THE HELP GROUP PRESENTS

SUMMIT 2014

A CUTTING EDGE CONFERENCE FEATURING 30 LEADING EXPERTS

Advances and Best Practices in
Autism • Learning Disabilities • ADHD

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Catherine Lord, PhD | Autism Keynote
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Friday, October 17th & Saturday, October 18th
Skirball Cultural Center, Los Angeles, California

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ABOUT SUMMIT 2014

The Help Group’s Summit 2014 is a cutting edge conference that features 30 leading experts in basic and applied research, and evidence-based best practices in assessment, intervention and treatment. Widely recognized for the scope, depth and caliber of its offerings, the Summit is designed for educators, clinicians/therapists and parents. Each year, the program provides a rich and informative experience to its attendees. We are pleased to share our conference schedule with you and look forward to your joining us.

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Barbara Firestone, PhD
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Stephen Hinshaw, PhD
Professor, Department of Psychology, UC Berkeley; Vice-Chair of Psychology, Department of Psychiatry, UC San Francisco

Jack M. Fletcher, PhD
Department Chair, Department of Psychology, University of Houston
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Project Principal Investigator, Texas Center for Learning Disabilities

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Robert Accordino, MD, MSc
Bruce L. Baker, PhD
Jan Blacher, PhD
Cindy Cottier, MA, MEd, CCC-SLP
Pamela Crooke, PhD, CCC-SLP
Diane M. Danis, MD, MPH
Jack M. Fletcher, PhD
Elisha Goldstein, PhD
Stefanie Goldstein, PhD
Patricia Herrera, MS
Stephen Hinshaw, PhD
Elizabeth Laugeson, PsyD
Philip Levin, PhD
Catherine Lord, PhD
James McCracken, MD
David Miklowitz, PhD
Christine Wu Nordahl, PhD
Daniel Openden, PhD, BCBA-D
Karen L. Park, OTD, OTR/L, SWC, CLE
Carolina Peña-Ricardo, MD
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Donna M. Werling, PhD
Jeffrey Wood, PhD
CONCURRENT SESSIONS
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:00 AM - 7:45 AM
Registration & Continental Breakfast

7:45 AM - 8:00 AM
Opening Proceedings

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
1 - Autism Keynote
Emerging Perspectives in Autism
Catherine Lord, PhD

2 - ADHD Keynote
The ADHD Explosion, Part 1: Causes, Models, Rising Prevalence and School Policies
Stephen Hinshaw, PhD

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
3A Autism: A Developmental Pediatrician’s Perspective
Diane M. Danis, MD, MPH
Private Practice, Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics

3B Socially Thinking - Practically Speaking:
The Social Mind at Work and Play
Pamela J. Crooke, PhD, CCC-SLP
Director of Research and Clinical Operations & Senior Therapist, Social Thinking Center

3C Maintaining a Healthy Weight in Children with ASD:
Strategies for Picky Eaters and Mealtime Rigidity
Karen L. Park OTD, OTR/L, SWC, CLE
Adjunct Instructor, Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, USC

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM  Break

11:15 AM - 12:30 PM
4A Parent-Assisted Strategies to Help Young Children with Autism Learn Social Skills:
An Evidence-Based Approach
Elizabeth Laugeson, PsyD
Director, The Help Group-UCLA Autism Research Alliance
Director, UCLA PEERS Clinic

5A Innovation in Evidence-Based Best Practices For Young People with Autism: From the Lab to the Real World
The Help Group-UCLA Autism Research Alliance
Elizabeth Laugeson, PsyD
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Jane Tavyev Asher, MD
Director, Division of Child Neurology, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
Bruce L. Baker, PhD
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Jan Blacher, PhD
Distinguished Professor & UC Presidential Chair, UC Riverside
Founding Director, SEARCH Family Autism Resource Center
Jeffrey Wood, PhD
Associate Professor, Division of Child Psychiatry and Division of Psychological Studies in Education, UCLA
Faculty, UCLA Center for Autism Research and Treatment

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
Luncheon and Special Presentation
Ahmanson Ballroom

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM
5B Bipolar Disorder in Children and Adolescents:
Tips for Parents and Other Caregivers
David Miklowitz, PhD
Professor of Psychiatry, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, UCLA Semel Institute
Senior Clinical Research Fellow, Department of Psychiatry, Oxford University

6A An Update on the Role of Medication in the Treatment of Children with ASD and ADHD
James McCracken, MD
Joseph Campbell Professor of Child Psychiatry
Director, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
UCLA Semel Institute

6B No Stone Unturned: How Do Families Make Treatment Decisions
Daniel Openden, PhD, BCBA-D
President & CEO, Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center

6C Using Mindfulness to Reduce Stress and Promote Well-Being in Young People with Special Needs
Elisha Goldstein, PhD and Stefanie Goldstein, PhD
Co-creators, Connecting Adolescents to Learning Mindfulness (CALM)
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:00 AM - 9:15 AM
1A - LD Keynote
Strengths and Weaknesses of Identification Methods for Learning Disabilities: Is a Cognitive Assessment Necessary?
Jack M. Fletcher, PhD

1B Autism Assessment, Education and Intervention From a Longitudinal Study 2 to 22
Catherine Lord, PhD

9:15 AM - 10:30 AM
2A The ADHD Explosion, Part 2: Sex Differences, Medication and Psychosocial Treatments
Stephen Hinshaw, PhD

2B With an “Ouch” or Silence: Identifying Medical Conditions in Children with Autism
Robert Accordino, MD, MSc
Fellow, Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, Massachusetts General Hospital & McLean Hospital Harvard Medical School; US Founder, Music for Autism

