

Wisconsin Legislative Council Symposia Series on Early Access to Autism Treatment

Week 2: Access to Early Behavioral Treatment

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Speaker Biographies

Rebecca Thompson (PhD, BCBA-D), Director of Clinical Services, Wisconsin Early Autism Project.

Dr. Becky Thompson is the Director of Clinical Services for Wisconsin Early Autism Project (WEAP). She is a licensed Clinical Psychologist and Board Certified Behavior Analyst, Doctoral level (BCBA-D) with 15 years of experience working with individuals with autism. In her Clinical Leadership role at WEAP, Dr. Thompson conducts diagnostic evaluations, supervises behavioral treatment programs, and mentors students seeking a Master's Degree in Behavioral Analysis. Dr. Thompson has presented at local and national conferences on topics related to autism spectrum disorder and applied behavior analysis. Dr. Thompson is passionate about advocating for access to evidence-based services for individuals with autism. She serves as an appointed member of the Governor's Autism Council. Dr. Thompson is the current President of the Wisconsin Autism Providers Association (WAPA).

Janice Miles, Clinical Director, Caravel Autism Health.

Janice Miles is the parent of a 15 year old son with autism. She has served on the board of directors for the Autism Society of Northeast Wisconsin for the last 11 years. In her role with ASNEW she has facilitated parent support groups, founded a financial grant program for families, moderates the online support group and provides advocacy and support to caregivers and individuals with autism. Janice continues to serve as chair of the ASNEW Foundation Grant Program, which seeks to fill the financial gaps for families unable to secure funding for the many costly needs of raising a child with autism. Janice has also served as the Director of Special Needs ministry at her church and volunteers with the Miracle League of Green Bay. Janice's desire to serve the autism community led her to open Green Bay's first center based autism treatment program in 2012, Centerpiece, LLC. In 2017 Janice received the Greater Green Bay Chamber's Entrepreneurial Award for Centerpiece's contribution to the Green Bay community. Janice is frequently called upon to speak in the community as an expert on the parental struggles of autism. She has presented at the Autism Society of Wisconsin conference, Leadership Green Bay, various school districts and universities, and taught a course about autism for the UWGB Life Long Learning series. Janice currently works as a Clinical Director for Caravel Autism Health and serves as the Vice President of the Wisconsin Autism Providers Association.