

**Deborah Munroe Noonan Memorial Research Fund  
Award Recipients**

**2016 Award Recipients**

**Linda Bandini, Ph.D.**

*Eunice Kennedy Shriver Center, University of Massachusetts Medical School*

“The Impact of Selective Eating on the Lives of Transition-age Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder”

**Scott Greenwald, Ph.D. – 2016 Sara Elizabeth O’Brien Trust Award Recipient**

*Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary*

“Gene Augmentation Therapy for Preserving Vision in NMNAT1-associated Leber Congenital Amaurosis”

**Danielle Levac, P.T., Ph.D.**

*Northeastern University*

“Usability Evaluation Of The FITBoard (Fun Interactive Therapy Board): A Motivating, Movement-Based Rehabilitation Tool For Children With Disabilities”

**Yudy Muneton, M.A., M.S.W.**

*Boston Children’s Hospital*

“Efficacy And Feasibility Of Tele-Psychotherapy Intervention To Support Parents Caring For Technology-dependent Children At Home”

**Christina Sakai, M.D.**

*Tufts Medical Center*

“Pathways to Autism Diagnosis and Services in the Chinese-Immigrant Community Population”

**Sara Toomey, M.D.**

*Harvard Pilgrim Health Care*

“Steps to Improving Parent Engagement and Shared Decision Making for Parents of Children with Disabilities and Medical Complexity”

**2015 Award Recipients**

**Vicki Chen, M.D.**

*Tufts Medical Center*

“A Novel Video Based Therapy for Children with Amblyopia”

**Alyna Chien, M.D., M.Sc.**

*Boston Children’s Hospital*

“Understanding and Improving Care Experiences for Children with Disabilities”

**Nicholas Mian, Ph.D.**

*Boston University*

“Early Identification of Anxiety Disorders in Pediatric Settings”

**J. Kevin Nugent, Ph.D.**

*The Brazelton Institute*

“The Effect of a Newborn Behavioral Observation System-Early Intervention (NBO-EI) Model of Care”

**Laura Simons, Ph.D.**

*Boston Children’s Hospital*

“Learn, Move, Cope, Improve: Graded Exposure Treatment for Children and Adolescents with Chronic Pain”

**2014 Award Recipients**

**Alysa Doyle, Ph.D.**

*Massachusetts General Hospital*

“Feasibility and Effectiveness of Computerized Cognitive Training in Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder”

**JoAnna Leyenaar, M.D., M.P.H.**

*Tufts Medical Center*

“Nothing about me without me’: Incorporating the Perspectives of Families of Children with Medical Complexity in Hospital-to-Home Transitional Care”

**Lotfi Merabet, Ph.D., M.P.H.** – 2014 Sara Elizabeth O’Brien Trust Award Recipient

*Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary*

“Uncovering the Relationship between Brain Reorganization and Visual Dysfunction in Adolescents with Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI)”

**Esther Son, Ph.D., M.S.W.**

*Brandeis University*

“Understanding the Health Care Experiences of Asian children with Special Health Care Needs on Health Care Access, Service Utilization, and Quality of Care”

**Angela Walter, Ph.D.**

*Boston University School of Public Health*

“Impact of Case Management on Early Childhood Mental Health, Health Care Costs and Quality of Life”

**Marji Warfield, Ph.D.**

*Brandeis University*

“Making Healthy Connections: What are the Long-Term Benefits?”

## **2013 Award Recipients**

### **Rachael Coakley, Ph.D.**

*Boston Children's Hospital*

"Bridging the Gap: An Interactive Video-Based Pain Management Intervention for Children with Sickle Cell Disease"

### **Elaine Gabovitch, M.P.A.**

*Eunice Kennedy Shriver Center, University of Massachusetts Medical School*

"Considering Culture in Autism Screening: A Culturally & Linguistically Competent Training Curriculum for Pediatric Providers"

### **Wanda Phipatanakul, M.D.**

*Boston Children's Hospital*

"Inner-City School Based Intervention to Efficiently Decrease Childhood Asthma Morbidity"

### **Donna Pincus, Ph.D.**

*Boston University*

"Development and Evaluation of an Interactive, Internet-Based Treatment for Youth with Panic Disorder and Agoraphobia: Reducing Disability and Expanding Access to Evidence Based Psychological Services in Schools"

### **Cara Stepp, Ph.D.**

*Boston University*

"Videogame-Based Speech Rehabilitation for Children with Hearing Loss"

## **2012 Award Recipients**

### **Lindsay Demers, Ph.D.**

*Brandeis University*

"Impact of Early Intervention on Development Pathways from Preschool to Adulthood"

### **Katherine Driscoll, Ph.D.**

*Children's Hospital Boston*

"Parent-Child Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Anxiety in Young Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders"

### **Emily Feinberg, Sc.D.**

*Boston Medical Center*

"Reducing Disparities in Timely Autism Diagnosis through Family Navigation"

**Gael Orsmond, Ph.D.**

*Boston University*

"The VIP Intervention: Using Video Self-Reflection to Enhance Social Well-Being for Adolescents with an Autism Spectrum Disorder"

**Leia Stirling, Ph.D.**

*Harvard Medical School*

"Development and Evaluation of a Human-Machine Interface for Grasp Assistance Using a Robotic Thumb Orthosis in Children with Cerebral Palsy and Stroke"

**2011 Award Recipients**

**Sandra Copman, Ed.D**

*Triangle, Inc.*

"Safety and Self-Advocacy Training for Successful Transitions from School to Adult Life (SST)"

**Peter Ducharme, LICSW**

*Children's Hospital Boston*

"RAGE-Control: A Computer Based Intervention to Teach Emotional and Behavioral Self-Regulation"

**Aviva Must, Ph.D.**

*Tufts University*

"Cushing Opportunities for Meals Eaten Together at School (COMETS)"

**Susan Nicastro, Ph.D.**

*Partners for Youth with Disabilities*

"Evaluation of a Mentoring Program for Youth with Autism"

**Catherine Wan, Ph.D.**

*Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center*

"Testing the Efficacy of Auditory-Motor Mapping Training in Facilitating Speech Output in Non-Verbal Children with Autism"

**2010 Award Recipients**

**Carrie Barlow, B.S.**

*Franciscan Hospital for Children*

"Aquatic Physical Therapy for Children with Cerebral Palsy: A Pilot Intervention Study"

**Eugenia Chan, M.D., M.P.H.**

*Children's Hospital Boston*

"Assessing Quality of Life and Unmet Service Needs among Families of Children with Developmental and Behavioral Disorders: Implementation of a Web-based Tool"

**Yvonne Domings, Ed.M.**

CAST, Inc.

"Building Comprehension through Social Understanding in Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders"

**Inyang Isong, M.D., M.P.H.**

Massachusetts General Hospital

"A Pilot and Feasibility Study of Electronic Screen Media to Reduce Dental Fear among Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders"

**Jessica Kramer, Ph.D.**

Boston University

"Giving Youth a Voice: A Collaborative Evaluation of the Effectiveness and Feasibility of a Novel Environmental Modification Training for Youth with Disabilities"