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### **Autism and ADHD: Recent Studies**

Williston, VT – On Wednesday, May 26 (8 a.m. – 12 p.m.) at the Hilton Burlington the Stern Center for Language and Learning will present Dr. William Barbaresi, Chair and Director of Developmental Medicine Children’s Hospital Boston. Dr. Barbaresi will present **The Autism Epidemic: Fact or Fiction?** from 8 – 9 a.m. The apparent increase in the rate of occurrence of autism has become a major public health concern. Most recently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that approximately 1 of every 100 children are affected by ASD. Dr. Barbaresi will review findings from a study that examined the rate of autism in a single community over 20 years in an effort to answer the question, “Has there been a true increase in the number of children with ASD?”

From 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Dr. Barbaresi presents **Improving Life Outcomes for Children with ADHD: Lessons Learned from 15 years of Population-Based Research.** Dr. Barbaresi will explore how both clinicians and researchers agree that the true impact of ADHD on children is best understood by examining functional outcomes for affected children. For the past 15 years, the Mayo Clinic Child Development Research Group has conducted a series of studies on the long-term course, psychosocial outcomes and response to treatment for every child with ADHD in a birth cohort of nearly 6,000 children. This session will provide parents and educators an overview of the key findings from this research, highlighting the implications for medical, behavioral and educational interventions aimed at improving life outcomes for children with ADHD.

For more information contact Linnea Oosterman at 802-878-2332 or [loosterman@sterncenter.org](mailto:loosterman@sterncenter.org). To register online please go to the calendar section of [www.sterncenter.org](http://www.sterncenter.org).

Sponsored jointly by the Williston based Stern Center for Language and Learning; the University of Vermont College of Medicine Departments of Pediatrics, Neurology, and Psychiatry; and the Vermont Children’s Hospital, the Poser Lecture was established in 2003 to honor former Neurology Department Chairman Dr. Charles M. Poser’s contributions. Each year, this presentation for physicians, educators, and parents captures his spirit of cutting edge, medical-educational contributions to language and literacy. For information contact the Stern Center for Language and Learning at 802-878-2332 or [www.sterncenter.org](http://www.sterncenter.org).

*The non-profit Stern Center for Language and Learning is dedicated to literacy for all. Many people who struggle with reading, writing, and mathematics do not learn the same way as those who easily achieve literacy. Stern Center professionals evaluate and teach all kinds of learners, including those with learning disabilities such as dyslexia or attention deficit disorders. The Stern Center is committed to helping individuals identify their learning strengths as well as their needs and to finding solutions that allow everyone to learn. More information available at [www.sterncenter.org](http://www.sterncenter.org).*

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