

2025 Summer Institute on Neurodevelopmental Disabilities

Bridging Science and Real Lives: Research, Practice, and Advocacy
in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities



FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Scottish Rite Masonic Center
6151 H STREET
SACRAMENTO, CA 95819

PROGRAM

Check-in and
Resource Tables

8 a.m. - 9 a.m.

Welcome
Memorial Hall

9 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.



AUBYN STAHRMER, PH.D.

Executive Director of the UC Davis MIND Institute; Director of Community-Based Treatment Research; Director of the UCEDD and LEND programs; and Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.



ROBERT LEVY

Community self advocate specialist staff UC Davis MIND Institute; Statewide self-advocacy network representative; member of the Coordinated Future Planning Task Force with Alta Regional Center.

Keynote Speakers
Memorial Hall

9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Advancing Neurodevelopmental Science: Research Updates on ADHD, Fragile X Syndrome, and Environmental Influences



RANDI HAGERMAN, M.D.

Distinguished Professor, Endowed Chair in Fragile X Research, Department of Pediatrics and the UC Davis MIND Institute



REBECCA SCHMIDT, PH.D.

Professor, Department of Public Health Sciences and UC Davis MIND Institute; Scholar, Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH)



JULIE SCHWEITZER, PH.D.

Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Director, Attention, Impulsivity, Regulation (AIR)/ADHD Program UC Davis MIND Institute

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Break and Resource Tables

10:30 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.

Panel Discussion

10:50 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Voices of Autism: Driving Powerful Participation

MODERATOR:

Mary Humphreys, a nationally certified school psychologist in the Sacramento area. She is also an autistic and ADHD self-advocate

PANELISTS:

Tanishia Hubbard, a dedicated mother and advocate with over 28 years of experience raising her son with profound autism

Jaycee MacQuarrie, near-college graduate, review paper author, and autistic self-advocate

Robbie Messer, autistic self-advocate, speaker and founder of Autism Quest

Martin Slyngstad, autistic self-advocate, author, and founder of Spire Autism

Tina Woods, autistic self-advocate, disability rights advocate, & courtesy clerk

Lunch and Resource Tables

12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m.

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Workshops

1 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.

Workshop 1

Panel Discussion: Communication in Down Syndrome: Building Bridges Between Lived Experience, Research and Practice

Location: Harrison-Sheppard

Workshop 2

Uniting For Impact: Implementing Evidence-Based Practices for Autism and the Power of Interagency Collaboration

Location: Memorial Hall

Workshop 3

Empowering Families: MIND Institute Resources and Strategies for Partnering with Caregivers

Location: Bruno

Break and Resource Tables

2:20 p.m. - 2:35 p.m.

Workshops

2:35 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Workshop 4

Planning for a Full Life: From Birth to Gray with Inclusivity and Belonging in Mind

Location: Bruno

Workshop 5

Fragile X Spectrum Conditions and Advances in Treatment

Location: Harrison-Sheppard

Workshop 6

ADHD and Executive Function Strategies to Help Youth Excel

Location: Memorial Hall

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