

**EARLY BIRD
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The Help Group **SUMMIT 2012**

**Advances and Best Practices in
AUTISM · LEARNING DISABILITIES · ADHD**

Friday, October 26 & Saturday, October 27
Skirball Cultural Center, Los Angeles



**A CUTTING EDGE CONFERENCE BRINGING TOGETHER
RESEARCHERS, CLINICIANS, EDUCATORS & PARENTS**

FEATURED SPEAKERS

David G. Amaral, PhD

Richard Lavoie, MA, MEd

Eric Fombonne, MD

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Barbara Firestone, PhD

Peter C. Whybrow, MD

Robert M. Bilder, PhD

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Stephen Hinshaw, PhD

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Biobehavioral Sciences

SESSION SCHEDULE

CONCURRENT SESSIONS Select One

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:00AM-8:00AM

Check-in

8:00AM-8:15AM

Opening Proceedings

8:15AM-9:45AM

1A Updates on the Causes of Autism (Part 1)

David Amaral, PhD

Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry
and Behavioral Sciences
Research Director and Beneto Foundation Chair,
UC Davis MIND Institute

Pamela J. Lein, PhD

Professor, Department of Molecular Biosciences,
UC Davis

Judy Van de Water, PhD

Professor, Division of Rheumatology/Allergy and
Clinical Immunology, UC Davis

1B Motivation Breakthroughs: Strategies to Turn On the Tuned-Out Child (Part 1)

Richard Lavoie, MA, MEd

Learning Disabilities Consultant
Author, *The Motivation Breakthrough*

9:45AM-11:00AM

2A Updates on the Causes of Autism (Part 2)

David Amaral, PhD

Pamela J. Lein, PhD

Judy Van de Water, PhD

2B Motivation Breakthroughs: Strategies to Turn On the Tuned-Out Child (Part 2)

Richard Lavoie, MA, MEd

2C Brain Changing Technology: What Can We Do Today?

Robert M. Bilder, PhD

11:00AM-11:15AM **BREAK**

11:15AM-12:30PM

3A Teaching Individuals with Social Learning Issues: Why We Use Social Skills Through Social Thinking Strategies

Pamela Crooke, PhD, CCC-SLP

Senior Therapist, Social Thinking Center, San José, CA

3B ADHD: What We Know & What We Need to Learn

Stephen Hinshaw, PhD

Professor of Psychology, UC Berkeley

12:30PM-1:30PM

Luncheon

Special Presentation

Ahmanson Ballroom

1:30PM-2:45PM

4A An Update on the Role of Medication in the Treatment of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders

Robert Suddath, MD

Health Sciences Associate, Clinical Professor
Director of Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Program
Department of Psychiatry, UCLA

4B When the Chips are Down... Strategies for Improving Children's Behavior

Richard Lavoie, MA, MEd

2:45PM-4:00PM

5A The Onset of Autism During Infancy: Insights from Sibling Studies

Ted Hutman, PhD

Assistant Professor, UCLA Department of Psychiatry

5B Variables that Modify the Success of Prescription Medication Interventions for Families with ADHD

Robert Suddath, MD

5C What Parents & Teachers Can Do To Improve Social Skills in Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders

Elizabeth Laugeson, PsyD

Director, The Help Group-UCLA Autism Research Alliance
Director, UCLA PEERS Clinic
Assistant Clinical Professor, UCLA Semel Institute
for Neuroscience & Human Behavior

4:00PM-4:15PM **BREAK**

4:15PM-5:30PM

6A The Nitty & the Gritty of Autism and Gastrointestinal Disorders

Pat Levitt, MD

Provost Professor of Neuroscience, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Psychology & Pharmacy
Director, USC Neuroscience Graduate Program

6B Moving Autism Research from the Laboratory to the Classroom

The Help Group ~ UCLA Autism Research Alliance

Elizabeth Laugeson, PsyD

Bruce L. Baker PhD

Distinguished Professor & Chair,
Department of Psychology, UCLA

Jan Blacher, PhD

Professor, Graduate School of Education, UC Riverside

Jane Tavyev-Asher, MD

Director, Pediatric Neurology, Cedars-Sinai

6C New Directions in Autism Public Policy

Barbara Firestone, PhD

Louis A. Vismara, MD

Policy Consultant to Senator Darrell Steinberg
Office of the President Pro Tempore
Co-Founder, UC Davis MIND Institute

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:00AM-8:00AM

Check-in

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1A Epidemiology of ASD: Update on Rates, Trends and New Studies

Eric Fombonne, MD

Canada Research Chair in Psychiatry, McGill University

1B Improving Working Memory in Children with ADHD

Philip Levin, PhD

Program Director,
The Help Group-UCLA Neuropsychology Program

1C Identifying and Treating ASD in Young Children: A Developmental Pediatrician's Perspective

Diane M. Danis, MD, MPH

Private Practice, Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics

9:15AM-10:30AM

2A New Frontiers in Music, Language and Autism

Robert Accordino, MD, MSc

Physician, Department of Psychiatry
New York Presbyterian-Weill Cornell Medical College
US Founder, Music for Autism

