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Significant Publications


Faculty Members

**David Schonfeld, MD**, Professor

*Director, Division of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics*

**Research Interests** Children's understanding of serious illness (e.g., AIDS, cancer) and death and school-based interventions to advance children's understanding and adjustment and to prevent the onset of risk behaviors

**Sonya Oppenheimer, MD**, Professor Emeritus

**Research Interests** Spina Bifida; High-Risk Infants; Early Intervention; Down Syndrome

**Ryan Adams, PhD**, Assistant Professor

**Research Interests** Adolescent relationships (i.e. friendships, mother-child, romantic relationships); peer groups, peer victimization, & peer experiences of obese adolescents and adolescents w/autism spectrum disorder
Julia Anixt, MD, Assistant Professor
Research Interests ADHD; the diagnosis and management of behavioral and mental health issues in primary care settings, access to care for underserved populations

Somer Bishop, PhD, Assistant Professor
Research Interests Autism spectrum disorders, assessment methodology, identification and measurement of social-behavioral phenotypes across disorders and development

Heidi Castillo, MD, Assistant Professor
Research Interests Spina Bifida

Tanya Froehlich, MD, Assistant Professor
Research Interests ADHD; Health Care Disparities

Richard Gilman, PhD, Associate Professor
Coordinator, DDBP Psychology and Special Education Services
Research Interests Social relationships of children diagnosed with various disabilities; Therapeutic change mechanisms; Sleep and ADHD; Perfectionism

Robin Gurwitch, PhD, Professor
Coordinator, National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement
Research Interests Understanding impact of trauma and disaster in children, including terrorism; Issues surrounding school crisis and bereavement; Parent-Child Interaction Therapy

Karen Edwards, MD, MPH, Associate Professor
LEND Program Director/UCEDD Director
Research Interests Leadership training; developmental disabilities in childhood; early identification of developmental disabilities

Kimberly Kroeger-Goeppinger, PhD, Assistant Professor
Research Interests Early intensive behavioral intervention; Group intervention; Social skills

Patricia Manning-Courtney, MD, Adjunct
Medical Director, Kelly O’Leary Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders
Research Interests Autism and Quality Improvement Access Services

Karen Mason, MD, Assistant Professor
Research Interests

Philip Mattheis, MD, Associate Professor
Research Interests Creation of and support for a collaborative network of Down Syndrome clinics to address a number of unresolved questions about common medical problems in Down syndrome

Donna S. Murray, PhD, Assistant Professor
Director of Treatment, Kelly O’Leary Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders, Clinical Director, Division of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics
Research Interests Face/Name recognition; Play in a sibling pair in which one child was diagnosed with ASD; joint attention and language in children with ASD

Roz Parrish, MSN, Assistant Professor
Research Interests Interdisciplinary Training

David Schor, MD, Adjunct
Research Interests

Harriet Valentin, MD, Adjunct
Research Interests Autism Spectrum Disorder

Susan Wiley, MD, Adjunct
Research Interests Hearing Impairment

Michelle Zimmer, MD, Assistant Professor
Research Interests Utility of holistic therapies in promoting health and wellness among children with disability
Clinical Staff Members

- Robin Adams, PhD
- Terry Barnes, RN, BSN
- Jennifer Bass, PsyD
- Jennifer Bekins, MS, CCC-SLP
- Christena Benson, RN, MPH
- Beth Bishop, OTR/L
- Carissa Blatz, BA
- Emily Boehmler, BA
- Annette Bonjour, BS, CCLS
- Jennifer Brown, PhD, CCC-SLP
- Karen Burkett, RN, MS, CNP
- Meredith Burt, MS, CCC-SLP
- Jenny Burton, MEd, CCC-SLP
- Gretchen Carroll, MA
- Deb Case, EdD
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- Kristn Currans, PsyD
- Patricia Curry, RN, MS, CNP
- Kerry Dalton, RA
- Brenda Diver, RN
- Jamie Donovan, OTR/L, MOT
- Mattie Dunn, AA
- Patricia Eller-Sims, PsyD
- Anna Esbensen, PhD
- Melissa Foti-Hoff, PsyD
- Katie Frank, MHS, OTR/L
- Bridget Fredstrom, MA
- Jane Gaspar, MEd
- Jennifer Gastright, BS
- Marta Getz, MSW, LSW
- Carol Grasha, MA, CCC-SLP
- Sarah Greenwell, PhD
- Sandra Grether, PhD, CCC-SLP, Coordinator of Speech Pathology, Division of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics
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- Kathy Rosing, RN
- Kimberly Rotundo, MEd
- Julia Schott, DBMMA
- Tracy Shook, RN, BSN
- David Smith, PhD
- Kristen Smith, MA, CCC-SLP
- Rena Sorensen, PhD
- Meghan Stahlhut, MS, CCC-SLP
- Christina Stover, MA, CCC-SLP
- Rebecca Taylor, RN, MSN, CNP
- Laura Thielman, BA
- Katherine Thoman, RN, MSN, CNP
- Carrie Thomas, BS
- Kelly Twehues, MA, CCC-SLP
- Sarah Tyo, BA
Significant Accomplishments

Children’s Joins DBPNet

In September 2010, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau awarded funding to establish the Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics Research Network — DBPNet. This network, which includes Cincinnati Children’s,
involves 12 of the country’s leading clinical, training and research programs and the Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics. Combined, the programs have 93 faculty, more than 100 affiliated psychology faculty and 46 fellows. David Schonfeld, MD, division director, co-chairs the Research Protocol Development and Review Subcommittee. The mission of DBPNet is to conduct research and support training that optimizes the health and functional status of children with autism spectrum disorders and other developmental disabilities.

Spina Bifida Association

In June 2010, Cincinnati hosted the 37th National Conference of the Spina Bifida Association. At that conference, the association awarded Sonya Oppenheimer, MD, former division director, with a Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of her more than 30 years of contributions to the field of developmental and behavioral pediatrics.

Special Olympics Executives Visit

In December 2010, the division hosted Tim Shriver, PhD, chairman of the board of directors and chief executive officer of Special Olympics, and Darcie Mersereau, vice president of health programs for Special Olympics International. During pediatric grand rounds, Shriver presented “Special Olympics: Advancing the Health of People with Intellectual Disabilities.” He facilitated a follow-up symposium involving Special Olympic athletes, leadership of Special Olympics from the Tristate area and other community partners to discuss how to build community support to promote the health of Special Olympic athletes and others with intellectual disabilities. He also met with researchers within the division to explore areas of collaboration. Katy Krohn, PhD, a Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities trainee and psychology postdoctoral student in the division, was selected to be a student delegate to the 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece, to continue research she has initiated through local Special Olympics chapters.

International RTS Conference

In July 2010, the Rubinstein-Taybi Syndrome (RTS) Program, along with the RTS-OKI (Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana) Support Group, hosted an international conference in Covington, KY, that involved more than 120 families, 20 speakers and 50 volunteers.

Division Publications


13. Froehlich TE, Stein MA. Pharmacogenomics of ADHD. *Pharmacogenomics in Psychiatry.* Basil, Switzerland: Karger Medical and Scientific Publishers; 2010: 75-102.


30. Schonfeld DJ, Quackenbush M. *The grieving student: a teacher’s guide.* Baltimore, Md.; Paul H. Brookes


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