

Infant Development Association of California
Southern California Regional Conference

Effective Collaboration: Together We Are Unstoppable



Session Description
Saturday, March 4, 2017
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Project ImPACT: Collaborating with Families of Toddlers with Social Communication Disorders

This talk will discuss the content and implementation of a parent-coaching intervention designed for the families of toddlers with social communication disorders, including autism. The presentation will briefly cover the content of the intervention as well as lessons learned from training practitioners and using the techniques with families. Strategies to strengthen parent-coaching approaches for intervention with young children will also be discussed.

Sarah Rieth, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Child and Family Development, San Diego State University

Sarah Rieth, PhD is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Child and Family Development at San Diego State University. Her research focuses on the implementation of evidence-based practices (EBPs) in community environments, including how to optimally prepare community clinicians to implement EBPs and how to work collaboratively with families. Clinically, Sarah has extensive experience implementing naturalistic developmental behavioral interventions (NDBIs) with children with autism as well as providing training to parents, clinicians, and students in these methods.

Karyn Lewis Searcy, MA, CCC-SLP, Crimson Center for Speech & Language & San Diego State University

The author of *Early Intervention for Speech & Language: Empowering Parents*, Karyn has worked with children and families since 1977. Although she has treated adults in rehabilitation hospitals and in her private practice, her area of primary focus has been parent-child interaction and how it is impacted by communication disorders. Karyn has been working with local researchers since 2007 to develop an EBP of clinical value and that is feasible to implement to families of children with autism and related disorders. She founded Crimson Center for Speech & Language in 2003, and is clinical faculty at San Diego State University.