2B Powerful Reading Instruction in an RTI Framework

Diane Haager, PhD

Professor, California State University, Los Angeles
Division of Special Education and Counseling

2C Thriving in Transition: Creating a Plan for Success for Teens and Young Adults with Learning Differences

Amy-Jane Griffiths, PhD

Director, Advance LA, The Help Group

10:30AM-11:45PM

3A Kids and Teens with Mood Disorders: How the Family Can Help

David Miklowitz, PhD

Professor of Psychiatry, UCLA School of Medicine

3B How Tablets & Technology Can Help Kids with Autism Learn and Play

Shannon Des Roches Rosa

Co-founder and Editor, *The Thinking Person's Guide to Autism*

3C Building Bridges to Vocational Success & Semi-Independent Living for Young People with Moderate to Severe Autism

Louis A. Vismara, MD

Jason Bolton, PsyD

Chief Psychologist, The Help Group

Pamela Clark, MA

Director, Autism Schools, The Help Group

Janis White, EdD

Chief Operating Officer, Regional Center of Orange County
Chair, Ad Hoc Employment Taskforce of the California
Senate Select Committee on Autism & Related Disorders

11:45AM-1:00PM

4A One Size Doesn't Fit All: Developing Effective Early Education Programs for Children with Autism

Sara McCracken, PsyD, BCBA

Director, The Help Group ASD Programs

Jane Kim, MS, BCBA

Behavioral Coordinator, The Help Group

4B Sensory Integration Approaches for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders

Florence Clark, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA

Associate Dean and Professor,
Division of Occupational Science and
Occupational Therapy at the Ostrow
School of Dentistry of USC

President, American Occupational Therapy Association

Stephanie Bodison, OTD, OTR/L, C/NDT

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Please refer to the continuing education section for details

	EARLY BIRD RATE Before September 30	STANDARD RATE After October 1
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday & Saturday\$160\$185
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Only\$140\$155
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Only\$80\$90

Please select one

PSY SLP MFT LPCC
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License Number _____

PROFESSIONALS, PARENTS/FAMILY MEMBERS

	EARLY BIRD RATE Before September 30	STANDARD RATE After October 1
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday & Saturday\$110\$135
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Only\$95\$110
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Only\$65\$75

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STUDENTS

Verification of student status will be required at Summit check-in

	EARLY BIRD RATE Before September 30	STANDARD RATE After October 1
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday & Saturday\$85\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Only\$65\$80
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Only\$40\$50

All registrants will receive a flash drive with speaker presentations upon check-in
 Lunch is included on Friday

Make check payable to: The Help Group Charge my: Visa Mastercard Amex

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Refunds will be made if a written request is received by October 19, 2012. Registration fees will be refunded less a \$25.00 processing charge.
 No refunds will be made after October 19, 2012.

Continuing Education Categories

According to the guidelines set forth by the accrediting organizations, to receive credits and your certificate, you **MUST SIGN IN PRIOR TO THE FIRST SESSION OF EACH MORNING AND MUST SIGN OUT AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH DAY.**

HOURS OF INSTRUCTION

FRIDAY = 8hrs

SATURDAY = 5hrs

No partial credits will be given.

AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (APA)

The Help Group is approved by the APA to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The Help Group maintains responsibility for the program and its content. This course is eligible for up to 13 hours of continuing education credits (provider #1444).

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY, AUDIOLOGY AND HEARING AID DISPENSER'S BOARD

This course meets the qualifications for up to 13 hours of continuing professional development credits (provider #PDP86) for Speech-Language Pathologists as required by the California Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology Board.

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The Help Group is an accredited provider for continuing education credits for MFTs, LPCCs, LEPs, and/or LCSWs (provider #PCE940). This course meets the qualifications for up to 13 hours of continuing education as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences.

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The Help Group is approved by AOTA to assign continuing education units for Occupational Therapists (provider #6193). This course is eligible for up to 1.3 continuing education units. The assignment of AOTA continuing education units does not imply endorsement of specific course content, products or clinical procedures by AOTA. The Help Group maintains responsibility for the program and its content.

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The Help Group is approved as a provider of Type II continuing education by the BACB for up to 13 hours of credits for BCBA's, BCaBA's and BCBA-Ds (provider #OP-12-2163).

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The Help Group because every child deserves a great future

Founded in 1975, The Help Group is the largest, most innovative and comprehensive nonprofit of its kind in the United States serving children with special needs related to autism spectrum disorders, learning disabilities, ADHD, developmental delays, abuse and emotional problems.

The Help Group's eight specialized day schools offer pre-K through high school programs for more than 1,500 students. Its broad range of mental health and therapy services, child abuse prevention and intervention and residential programs extends its reach to more than 6,000 children and their families each year. With more than 900 staff members, The Help Group's state-of-the-art schools and programs are located on seven campuses in the Los Angeles area.

The Help Group is widely regarded for its high standards of excellence, unique scope and breadth of services. Through its public awareness, professional training and parent education programs and efforts at the state and national levels, The Help Group touches the lives of children with special needs across the country and in other parts of the world.

At the heart of its efforts is the commitment to helping young people fulfill their potential to lead positive, productive and rewarding lives.

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