



# The Autism Summit Conference: *Developing a National Agenda*



## AGENDA

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

**Master of Ceremonies: Tom Insel, M.D., NIMH**

**9:00 – 9:15 am**

**Welcome**

**Tommy Thompson**, Secretary of Health and Human Services

**9:15 – 9:25 am**

**Remarks**

**Dr. Rod Paige**, Secretary of Education

**9:25 – 9:30 am**

**Remarks**

**Noel Dempsey, T.D.**, Minister for Education and Science, Ireland

**9:30 – 10:00 am**

**Presentation: The Face of Autism**

**Jon Shestack**, Cure Autism Now

**10:00 – 10:15 am**

**Remarks**

**Elias Zerhouni, M.D.**, NIH

**10:15 – 10:35 am**

**BREAK (*Exhibit Hall, Room 150 AB*)**

Sponsored by the **Autism Coalition for Research & Education**

**10:35 – 10:50 am**

**Remarks**

**Congressman Henry Waxman**, U.S. House of Representatives

**10:50 – 11:05 am**

**Remarks**

**Congressman Dan Burton**, U.S. House of Representatives

**11:05 – 11:20 am**

**Remarks**

**Congressman Dave Weldon**, U.S. House of Representatives

**11:20 – 12:00 pm**

**PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS**

**Introductions by: Tom Insel, M.D., Story Landis, Ph.D., and  
Duane Alexander, M.D.**

**11:20 – 11:30 am**

**CAN Initiatives for Data Sharing**

**Jon Shestack**, Cure Autism Now

**Steve Moldin, Ph.D.**, NIMH

**11:30 – 11:40 am**

**ASA/CDC Partnership: Autism Awareness Campaign**

**José Cordero, M.D., MPH**, CDC

**Robert Beck**, Autism Society of America

- 11:40 – 11:50 am**    **NICHD/NAAR High Risk/Baby Sibling Autism Research Collaboration**  
**Duane Alexander, M.D., NICHD**
- 11:50 – 12:00 pm**    **NAAR Autism Genome Project**  
**Prisca Chen Marvin, National Alliance for Autism Research**  
**Tom Insel, M.D., NIMH**  
**Story Landis, Ph.D., NINDS**
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm**    **LUNCH – Sponsored by the National Alliance for Autism Research (Room 146)**  
  
Scheduled guest speakers: **Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, NIMH Director Thomas Insel, and NINDS Director Story Landis.** As various members of Congress have also been invited to speak, the agenda is subject to change.
- 1:00 – 3:00 pm**    **THEME 1: SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM ACROSS THE LIFESPAN**
- 1:00 – 1:30 pm**    **Welcoming Remarks (Room 151 AB)**  
**Robert H. Pasternack, Ph.D.,** Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, U.S. Department of Education
- 1:30 – 3:00 pm**    **Concurrent Sessions**  
*(please see room assignments next to each session name)*
- Session A:    Early Childhood/Birth to Five (Room 152 A)**  
**Moderator: Merle McPherson, M.D.,** Health Resources and Services Admin.  
**Speakers:**  
**Adrian D. Sandler, MD, FAAP,** Mission Children’s Hospital  
**Sue Baker,** Autism Services Consultant, Child Health Specialty Clinic  
**Juliann Woods, Ph.D.,** CCC-SLP, Florida State University  
**Jeff Sell, Esq.,** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair, Autism Society of America  
**Bonnie Strickland, Ph.D.,** Health Resources and Services Administration
- Session B:    School-Age (Room 151 AB)**  
**Moderator: Gail Houle, Ph.D.,** Office of Special Education Programs, U.S. Department of Education  
**Speakers:**  
**Ilene Schwartz, Ph.D.,** University of Washington  
**Cathy Pratt, Ph.D.,** Indiana Institute on Disability and Community  
**Andrew Baumann, M.A.,** New York Families for Autistic Children  
**Robin Welsh, M.S., M.A., Esq.,** Department of Special Education, Calvert County, MD  
**Beth Caron, Ph.D.,** Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