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM
Louis A. Vismara, MD
Senior Policy Advisor to Senator Darrell Steinberg, President Pro Tem, California State Senate
Co-Founder, UC Davis MIND Institute
Olga Solomon, PhD
Assistant Professor, Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, USC

3B Understanding Sex Differences in Autism, Part 1: Recent Advances in Autism Genetics and What This Research Tells Us About Risk

(3B Continued)

Donna M. Werling, PhD
Geschwind Laboratory, Semel Institute for Neuroscience & Human Behavior, UCLA

3C Reaching Out to Underserved Families in Our Community: From Early Identification to Accessing Services
Carolina Peña-Ricardo, MD
Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrician
Assistant Professor, Clinical Pediatrics Keck School of Medicine, USC
California Leadership Education In Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Program
Division of General Pediatrics, CHLA
Patricia Herrera, MS
Project Director, Developmental Screening and Care Coordination, 211 LA County

11:45 AM - 1:00 PM
4A Unlocking the Potential of Music for Children with Autism: From Neuroscience to Quality of Life
Robert Accordino, MD, MSc
Fellow, Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
Massachusetts General Hospital & McLean Hospital Harvard Medical School; US Founder, Music for Autism

4B Understanding Sex Differences in Autism, Part 2: Neurobiology of Autism in Boys and Girls
Christine Wu Nordahl, PhD
Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, UC Davis MIND Institute

4C An Overview of Popular Tablet Apps for Communication Purposes
Cindy Cottier, MA, MEd, CCC-SLP
Augmentative Communication/Assistive Technology Specialist
Executive Director, Augmentative Communication Therapies
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LAST YEAR’S SUMMIT SOLD OUT, SO PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!

To qualify for EARLY BIRD RATES, registration and payment must be received at The Help Group by September 30th

PROFESSIONALS RECEIVING CE CREDITS

Please refer to the continuing education section for details

STANDARD RATE

After September 30

☐ Friday & Saturday $185
☐ Friday Only $155
☐ Saturday Only $90

Please select one
☐ PSY ☐ SLP ☐ MFT ☐ LPCC ☐ LEP ☐ LCSW ☐ OT ☐ BCBA/BCaBA/BCBA-D

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GENERAL REGISTRATION

STANDARD RATE

After September 30

☐ Friday & Saturday $135
☐ Friday Only $110
☐ Saturday Only $75

☐ Professional Not seeking CE’s

☐ Parent/Family

If funded by Regional Center please provide your child’s name

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STUDENTS

Verification of student status will be required at Summit Check-In

STANDARD RATE

After September 30

☐ Friday & Saturday $100
☐ Friday Only $80
☐ Saturday Only $50

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The Help Group reserves the right to change elements of the Summit. Refunds will be made if a written request is received by October 7, 2014. Registration fees will be refunded less a $25.00 processing charge.

No refunds will be made after October 7, 2014.
The Help Group is pleased to offer continuing education credits for Summit 2014. According to the guidelines set forth by accrediting organizations, professionals seeking credit must sign in prior to the opening proceedings on Friday and before the first session on Saturday, and must sign out at the conclusion of each day’s program.

Please note that check-in for professionals will begin both Friday and Saturday at 7:00 a.m. We encourage those seeking credits to arrive at the Skirball Cultural Center no later than 7:30 a.m. to ensure a timely check-in. No partial credits will be given.

Psychologists
The Help Group is approved by the American Psychological Association 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)

Friday = 8 CE credits   Saturday = 5 CE credits

Occupational Therapists
The Help Group is approved by The American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. (AOTA) to assign continuing education units for occupational therapists. This course is eligible for up to 1.3 CE units. The assignment of AOTA CE units does not imply endorsement of specific course content, products or clinical procedures by AOTA.
(Provider #6193)

Friday = .8  CEUs   Saturday = .5 CEUs

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

Friday = 8 CE hours   Saturday = 5 CE hours

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

Friday = 8 CPDs   Saturday = 5 CPDs

Behavior Analyst Practitioners
The Help Group is an approved provider of Type 2 continuing education units by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board for BCBAs, BCaBAs and BCBA-Ds.
Friday’s program (Sessions 1A, 2A, 3A, 5C, 6B) qualifies for 7.5 Type 2 CE units and Saturday’s program (Sessions 1B, 2A, 3A, 4A) for 6 Type 2 CE units.
(Provider #OP-12-2163)

Friday = 7.5 CE units   Saturday = 6 CE units

Certificates of Attendance
The Help Group provides Certificates of Attendance at the conclusion of each day’s program for attendees. If you would like a certificate, please stop by the registration table at the end of the day.

If you have questions about continuing education, please contact events@thehelpgroup.org or call 818.779.5212
VENUE & HOTEL INFORMATION

Skirball Cultural Center
Renowned for its architectural design and naturalistic setting, the Skirball Cultural Center is a unique and inviting site for a conference. Located on more than 15 acres, it has been home to The Help Group’s Summit for the past nine years.

CONFERENCE LOCATION

Skirball Cultural Center
2701 N. Sepulveda Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90049
Complimentary Event Parking

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LUXE HOTEL
Room Rate $189/night
To receive the special rate, rooms must be reserved by 10/4
For Reservations Call 310.476.6571
Group Code The Help Group
11461 Sunset Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90049

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For Reservations Call 866.490.2065
Group Code The Help Group
15433 Ventura Boulevard
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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS
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 disorder, learning disabilities, ADHD, developmental delays, abuse and emotional problems.

The Help Group's nine 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 and residential programs extends its reach to more than 6,000 children and their families each year. With more than 950 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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