

THE HELP GROUP PRESENTS

# SUMMIT 2014

A CUTTING EDGE CONFERENCE FEATURING 30 LEADING EXPERTS

**Advances and Best Practices in**  
**Autism • Learning Disabilities • ADHD**

## SUMMIT CHAIRS

Barbara Firestone, PhD  
Peter C. Whybrow, MD  
Robert M. Bilder, PhD

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Catherine Lord, PhD | Autism Keynote  
Stephen Hinshaw, PhD | ADHD Keynote  
Jack M. Fletcher, PhD | LD Keynote



**Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**  
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# THE HELP GROUP SUMMIT 2014

## ABOUT SUMMIT 2014

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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.

## SUMMIT CHAIRS

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**Barbara Firestone, PhD**

President & CEO, The Help Group  
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Select Committee on Autism &  
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Chief of Medical Psychology-Neuropsychology  
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Columbia University Medical Center

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Professor, Department of Psychology,  
UC Berkeley; Vice-Chair of Psychology,  
Department of Psychiatry,  
UC San Francisco

**Jack M. Fletcher, PhD**

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Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen  
Distinguished Professor  
Project Principal Investigator,  
Texas Center for Learning Disabilities

## PRESENTERS

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Jane Tavyev Asher, MD

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

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Karen L. Park, OTD, OTR/L, SWC, CLE

Carolina Peña-Ricardo, MD

Olga Solomon, PhD

Louis A. Vismara, MD

Donna M. Werling, PhD

Jeffrey Wood, PhD

7:00 AM - 7:45 AM

Registration &amp; 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

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

2 - ADHD Keynote

The ADHD Explosion, Part 1: Causes, Models,  
Rising Prevalence and School Policies

Stephen Hinshaw, PhD

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM Break

11:15 AM - 12:30 PM

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

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Luncheon and Special Presentation

Ahmanson Ballroom

1:30 PM - 2:45 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 Clinic4B Advances in Reading Assessment  
and Interventions for Pre-School  
and School-Aged Children

Philip Levin, PhD

Program Director, The Help Group-  
UCLA Neuropsychology Program

2:45 PM - 4:00 PM

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

Director, The Help Group-UCLA Autism Research Alliance  
Director, UCLA PEERS Clinic

Jane Tavyev Asher, MD

Director, Division of Child Neurology,  
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

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Department of Psychology, UCLA

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 Treatment5B 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 University5C Pivotal Response Treatment (PRT):  
A Naturalistic, Family-Centered Behavioral  
Treatment for Children with Autism

Daniel Openden, PhD, BCBA-D

President & CEO, Southwest Autism  
Research & Resource Center

4:00 PM - 4:15 PM Break

4:15 PM - 5:30 PM

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 Institute6B No Stone Unturned: How Do Families  
Make Treatment Decisions

Daniel Openden, PhD, BCBA-D

President & CEO, Southwest Autism  
Research & Resource Center6C 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 &amp; 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

**3A It Takes a Village: Addressing Wandering and  
Missing Individuals with Autism: The Risks,  
Interventions, Technology and Public Policies**

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

# REGISTRATION FORM

## SESSION SELECTION

### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Check one

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

8:00AM-9:30AM

☐ 1 - Autism Keynote

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☐ 2 - ADHD Keynote

11:15AM-12:30PM

☐ 3A ☐ 3B ☐ 3C

1:30PM-2:45PM

☐ 4A ☐ 4B

2:45PM-4:00PM

☐ 5A ☐ 5B ☐ 5C

4:15PM-5:30PM

☐ 6A ☐ 6B ☐ 6C

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:00AM-9:15AM

☐ 1A - LD Keynote ☐ 1B

9:15AM-10:30AM

☐ 2A ☐ 2B

10:30AM-11:45AM

☐ 3A ☐ 3B ☐ 3C

11:45AM-1:00PM

☐ 4A ☐ 4B ☐ 4C

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- ☐ E-mail  
☐ Mailing  
☐ The Help Group Website  
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☐ Conference Posting  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

## REGISTER ONLINE AT [WWW.THEHELPGROUP.ORG](http://WWW.THEHELPGROUP.ORG)

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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

License Number \_\_\_\_\_

### 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  
Regional Center Vendor #PL0230

Company \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

### 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](mailto:events@thehelpgroup.org) or call **818.779.5212**



Dr. Barbara Firestone & Dr. Connie Kasari  
at The Help Group Summit 2013



Summit 2013 Featured Speaker  
Dr. Tom Brown



The Help Group-UCLA Autism  
Research Alliance Panel

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### LUXE HOTEL

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To receive the special rate,  
rooms must be reserved by 10/4  
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**Group Code** The Help Group  
**11461 Sunset Boulevard**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90049**


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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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