**Session C: Secondary/Transition (Room 152 B)**

**Moderator: Joan Mele-McCarthy, D.A.**, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

**Speakers:**

**Susan E. Levy, M.D.**, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

**Teresa Grossi, Ph.D.**, Indiana Institute on Disability and Community

**Jim Ball, Ed.D.**, Sawtelle Learning Centers

**Mayer Max, M.S.**, SharkaTech Research; Veterans National Healthcare Volunteer Portal

**Merlene Simon-Burroughs, Ph.D.**, Office of Special Education Programs  
U.S. Department of Education

**Session D: Adults (Room 143 ABC)**

**Moderator: Lee Grossman**, Autism Society of America

**Speakers:**

**Stephen Shore**

**Anna Hundley**, NARPAA

**Evelyne Milorin**, Kennedy Fellow, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

**Jenn Rigger, M.S.**, Rehabilitation Services Administration

**William Kiernan, Ph.D.**, University of Massachusetts

**3:00 – 3:15 pm**

**BREAK**

**3:15 – 3:35 pm**

**REPORT-OUTS FROM CONCURRENT SESSIONS (Room 151 AB)**

**3:35 – 4:45 pm**

**PRESENTATIONS FROM EXPERTS IN THE FIELD (Room 151 AB)**

**Moderator: Joan Mele-McCarthy, D.A.**, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

**David Holmes, Ed.D.**, Eden Services

**Robert Koegel, Ph.D.**, University of California, Santa Barbara

**Stanley Greenspan, M.D.**, George Washington University Medical School

**Ivar Lovaas, Ph.D.**, Lovaas Institute for Early Intervention

**Lee Grossman**, Autism Society of America

**Ruth Christ-Sullivan, Ph.D.**, Autism Services Center

**4:45 – 5:00 pm**

**OPEN MIKE SESSION**

**5:00 – 6:00 pm**

**Reception (Exhibit Hall, Room 150 AB)**

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## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

**8:30 – 12:00 pm**      **THEME 2: EARLY SCREENING AND DIAGNOSIS**

**8:30 – 9:30 am**      **Plenary Session (Room 151 AB)**  
**The Current State of Developmental Screening General Developmental Screening and Screening for the ASDs**  
*Moderator:* **José Cordero, M.D., M.P.H.**, CDC  
*Speakers:*  
**Barry Zuckerman, M.D.**, Boston University  
**Peter Mundy, Ph.D.**, University of Miami

**9:30 – 10:00 am**      **BREAK**  
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**10:00 – 12:00 pm**      **Concurrent Sessions**  
**The “How To’s”: A Tool Box for Developmental Screening**  
*(please see room assignments next to each session name)*

**Session A:    How to Build Awareness Among Parents, Practitioners, and Educators (Room 152 A)**

*Moderator:* **Lucille (Lu) Zeph, Ed.D.**, University of Maine

*Speakers:*

**Nancy Wiseman**, First Signs, Inc.

**Katherine Lyon Daniel, Ph.D.**, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

*Panel Discussion:*

**Lee Grossman**, Autism Society of America

**Adrian Sandler, M.D.**, Mission Children’s Hospital

**Margaret Dunkle**, George Washington University

**Session B:    How to Test – Best Tests and Why (Room 152 B)**

*Discussant:* **Wendy Stone, Ph.D.**, Vanderbilt University

*Speakers:*

**Frances Page Glascoe, Ph.D.**, Vanderbilt and Penn State Universities

**Amy Wetherby, Ph.D.**, Florida State University

**Deborah Fein, Ph.D.**, University of Connecticut

**Session C:    How to Put Into Practice—Best Models (Room 151 AB)**

*Moderator:* **Marian Earls, M.D.**, Guilford Child Health, Inc.

*Speakers:*

**Ed Schor, M.D.**, The Commonwealth Fund

**Jennifer Pinto-Martin, Ph.D.**, University of Pennsylvania

*Panel Discussion:*

**Jim O’Brien, Ph.D.**, Agency for Children and Families, Head Start Bureau

**Mary M. Gottesman, Ph.D.**, Ohio State University

**Paul Dworkin, M.D.**, University of Connecticut

**Eric London, M.D.**, National Alliance for Autism Research

**12:00 – 1:00 pm**      **LUNCH**  
*(concession stand will be in the foyer outside of the main meeting room)*

1:00 – 4:15 pm

**THEME 3: BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH**

1:00 – 1:15 pm

**Opening Remarks**

**Congressman Chris Smith**, U.S. House of Representatives  
*Introduction by:* **Lee Grossman**, Autism Society of America

1:15 – 2:00 pm

**Overview: Autism Research Matrix and Roadmap Activities**

**Tom Insel, M.D.**, NIMH

2:00 – 2:15 pm

**BREAK**

2:15 – 4:15 pm

**Concurrent Sessions**

*(please see room assignments next to each session name)*

**Session A: Genetics Research (Room 152 A)**

*Leaders:*

**Steve Moldin, Ph.D.**, NIMH

**Dan Geschwind, M.D., Ph.D.**, University of California at Los Angeles

**Andy Shih, Ph.D.**, National Alliance for Autism Research

**Session B: Epidemiological and Environmental Research  
(Room 152 B)**

*Leaders:*

**Cindy Lawler, Ph.D.**, NIEHS

**Diana Schendel, Ph.D.**, NCBDDD, CDC

**Judith Grether, Ph.D.**, California Department of Health Services

**W. Ian Lipkin, Ph.D.**, Columbia University

**Kathleen Berry**, Families for Early Autism Treatment

**Rick Rollens**, Co-Founder, UC Davis M.I.N.D. Institute

**Session C: Early Intervention Research (Room 151 AB)**

*Leaders:*

**Ann Wagner, Ph.D.**, NIMH

**Geraldine Dawson, Ph.D.**, University of Washington

**Richard Fade**, Northwest Autism Foundation

4:15 – 4:45 pm

**Closing Session (Room 151 AB)**

**Social Functions:**

On Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, a luncheon takes place in Room 146 and is sponsored by the **National Alliance for Autism Research**. Scheduled guest speakers: **Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton**, **NIMH Director Thomas Insel**, and **NINDS Director Story Landis**. As various members of Congress have also been invited to speak, the agenda is subject to change.

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