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**Update for 2017**

**Penn Foundation Opens Family Autism Center**

Penn Foundation has opened a new Family Autism Center to offer the community much needed services for children and adolescents on the autism spectrum and their families. Made possible with support from The Clemens Family Corporation and a generous family foundation that wishes to remain anonymous, the Center currently offers autism assessments (ADOS-2), behavioral services, outpatient family counseling, psychiatric services, a social skills group, and resources for other providers and community members. The Center not only offers services for children and adolescents on the autism spectrum but also addresses the needs of their family members with workshops for parents/grandparents/caregivers and support groups for siblings. For more information, call 267.404.5988.



*Psychologist Julie Worley, PhD, uses bubbles to engage children during an autism assessment.*

**Penn Foundation Partners with Local Emergency Departments to Target Opioid Overdose Survivors**

Knowing that individuals are at most risk when they are discharged after being treated for an overdose, Penn Foundation has embedded staff in the Emergency Departments of Grand View Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital, and Abington-Lansdale-Jefferson Hospital to target overdose survivors who come into the Emergency Room. This program is designed to directly connect opioid overdose survivors in hospital ERs to drug treatment providers. Penn Foundation professionals meet with the individual to conduct an assessment and connect the person to appropriate treatment and resources. They also meet with the individual's family to help connect them to resources and education.

**Penn Foundation Partners with Thomas Jefferson University to Offer Psychiatric Residency Program**

In July, Penn Foundation piloted an innovative psychiatric residency program in partnership with Thomas Jefferson University. Chief Resident Dr. Dan Neff and two medical students were on campus once a week for six weeks to gain experience in a community-based setting. It was a very positive experience both for Penn Foundation and for the students. "This was my first experience in a non-urban setting, and it exceeded all of my expectations," said Dr. Neff. "Penn Foundation has tremendous programs and has found truly creative ways to partner with the community."

**Peer Support Services Team Receives Montgomery County Recovery and Resiliency**

**Award**

Penn Foundation's Peer Support Services Team was the recipient of the 2017 Recovery and Resiliency Award at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Montgomery County Community Support Program (CSP) Conference on June 8<sup>th</sup>. The team is comprised of six Certified Peer Specialists: Ryan Schweiger (Team Leader), Karleen Caparro, Matt Deery, AJ Derro, Christopher Meholic, and Walter Wright.

