The services to be conducted at the CASD have grown since my last newsletter. We have added a new faculty member, and Psychology and ABA services have begun. For more information on our staff and services, please read on.

ABA/BAT

Since my last newsletter Hope Clinical Care (HCC) has continued to work towards establishing its ABA clinic at SIU, with Kirsten Schaper supervising it. The service is called The Autism Clinic (TAC). TAC should begin seeing clients at the CASD shortly, as their Safety Plan was just approved. Kuddos HCC! Their ABA services will be conducted in person with young children, and their training of BAT students has already begun.

Meet our Faculty

Valerie Boyer
Dr. Boyer is the PI on the TAP grant that funds the CASD. She also continues to oversee the Speech and Language Clinic, which is conducted in person at the CASD. Further, she supervises the ASD screenings, which now are performed by both BAT and SLP students. Clearly, Dr. Boyer is an integral part of the CASD!
Dr. Fehr is a faculty member in the Clinical Psychology program whose area of specialization is pediatric psychology. She has founded the Behavioral Consultation Clinic at the CASD. This clinic provides consultation and brief interventions to parents to assist them with improving their child’s sleep habits, toilet training, and picky eating. Students in Child Clinical Psychology provide this service under her supervision, using telehealth this semester.

‘Soon-to-be Dr’. Reuter-Yuill is a dually trained SLP-BCBA. She just joined the faculty of the Communication Disorders and Sciences program. Ms. Reuter-Yuill is starting the Caregiver Training Clinic at the CASD. It will provide caregivers with valuable strategies and techniques to support early learning, social, play, and communication skills via telehealth, targeting kids birth to four. This clinic is to include both SLP and BAT students. Welcome!

Dr. Kibby is a Professor in Clinical Psychology with expertise in clinical child psychology and neuropsychology. I am she. I serve as the Director and also founded the Child Clinical Psychology Clinic at the CASD. We provide group therapy to adolescents with ASD and/or their families. Groups include parent management of problem behaviors, coping skills for siblings using ACT, and social skills training. Services are provided via telehealth this semester.

The faculty have begun working together to develop systematic inter-professional training at the CASD. We are endeavoring to develop assessment, treatment and ethics discussions amongst the faculty and students, case studies, and an inter-disciplinary Brown Bag series to start. Please consider donating to help build the infrastructure needed to develop and provide systematic inter-professional training.

As this inter-professional training commences, our goal is to seek extramural funding to support its continuance and expansion. This process likely will begin with seeking training and service grants. We want to even better serve our students, clientele, and community! Attaining these grants also would make us less dependent upon TAP funding, which is dependent upon State support. Please consider donating today to help us attain the pilot data and infrastructure we need to apply for these grants!
I would love to include an alumni section in this newsletter! Please email me at the address below and let me know what is happening with you. We can discuss what you want included in the newsletter, or you can send me the exact text you want included. Your former classmates would love to learn what you are doing!

SIU Day of Giving

The 5th annual SIU Day of Giving is rapidly approaching. For more information see: https://siuday.siu.edu/giving-day/34311.

The Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders Fund supports services, student training, and research, along with our community via these services. To assist us in these efforts, you may make a tax-exempt contribution to the Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders Fund. Even the smallest donation makes a difference!

If you would like to join SIU’s Day of Giving by credit card- follow the link above and register. When you come to the Make A Gift page, pull up College of Health and Human Services under ‘Use My Gift to Support’. Then pull up Center for Autism Spectrum Disorder Fund. Then enter your amount in the box next to ‘Gift amount’ and click ‘Add to Gift’. Then complete your information under ‘My Information’. Then click Continue. You will then be taken to the payment system.

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