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First of all let us say a special “Thank You” to Mary Maxwell for the years she has spent doing the Insider—it will not be the same—but we will endeavor to keep you abreast of happenings at our LSI site.

***Dick Shores Honored by Peabody***

The Department of Special Education at Peabody College of Vanderbilt University has unanimously voted to establish a doctoral award in Dick’s name to recognize outstanding students in the field of teacher education. The *Richard E. Shores Award* will be given annually to the doctoral student who shows promise in the area of teacher preparation. Congratulations Dick, we are all proud of you.

**Staff Additions and/or Changes**

Rafael Bejarano has been officially appointed into the postdoctorate position supervised by Dean Williams and Kate Saunders. His office is in the Research Center.

Lisa Chaney, Laura Cruz, and Julie McEntee are now working on Kate’s component of the Communication Program Project.

Due to the ending of the Aberrant Behavior Program Project Kathy Morris has left us. Gloria Middleton is continuing to work with Dick and Muriel as well as working with the clinic for Dave Lindeman.

Lydia “Lin” Kaulins is a student hourly working with the Child Care Resource and Referral Program.

**Grants and Project Activities**

Looks like Assistive Technology has done it again—the AgrAbility proposal they submitted with K-State is funded. Way to go Sara and gang!!

Also note that Kate Saunders has rejoined the Communication Program Project—her component is now under way.

Dean Williams is collecting data at Parsons for his collaborative project with Mike Perone entitled “Laboratory Model of Escape-Motivated Aberrant Behavior.”

Chris Smith is Co-Principal Investigator with Rachel Freeman and Donna Wickham on a recently funded grant “Kansas Institute for Positive Behavior Support” funded by Kansas

Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, Department of Health Care Policy as well as Principal Investigator on another recently funded grant “Barriers to Employment for Persons with Disabilities funded by the Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Dave Lindeman is Principal Investigator in collaboration with Chris Smith and Susan Jack on a recently funded grant “Southeast Community Action Program. An Agreement to Provide Comprehensive, System Wide Assessment and Evaluation.

Kathy Olson and Susan Jack have a National Service Inclusion Project. The goal focuses on increasing participation of persons with disabilities in national service. Funded for 1 year by the Association on University Centers on Disability/Institute on Community Inclusion through a cooperative agreement with the Corporation for National Service and Community Service.

### **Presentations**

Benham, T., & Mitchell, L. (2002, February). *Discovering early childhood resources and information using the Internet*. Presentation at the Kansas Division of Early Childhood (KDEC) Conference, Wichita, KS.

Mills, S. (2002, February). *Comprehensive assessment of a teacher education program: Moving beyond paper-and-pencil tests*. Discussant at a Symposium conducted by faculty from the College of Education, Pittsburg State University at the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, New York.

Olson, K., & Black, P. (2002, March). Raising expectations: Celebrating disability and diversity. Presented at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Pacific Rim Conference, Waikiki, Hawaii.

Simmons, S., Sack, S., Fourard, J., & Kuykendall, J. (2002, January). *Agribusiness and assistive technology*. Presentation at the Vocational Rehabilitation Conference: Innovations in Rehabilitation, Salina, KS.

Wickham, D., Smith, C., & Freeman, R. (2002, February). *Strategies to customize and maintain schoolwide PBS efforts*. Presentation at the 2002 Midwest Symposium on Learning and Behavior Disorders, Kansas City.

### **ATK provided five presentations at the Kansas Division of Early Childhood (KDEC) conference in Wichita:**

South Central AT Access Site: Switch access for children with multiple disabilities (Cindy Jones)

ATK Loan System: Try before you buy – Software solutions for babies (Janice Fouard, Shellie Eddings)

NEAT: Teamwork – writing effective education plans (Jennifer Schwartz)

Parsons Management: Funding of AT devices through public and private avenues (Sheila Simmons)

Southeast AT Access Site: Bobby, Bobby, what did you do? Strategies for including beginning communicators in storytime activities (Rhonda Etter, Travis Crouch)

## **Publications**

- Freeman, R., & Smith, C. L. (in press) Promoting implementation success through the use of continuous systems-level assessment strategies. *Journal of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports*.
- O'Donnell, J., & Saunders, K. J. (2001). Equivalence relations in individuals with language limitations and mental retardation. *Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior*. Accepted pending revisions.
- Rea, J., Martin, C., & Wright, K. (in press). Moving the culture of a large intermediate care facility for persons with mental retardation toward person-centered supports: A retrospective study of behavioral interventions and jobs. In S. Holburn & P. Vitze (Eds.), *Research in person-centered supports*. Baltimore: Brookes Publishing Co.
- Rea, J., & Williams, D. (2001). The use of shaping procedures to increase exhale durations for 4 men with mental retardation as a prerequisite to their participation in a smoking cessation program. *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*. Accepted pending revisions.
- Smith, C. L., & Freeman, R. L. (in press). Continuous systems-level assessment: A model for building school capacity and expertise through internal assessment and strategic planning. *American Journal of Evaluation*.
- Valdovinos, M. G., Napolitano, D. A., Zarcone, J. R., Hellings, J. A., Williams, D. C., & Schroeder, S. R. (in press). Multimodal evaluation of risperidone for destructive behavior: Functional analysis, direct observations, rating scales, and psychiatric impressions. *Journal of Experimental and Clinical Psychopharmacology*.
- Williams, D. C., Johnston, M. D., & Saunders, K. J. (2001). Intertrial sources of stimulus control and delayed matching-to-sample performance in humans. *Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior*. Accepted pending revisions.