



WAISMAN CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

**JANESVILLE
VIEWING
PARTY**

22nd Annual

**In-person Viewing Party and Virtual
Waisman Center Day with the Experts: Autism**

Learn about the latest advances in autism research and services and hear from a panel of experts — individuals with autism and family members.

Saturday, April 11, 2026 | 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Coffee & Connections at 8:30 a.m for in-person attendees. Virtual via Zoom.

8:30-9:00 a.m.

Coffee and Connections: If you are attending the in-person viewing party in **Janesville**, please join us for Coffee & Connection prior to the start of the presentations. Come meet WAuTD staff and other families. Coffee and refreshments provided.

9:00-9:05 a.m.

Welcome

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Navigating the Maze: A Framework for Making Informed Intervention Decisions

Kathleen Kanter, MD, Developmental Behavioral Pediatrician, Waisman Center Clinics, Assistant Professor, Developmental Pediatrics and Rehabilitation Medicine, & Department of Pediatrics

Lily Wagner, PhD, BCBA, Director, Waisman Center Autism and Developmental Disabilities Clinic

Choosing the right supports for your autistic child can feel overwhelming. This presentation provides caregivers with a framework for making informed decisions about interventions. We will demystify what it means for an intervention to be “evidence-based” and share practical tips for spotting high-quality research. You will learn how to align research evidence with your family’s unique priorities, define meaningful goals for your child, and carefully weigh the risks and benefits of any approach.

9:30-9:50 a.m.

Addressing the Needs for Adults with Autism: New Program Launches in 2026

Madeline Barger, LMFT, BCBA, CST, Waisman Adult Autism Program Manager

The Waisman Center’s UCEDD is launching a new Adult Autism Program. The goal of the program is not only to offer group, individual, and family services, but to also support family navigation in Wisconsin, and to build state-wide capacity for trainees and providers learning about autism in adulthood, and related mental health, and quality of life supports.

9:50-10:30 a.m.

Ask the Experts: An Open Conversations about Autism

Maria Stanley, MD, Medical Director, Waisman Center Clinics

Leann DaWalt, PhD, Director, UCEDD

Maureen Durkin, PhD, DrPH, Professor, Public Health and Population Sciences

Brittany Travers, PhD, Associate Professor, Kinesiology

This interactive panel brings together leading autism experts for an open, audience-driven conversation about autism. Come ask questions about autism across the lifespan, including diagnosis, prevalence, care, community inclusion, and research. The panel will provide evidence-based insights, practical strategies, and diverse perspectives to help deepen understanding and foster meaningful dialogue.

10:30-11:30 a.m.

PANEL DISCUSSION — A panel of experts that includes individuals with ASD and family members. Moderated by Nancy Alar, Autism Society of Wisconsin.

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The Janesville Viewing Party will be held at **Bodacious Shops** | 119 N Main Street | Janesville

EVERYONE WELCOME

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