

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

2017 Award Recipients

Corinna Bauer, Ph.D. 2017 Sara Elizabeth O'Brien Trust Award Recipient

Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary

“Determining the Neural Correlates of Visual Attention Deficits in Adolescents with Cortical/Cerebral Visual Impairment (CVI)”

Michael Cohen, M.D.

Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary

“Use of Amplification in Children with Unilateral Hearing Loss”

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”

Julia O'Rourke, Ph.D.

Massachusetts General Hospital

“Improving Healthcare for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder through a Collaborative Care Model”

Meg Simione, Ph.D.

Massachusetts General Hospital

“An Explanatory Model of Pediatric Feeding Disorders: A Multi-Level Assessment of Health and Functioning”

Heidi Stanish, Ph.D.

University of Massachusetts Boston

“Building Physical Literacy Among Children with Developmental Disabilities Through Sport Sampling”

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"