

Building the Autism Services Research Portfolio

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Autism Science Foundation

- A 501(c)(3) public charity, organized for charitable and educational purposes
- Pro Science
- Founded in April, 2009
- Co Founded by Alison Singer (Autism Speaks) and Karen London (NAAR).
 - Parents of children with autism



Our Mission

- To support autism research by providing funding and other assistance to scientists and organizations conducting, facilitating, publicizing and disseminating autism research.
- To provide information about autism to the general public and to increase awareness of autism spectrum disorders and the needs of individuals and families affected by autism.
- To promote the need for rigorous scientific standards and values.



Funding Science

- Genetics Research
- Treatment Research
- Services/Supports Research to support individuals and their families



Services and Supports Research

- Questions 5 and 6 of the Federal Autism Research Strategic Plan
 - Where can I turn for services?
 - What does the future hold?
- Focus on research that builds the evidence base of interventions for kids, teens, adults, senior citizens
 - Develop best practices
 - Improve quality of life for individuals and their families
 - Research in the real world environment (home/school/workplace)
 - “Meaningful day”
- Focus on research that improves caregiving



Learn More

- www.AutismScienceFoundation.org
- www.AutismScienceFoundation.Wordpress.com
- Coverage in *Science*, *Newsweek*, *Chicago Tribune*, *About.com*, etc

