



International Rett Syndrome Foundation
27th Annual Education and Awareness
Conference
May 28-31, 2011
Boston Park Plaza Hotel
Boston, MA

**** THIS IS A PROGRAM PREVIEW ****

The formal program with additional sessions and speaker details will be published shortly

Friday May 27	Noon	Registration opens
	Evening	Welcome Reception
		Welcome and Orientation Address
		Crackerbarrel Breakout Sessions: Conference Hopes and Expectations
		3 yrs and under
		4 - 7 yrs
		8 – 16 yrs
		17 yrs and over
		Grandparents
		Rettnetters and Facebookers
		Spanish Speakers
		Professionals

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Saturday May 28	Morning	Understanding RTT and other MECP2 Disorders	Alan Percy, MD, <i>Director UAB Rett Center at the University of Alabama Civitan International Research Center</i>

		Welcome and IRSF News	Kathryn Kissam, <i>IRSF Board Chairwoman</i> , and Steve Bajardi, <i>IRSF Executive Director</i>
		Current State of Translational Research	Tony Horton, PhD, <i>Chief Science Officer, IRSF</i>
		Keynote Motivational Address:	Dick Hoyt of famed <i>Team Hoyt</i>
		What Goes Right with Her Brain	Aleksandra Djukic, M.D., Ph.D. <i>Director, Rett Syndrome Center, Albert Einstein College of Medicine at Montefiore</i>
		Communication at All Ages	Susan Norwell, M.S. Ed.
	Afternoon	Neurology: Epilepsy and Sleep	Anne Marie Bergin, MB MD, BCH, BAO, <i>Neurologist, Rett Center, Children's Hospital Boston</i>
		Orthopedics	
		Gastroenterology	
		Importance of Therapies	
		Steps to Good Health	
	Evening	Tribute Reception	

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The order and time slots of the Sunday concurrent sessions will be finalized closer to April

		RESEARCH	COMMUNICATION AND SCHOOL	MEDICAL ISSUES AND THERAPIES	FAMILY FOUNDATIONS	FUNDRAISING AND ADVOCACY
Sunday May 28	Morning	What is DNA?	Communication and Literacy	Aquatherapy/ Hippotherapy	Family Strengthening	Fundraising 101
		What Happens in Rett Syndrome at a Molecular Level: Epigenetics and Assay Development	"Low Tech" Communication Solutions Workshop	Physical and Occupational Therapy	Fostering Friendships	Advocacy 101
		What Happens in Rett Syndrome at a Systems Level: Neurophysiology	"Mid Tech" Usage and the Literacy Assessment	The Maturing Woman with Rett Syndrome: From Puberty to Menopause	Special Needs Wills and Trusts	
			Eye-Gaze/"High Tech" Usage At Home, School and in the	Music Therapy		

			Community			
	Afternoon	Ways to Make it Go Right: A Look at IGF-1 and other Small Molecules	Inclusion Strategies and Adapting Curriculum	Behavioral and Sleep Issues	Transition to Adulthood Panel Discussion	Strollathons: the IRSF signature fundraiser
		How to Search Out and Critically Read Research Articles	IEP Professional panel discussion: Your Real-Life IEPs			
		<i>How Do Clinical Trials Happen?</i> An Inside Look at the IGF-1 Clinical Trial			Dad's Panel	
					Sibling Panel	
	Late Afternoon	Farewell and Closing Address				

Monday May 30	Morning	Crackerbarrel Breakout Sessions: Conference Learnings and Takeaways
	Noon	Help Desk and Bookstore Close – <i>See You at World Rett Syndrome Congress, New Orleans, June 2012!</i>