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Post-Secondary Education Panel (Cont'd)

DAN HACKETT attended the Community College of Allegheny County. He was recently featured in a nationally-published article by the Associated Press about college students with Asperger's Syndrome. Since the article was published, Dan has experienced substantial challenges and had to make difficult choices regarding his college career.

TOM LI is a student with Asperger's Syndrome attending Carnegie Mellon University. He is enrolled in the Tepper School of Business and anticipates graduating in May 2010. Tom has been a student of AHEADD for two and a half years.

LARRY POWELL is the manager of Equal Opportunity Services and Disability Resources at Carnegie Mellon University and has 35 years of professional experience in the field of disability. In addition to supporting Carolyn as she started AHEADD, he has been recognized both locally and nationally for his work on program innovation and emergency procedures for individuals with disabilities.

Research and Legislation Panel

NINA WALL COTÉ is the Director for the Bureau of Autism Services. Ms. Wall-Coté earned a M.S.S. from Bryn Mawr College's Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research. She is a Licensed Social Worker who has worked in private practice and has specialized as a private consultant for children with serious behavioral and emotional health challenges. Ms. Wall-Coté has served as an advocate for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and has also trained and supervised clinicians who work with individuals living with ASD and serious behavioral health challenges.

RYAN CRAMER, LSW is a Licensed Social Worker and has provided support and services to children, adolescents, and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and mental health concerns over the past 15 years. Ryan has been a trainer, therapist, behavior analyst, and supervisor and is currently the Clinical Coordinator of the Autism Treatment Network and the ASERT Western Pennsylvania Regional Autism Center at WPIC/UPMC Center for Autism and Developmental Disorders.

CONGRESSMAN MIKE DOYLE represents the 14th District of Pennsylvania, which includes the city of Pittsburgh as well as communities in the western, southern, and eastern portions of Allegheny County. Congressman Doyle is a founder and co-chair of the Congressional Autism Caucus, also known as the Coalition for Autism Research and Education (C.A.R.E.)—the first-ever Congressional Membership Organization dedicated to autism advocacy on Capitol Hill. Over 180 Members of Congress from over 40 states have joined this bipartisan and bicameral effort.

JAMIE L. SCHUTTE, MS received her Master's in Rehabilitation Counseling and Certificate in Assistive Technology from the University of Pittsburgh in 2008. She has since designed and implemented a cognitive skills enhancement program specifically for adults with autism and returned to pursue her Ph.D. at the University of Pittsburgh in Rehabilitation Science and Technology. Current research focuses include autism service, education, research, and training.

the 1st annual
ADULT • AUTISM
awareness day



Saturday, April 18, 2009
University of Pittsburgh | Lower Lounge, William Pitt Union
9am-1pm

PURPOSE

The purpose of the event is to create awareness of our Adult Autism Community, demonstrate the importance of transition planning, promote inclusiveness through education, and improve social and employment outcomes for our adults with autism.

Professionals, family members, and persons with autism will benefit from the information being provided by our panel members.

Professional Credits

For social workers, credit hours of continuing education are provided for the completion of the conference through co-sponsorship of the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work, a Pennsylvania-approved sponsor of social work continuing education.

PA Educators Act 48 Credits

The Allegheny Intermediate Unit is recognized by the PA Department of Education to offer continuing education credits Act 48 under guidelines. A maximum of 3.5 hours of PA Educators Act 48 credits will be awarded for the completion of the conference. A certificate of attendance is provided as well.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:30 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m.	Post-Secondary Employment Panel
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Post-Secondary Education Panel
11:00 a.m. - noon	Research/Legislation Panel
noon - 1:00 p.m.	Special Declaration by the City of Pittsburgh, Lunch and Networking

PANEL MEMBER BIOS

Post-Secondary Employment Panel

SHAWN BLAKENY is the vocational rehabilitation specialist for the Transition to Adulthood Program at St. Michael's Harbour. He focuses on developing partnerships with local businesses that agree to provide job skills training and work opportunities for adults participating in the program.

LESTER HADBURG is an adult with Asperger's Syndrome living in Pittsburgh. He has held various positions in several organizations, and has experienced challenges not unfamiliar to persons with his disability. The social and interpersonal demands of employment posed tremendous challenges for Lester. He is intermittently self-employed.

JEFF HUDALE is an adult with autism. He is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in Civil Engineering. While Jeff was originally employed in his field of interest, company lay-offs forced him to re-enter the competitive employment application process. Jeff has since been unable to find a job commensurate with his expertise but has been working steadily at Mellon Bank for several years.

Post-Secondary Employment Panel (Cont'd)

LORI KACZMAREK, M.Ed., CRC, LPC is a vocational rehabilitation supervisor in the Pittsburgh District of the PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. She is the autism coordinator for the Pittsburgh District Office and serves as an OVR liaison for autism services in the area. Before working with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Lori worked in the mental health and developmental disabilities fields. She is a member of the ASD Advisory Committee.

CHRISTINA S. LONG is a licensed Professional Counselor and Behavior Specialist with concentrations in Early Childhood and Autism Spectrum Disorders. She completed her undergraduate degree in Psychology and Master's degree in Counseling at Youngstown State University. Christina is the Director for Autism Services at St. Anthony's Point and is also Program Director of a Transition to Work grant awarded to St. Michael's Harbour.

LAURA M'COOL is a Human Resources Professional for Walgreens, the nation's leading and largest drugstore chain. Throughout her career with Walgreens, she has worked in training, recruitment, employee relations and disability outreach. She is a 2004 Cum Laude graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, earning her B.S. in International Business and also holds a professional certification in Human Resources.

Post-Secondary Education Panel

DONALD G. ANGELONE is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor, Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), and a licensed psychologist. He has worked with OVR as a supervisor and Assistant District Administrator in the Pittsburgh and Washington District offices; and from 1981 through March 2004, District Administrator for the Washington District Office. Don is also a Senior Lecturer and full-time faculty at Pitt in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.

LEIGH CULLEY, M.Ed. is the Coordinator of Services at Disability Resources and Services at the University of Pittsburgh. Leigh received her B.A. in Psychology from the University of Western Ontario and a M.Ed. in School Counseling from the University of Pittsburgh. Leigh spearheaded and is the chairperson of the Western Pennsylvania ASD Advisory Committee. She also presents both locally and nationally in the area of disabilities in higher education.

LARRY DOPERAK is Disabilities Counselor at CCAC, and is based at the CCAC Allegheny Campus on the North Side, Pittsburgh. Trained in rehabilitation counseling and rehabilitation psychology, he has specialized in work with chronic psychiatric problems, learning disabilities, traumatic brain injury, other physical impairment, and now students with autism spectrum disorders as they transition to adulthood.

MICHAEL GREISLER, LCSW is a Ph.D. student at Duquesne University's School Psychology Program, currently interning at the Watson Institute. In 2008, Michael began ACCLAIM (The Autism College and Community Life Acclimation and Intervention Model) at the University of Pittsburgh. He also helped design and implement the Summer Therapeutic Activities for Teens (STAT), a community-based program to improve social interaction, emotional-regulation, and functioning within the community.

EVENT REGISTRATION Attendee Information

Name _____ Phone _____

Professional (\$85) _____ E-mail _____ Adult with Autism (\$20) _____

Company/School _____ Family Member (\$55) _____ Amplification System _____

Sign Language Interpreter _____ Computer Assisted Real Time Captioning _____ Large Print _____

Language Preference _____

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