



The Insider

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Presentations

Greenwood, C., Hornback, M., & Wells, M. (2008, August). *Analyzing child outcomes summary form data*. Presentation at Measuring Child & Family Outcomes Conference, Baltimore, MD.

Eslinger, C., Mori, C., Greenwood, C., Walker, D., Hornback, M., Maloney, T., et al. (2008, August). *Assuring the quality of data from the child outcomes summary form*. Presentation at Measuring Child & Family Outcomes Conference, Baltimore, MD.

Hornback, M. (2008, July). *Recognition and response: Improving the quality of learning experiences for all children in pre-k programs*. Presentation at KSDE Leadership Conference, Wichita, KS.

Rinkel, P. (2008, August). *Assessment, Evaluation and Programming System*. Inservice training at Overland Park, KS.

Rinkel, P. (2008, July). *Roundtable discussion: Transition from Part C to Part B*. Presentation at KSDE Leadership Conference, Wichita, KS.

Rinkel, P. (2008, August). *Using AEPS to develop functional goals and intervention plans*. Inservice training at Ulysses, KS.

Sack, S. (2008, July). *Lessons learned: Expanding reutilization efforts to include organizational, navigational, and high cost technologies*. Presentation to the National Task Force Meeting, Washington, DC.

Sack, S. (2008, July). *Who pays for what and how can we use this information? . . . Could Medicaid become a reutilization partner?* Presentation to the National Task Force Meeting, Washington, DC.

Sack, S., & Simmons, S. (2008, August). *Effective marketing strategies for durable medical equipment reutilization*. Presentation to the Rehabilitation Services Administration Grantee Meeting, St. Louis, MO.

Walker, D., Gould, S., Hornback, M., & Wells, M. (2008, August). *Do my data count? Questions and methods for monitoring and improving our accountability systems*. Presentation at Measuring Child & Family Outcomes Conference, Baltimore, MD.

Kate Saunders participated in several activities at the American Psychological Association annual convention in Boston, MA August 14-17:

Chair of Invited Address: B. F. Skinner New Research Awards for Basic and Applied Behavior Analysis with participants J. C. Borrero, University of Maryland and Federico Sanabria, Arizona State University.

Chair of Invited Address: Distinguished Contribution to Applied Behavior Analysis Award with participant Raymond G. Miltenberger, University of South Florida.

Chair of Invited Address: ABA International Don Hake Translational Research Award with participant Michael J. Dougher, University of New Mexico.

Chair of Invited Address: Med Associates Distinguished Contribution to Basic Behavior Analysis Award with participant Murray Sidman, Sarasota, FL.

Presidential Address: Chair Michael J. Dougher, University of New Mexico with participant Kathryn J. Saunders, University of Kansas—Relevance of Science to Practice: Stimulus Control and Programmed Instruction.

Chair, Invited Address: SEAB Awards for Outstanding Basic and Applied Dissertations in Behavior Analysis with participants Nicole A. Heal, Center for Education and Neurorehabilitation, Brockton, MA and Andrea J. Frank, Boston University.

Reviews

Sack, S. (2008, July). Grant Review Panel, U.S. Office of Education, National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research Programs, Washington, DC.

Sack, S. (2008, August). Assistive Technology Panel Strand Manager Review. Assistive Technology Industry Association, Chicago, IL.

Sack, S. (2008, August). Grant Review Panel, U.S. Office of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, Washington, DC.

Sack, S., & Simmons, S. (2008, August). Review of Statewide Assistive Technology Services, Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services, Topeka, KS.

Grant Awarded

David Lindeman has received a new 3-year grant from the Association of University Centers on Disabilities under a contract from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities. The project titled "Prevalence of Developmental Disabilities Among Children with Epilepsy in Rural Populations" will begin October 1, 2008. This project was submitted with collaborating partners at the University of Kansas School of Medicine at Wichita, Columbia University, and Virginia Commonwealth University.

Project Highlight

Kate Saunders' Reading Project, Dean Williams' Laboratory Project, and Foster Care Treatment

For 6 weeks this past summer, Dean Williams' and Kate Saunders' labs were host to 3 research interns. These interns are current students of faculty at other universities who worked with Kate and Dean as a graduate student or postdoc. One intern, Ryan Brackney, has nearly completed his master's thesis at the University of North Texas, where former postdoc Manish Vaidya is now an Associate Professor. Two of the students, Mambu Sherman and Rhonda Clay, are undergraduates at Savannah State University, where former graduate student Kathy Stewart is an Assistant Professor. The students became involved in Dean's laboratory work on environmental conditions that might promote aberrant behavior, and Kate's work on early reading skills. They observed and participated in all aspects of lab operation, including screening potential participants, creating computerized research sessions, conducting sessions, summarizing data, and planning new procedures. During their time here, Mambu and Rhonda began work on a study with Kate that will be continued, along with their advisor Kathy Stewart, now that they are back in school.

Mambu and Rhonda also participated with Foster Care Treatment and completed individual projects. Each intern worked with a child with challenging behavior in a community setting. Project therapists assisted the interns to define target behavior, conduct observations, and develop a presentation of the findings. While Mambu and Rhonda gained experience by providing services in natural settings, Foster Care Treatment benefited from the additional data collection and input the interns provided.

Staff News

Ryan Brackney, Rhonda Clay, and Mambu Sherman – Research Assistants with Kate and Dean's Projects, have finished their internships here.

New Employees:

Jamie Howard and Brenda Hannah – Trainers with the Foster Care Project.

Gabriella Yates (Parsons) and Nicole Richardson (Lawrence) are Research Assistants working with Kate and Dean.