

In honor of Autism Awareness Month

The Clinical Division
(in collaboration with the School Division)
will host a program entitled,

***Clinical Considerations for the Assessment and
Treatment of Individuals with Autism Spectrum
Disorders (ASD) Across the Lifespan***

on

April 27, 2018 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

In the

Little Theatre in Scarsdale High School

In 2014, the CDC reported that the prevalence of ASD diagnoses in the United States is now 1 in 68 children. Given the pervasiveness of this diagnosis, it is increasingly important for providers across settings (schools, clinics, hospitals, etc.) to be familiar with the clinical presentation and therapeutic needs of this population.

This panel will include speakers from two related services areas.

Lauren Pepa, Ph.D., BCBA is a clinical psychologist specializing in the assessment and treatment of individuals with ASD. Lauren will address the clinical presentation of ASD across the lifespan, touching on core symptomology, as well as co-occurring, and associated features. Additionally, she will discuss strategies for ASD diagnosis and screening, as well as common therapeutic interventions for children, adolescents, and adults with ASD.

Lindsay Naeder, MSW is the Director of the Autism Response Team at the internationally renowned Autism Speaks. Lindsay will address the broader service needs of the ASD population, and will provide information about resources and supports that are available within the Westchester community. Further, she will discuss the needs of family members of individuals with ASD and strategies for working with the entire family unit.

Lauren Pepa is a clinical psychologist and behavior analyst at the Center for Autism and the Developing Brain (CADB). Lauren began working at CADB in 2015 as a postdoctoral fellow, working under the mentorship of Dr. Catherine Lord. During her fellowship, Lauren was the study coordinator and lead clinician on Dr. Lord's longitudinal outcome study. This study has followed a cohort of children referred for possible ASD at age 2, and who are now in their mid 20s. Within the context of the longitudinal project, Lauren and a team of research assistants traveled around the United States completing in-home assessments with study participants and their families.

Lauren joined the psychology faculty at CADB in 2017, and participates in both research and clinical activities involving individuals with ASD across the lifespan. She completed her B.A. in psychology from Barnard College, and her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Rutgers University.

Lindsay Naeder joined Autism Speaks Family Services in 2012. Lindsay is currently responsible for directing the Autism Response Team, as well leading Autism Speaks' Safety & Wandering Prevention Initiatives. To best meet the needs of individuals with autism and their families, Lindsay and her team provide critical access to information, tools, and resources; having responded to over 65,000 individual contacts from the autism community in 2017 alone. Lindsay developed and implemented Autism Speaks' organization wide safety and wandering prevention initiative, ensuring the safety of all people with autism is promoted widely through the dissemination of autism awareness resources and training opportunities for first responders and families.

Prior to her work at Autism Speaks, Lindsay held a variety of leadership roles in non-profit program development and social services. Lindsay holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the State University of New York at New Paltz, and a Master of Social Work degree from Hunter College, School of Social Work. Lindsay lives in Purchase, NY and has a 29 year old brother with autism.

**This program is open to WCPA Members at no charge
Non-Members can pay \$15.00 at the door**

RSVP to this email by April 20, 2018