

2009 Upstate South Carolina Autism Forum

Saturday, September 26, 2009

8 AM - 4:30 PM

Brookwood Church

580 Brookwood Point Place,

Simpsonville, SC 29681

Autism Speaks, The LUCAS Network, The SC Autism Society, Winston's Wish Foundation, The Family Connection of SC and Brookwood Church are excited to announce that the 2009 Upstate South Carolina Autism Forum will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2009, from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at Brookwood Church in Simpsonville SC.

This free event is aimed to bring parents and professionals from all over SC together, to provide information about autism, current autism research for its causes and treatment, and resources available in South Carolina to assist families affected by the disorder. The Upstate SC Autism Forum will be a great place for families to learn more about the services available in the state and for service providers to meet and hear from families as to what they need and are looking for. The Forum will also feature a Resource Fair of booths and exhibits for family members and educators to continue their learning outside of the forum itself and a free lunch will be provided by Chick-fil-A.

The 2009 Upstate South Carolina Autism Forum promises to be a day full of learning and encouragement. Forum speakers include representatives from the sponsoring organizations, the Greenville Hospital System, The Greenwood Genetic Center, The Medical University of SC, DDSN and Josh Meyers, a young man living with autism. Among the topics to be discussed are updates on Ryan's Law and related issues by the author of Ryan's Law, Autism Speaks Senior Policy Advisor and our very own SC Angel of Autism, Mrs. Lorri Unumb (Ryan's Mom); current National Autism Research Efforts presented by Dr. Desmond Kelly; Behavioral Intervention in Autism by Dr. Anne Kinsman; the ADDM Network and Fatty Acid Study conducted at MUSC by Dr. Jane Charles and Walter Jenner; Results from the Parent Survey and PDD Waiver real Data Results by Jodi Cholewicki of DDSN; The Genetics and Epigenetics of Autism by Dr. David Everman of Greenwood Genetics and Dysemethylation study presented by Dr. Steven Skinner. (Bios of our speakers can be found below.) We are excited and proud to have these individuals presenting the results of their research and findings in a language we parents can understand. Dr. Lisa Castellani, mother of a child with autism, has done a fantastic job in recruiting these individuals to speak at this year's forum! In order to know how many meals we will need we are asking that you please register for this conference by visiting the Autism Speaks website below or contacting Derrick Howle (luluhowle@charter.net) at 864-292-6116.

Register today at www.AutismSpeaks.org. Click the Community Tab - Chapters - South Carolina.

Resource Fair Participants:

Autism Speaks, Winston's Wish Foundation, The SC Autism Society, Family Connection of SC, Advanced Therapy Solutions, Oxford Farms, Hope Reach and Hope Academy, Behavioral Consulting Services, SCDDSN, *Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, Inc*, Carolina Center for Counseling & Behavioral Interventions, LLC, Christy Ruppert Delseni Autism Program, PRIDE, PRO-Parents, Toussaint Law Firm, PC., Carolina Center for Counseling & Behavioral Interventions, LLC, Special Needs CareLink, LLC, Oxford Farm Project and Mane Solutions, Happy Feet Child Development RDI Program, Pathways Counseling Center.

Guest Speakers:

Lorri Shealy Unumb (YOU-num) is an attorney and the author of the ground-breaking autism insurance legislation in South Carolina known as "Ryan's Law." She earned a J.D. from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1993, at which time she was named the North American Law School Graduate of the Year by the legal fraternity Phi Delta Phi. Lorri also attended the University of South Carolina for undergraduate work, graduating Phi Beta Kappa with degrees in Journalism and Political Science. Presently, Lorri serves as Senior Policy Advisor and Counsel with Autism Speaks, where her job is to help pass autism insurance reform in all 50 states and federally. Previously, Lorri served as an appellate litigator with the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.; as a law professor and director of legal writing & research at George Washington University Law School; as Assistant Director of the National Advocacy Center, which is the Department of Justice's training facility for federal attorneys around the country; and as a founding faculty member at the Charleston School of Law, where she was named the "2007 Professor of the Year." From 2006 through 2007, Lorri hosted her own weekly TV show in Charleston, South Carolina called "The Law with Professor Lorri." Lorri is happily married to Dan Unumb, with whom she has three sons: Ryan, age 8; Christopher, age 5; and Jonathan, age 1. For her work on "Ryan's Law," Lorri has been recognized with the Jefferson Award for Public Service; the Autism Society of America 2008 "Parents of the Year" award (along with her husband); the Behavior Analysts Certification Board's Michael Hemingway Award; and the Autism Speaks 1st annual Volunteer Advocacy Award (before joining Autism Speaks full-time last fall). Her work has been profiled on NPR's "Morning Edition" and on CNN. Lorri has logged over 60,000 miles this year to lobby for autism insurance reform and has testified more than 25 times in legislatures around the country.

