with funds made available through the U.S. Administration on Developmental Disabilities.

Staff News

Congratulations are in order for Sara Sack—she is now a Senior Scientist.

Peggy Miksch is the new Technical Assistance Officer for the KITS Statewide Inservice & Technical Assistance System: Infant & Toddler Expansion project under the direction of Dr. David Lindeman. Peggy is stationed in Wamego. Her first day on the job was February 1, 2007.

Jeff Stein is an undergraduate research assistant working with Dean Williams.

Tammy Schoenhofer is the proud mother of an 8 lb., 8 oz. boy. He was born February 27, 2007 and his name is Skyler James.

Our sympathy goes out to Alan Engels on the loss of his son.