Joshua Myers is a 21 year old living with autism. He was first diagnosed at the age of 3 as being severely mentally disabled. He didn't start talking until the age of 5. He was re-evaluated at 5 ½ and diagnosed with autism. He graduated from Clover High School with a regular diploma in 2006 and that same year earned his Eagle Scout. Joshua currently attends York Technical College in Rock Hill, S.C. where he is working towards an Associate of Arts Degree. Joshua plans to transfer to Winthrop University where he will major in theater with a minor in math.

Dr. Desmond Kelly is Medical Director of the Division of Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics at the Children's Hospital of the Greenville Hospital System in Greenville, South Carolina, and is a Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. He is also Program Director of the DeLoache Fellowship in Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics of the Children's Hospital. He received his medical training at the University of Cape Town in South Africa and also trained in England before doing his pediatric residency at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine and fellowship training at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in Chapel Hill. Dr. Kelly is a member of the Board of Directors of the Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics and serves on the Sub-board of Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics of the American Board of Pediatrics which is responsible for assessing the training and knowledge of specialists in his field prior to their board certification. He is also a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics and a past member of the Executive Committee of the American Academy of Pediatrics Section of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics.

He has written research and review articles and chapters for textbooks in general pediatrics and developmental pediatrics and his research interests are in developmental assessment, learning and attention disorders, autism and hearing impairment.

His current efforts are focused on expansion of the Children's Hospital Autism Program and on regional and national projects and programs to promote healthy child development through the early identification of developmental problems and linkage of children and families with needed therapeutic and educational resources.

Dr. Anne M. Kinsman, Ph.D. is the Director of Psychology and the Co-Director of the Children's Hospital Autism Program and an assistant professor of clinical pediatrics at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. Dr. Kinsman received her B.S. from the Pennsylvania State University, her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Kent State University. She completed her pre-doctoral internship at the Kennedy Krieger Institute and post-doctoral fellowship at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. Dr. Kinsman was a staff psychologist in the Division of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics and assistant professor at The Kelly O'Leary Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center prior to joining the Greenville Hospital System Children's Hospital. Dr. Kinsman's interests include diagnostic assessment, advocacy and policy, and program development for children with developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorders. Dr. Kinsman has co-authored journal articles and manuals in the areas of autism spectrum disorders, identification of childhood psychosocial problems in pediatric primary care, and youth with special needs in the juvenile justice system.

Dr. Jane Charles MD is a Developmental Pediatrician and Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Medical University of South Carolina. Dr. Charles is the Medical Director of the Carolina Autism Resource Evaluation (CARE) Clinic. She is a co-principal investigator of the South Carolina Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network (ADDM), which continues on-going surveillance of autism spectrum disorders in South Carolina and is co-principal investigator of the prevalence of Fragile X with autism in South Carolina both studies funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She is the co-principal investigator of the study of the prevalence of autism spectrum disorders in preschool children funded by Autism Speaks. Dr. Charles earned her medical degree from the Medical University of South Carolina. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. She was awarded the Presidential Citation from the South Carolina Autism Society in 1997 and 2004. Dr. Charles is an active member of several professional organizations, and has lectured and published extensively on autism spectrum disorders. She continues an active clinical practice at MUSC serving children with autism spectrum disorders and their families.

Walter Jenner MS, CAS is Education and Outreach Officer for the South Carolina Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network (ADDM), at the Medical University of South Carolina, Division of Genetics and Developmental Pediatrics. He is co-chairperson, with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, of the ADDM network education and outreach committee. Mr. Jenner holds a Master of Science degree in School Psychology from State University of New York Plattsburg where he was a graduate fellow in internal research, and a Certificate of Advanced Study in Education Administration and Supervision from State University of New York New Paltz. He was a school psychologist and director of special education for several years in New York and holds permanent certification as a school psychologist and education administrator. Mr. Jenner is part of the ADDM research team monitoring autism spectrum disorders in South Carolina and has lectured to raise awareness of autism spectrum disorders to state and national organizations.

Jodi Cholewicki-Carroll, MRC, BCBA is the Director of In Home Supports with the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs / Autism Division. She received her MRC from the University of South Carolina, School of Medicine and her BA from the University of South Carolina. Mrs. Cholewicki-Carroll began her employment with the Autism Division in 1996 where she has served many roles. In her current position, Ms. Cholewicki-Carroll focuses on regulating quality Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) programs for children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder through the statewide Pervasive Developmental Disorder Waiver. Mrs. Cholewicki-Carroll has a strong interest in skills assessment and program development emphasizing intensive-teaching opportunities, verbal behavior and differential reinforcement. She stresses the need to utilize the principles of ABA across settings and in all interactions with individuals with autism. Her recent research, focusing on ABA programs, has moved the analysis away from a university/clinic-directed program model and looks at treatment outcomes of children participating in ABA programs available through multiple program coordinators across the state. This will provide a unique perspective of the effectiveness of ABA programs which are realistically accessible to families within their community.

Dr. David B. Everman, MD was born in Louisville, KY. He received his BS in Chemistry from Wake Forest University and his MD from Emory University.

He served his Pediatric Residency at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and Medical Genetics Residency at Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland, OH). He was with the Greenwood Genetic Center from 7/2000 through 11/2007 - then took a position at the National Human Genome Research Institute at the National Institutes of Health (Bethesda, MD) from 1/2008-8/2008 - then came back to GGC and has been in his current position (Associate Clinical Geneticist, based in Greenville office) since 8/2008. He is currently also an Adjunct Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Genetics and Biochemistry at Clemson, and a special volunteer with the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Steven A. Skinner was born in Athens, GA. He received his BS degree from Wofford College in Spartanburg, SC and his MD in Medicine from the Medical University of SC in Charleston. He served his Family Practice residency and Pediatrics residency at Richland Memorial Hospital in Columbia, SC and served his fellowship in Clinical Genetics at Greenwood Genetic Center in Greenwood, SC. He is currently the Associate Director of Greenwood Genetic Center and the Director of Clinical Services at Greenwood Genetic Center. He holds board certifications from the National Board of Medical Examiners, The American Board of Pediatrics and the American Board of Medical Genetics. Positions he has held are from Oct 1983-Aug 1987, Private Practice of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, Georgetown, SC; July 1984-Aug 1987, Director of Newborn Nursery, Georgetown Memorial Hospital, Georgetown, SC; Aug 1987-Jan 1997, Private Practice of Pediatrics, Greenwood Children's Clinic, Greenwood, SC; Aug 1989-Jan 1997, Clinical Geneticist, Greenwood Genetic Center, Greenwood, SC; Jan 1997-Oct 2000, Director, Greenwood Community Children's Center, Greenwood, SC; Nov 2000-present, Senior Clinical Geneticist, Director of DDSN Genetic Services, Greenwood, SC; Jul 2002-Oct 2004 Medical Consultant, SC DHEC, Children with Special Health Care Needs; Jun 2003-present, Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, University of SC School of Medicine, Columbia, SC; Nov 2003-present, Director of Treatment Services, Greenwood Genetic Center, Greenwood, SC; Jan 2005-present, Director of Clinical Services, Greenwood Genetic Center, Greenwood, SC; Feb 2006-present, Associate Director, Greenwood Genetic Center, Greenwood, SC. Dr. Skinner has participated in 8 peer reviews and has been published 18 times.

Honors, Awards, and other Professional Activities:

Jul 1982-Jun 1983	Chief Resident in Pediatrics, Richland Memorial Hospital, Columbia, SC
Jul 15, 1986-	Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Jan 1, 1993-	American College of Medical Genetics, Founding Fellow
Jul 2002-Jun 2004	SC AAP C.A.T.C.H. Co-facilitator
Jul 2002-	SC First Sound Advisory Council
Nov 2002-	SC EHDI (Early Hearing Detection Intervention), AAP Chapter Champion

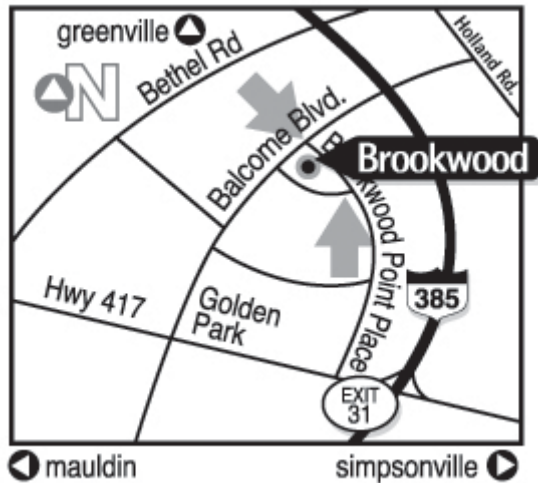
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From Greenville/Spartanburg/Charlotte/I-85 Corridor:

Take I-385 South to Exit 31
(Hwy. 417 - Simpsonville/Mauldin)
Turn right onto Hwy. 417
Take first right onto Brookwood Point Place

OR

Take second right onto Balcome Blvd. (by Golden Park)
Follow signs to the North or South entrance.

From Charleston/Columbia/Simpsonville/I-385 North Corridor:

Take I-385 North to Exit 31
(Hwy. 417 - Laurens Road).
Turn left onto Hwy. 417.
Turn right onto Brookwood Point Place

OR

Take second right onto Balcome Blvd. (by Golden Park)
Follow signs to the North or South entrance.