



News for and about MICL Research Partners, Advisory Panel Members and Related Folks

Greetings! This newsletter supplements the regular research progress reports provided by partners in the **Research and Training Center on Measurement and Interdependence in Community Living**. For the complete cast of characters, see the last page.

Come Together

MICL State-of-Science Conference Registration Open

Please spread the word to everyone who might be interested in this unique conference. The first day will focus on research while practical applications will be discussed on the second day.

October 28-29, 2010

Kansas City

[Sheraton Overland Park \(Kansas\) Hotel](#)

For details, visit:

<http://www.rtcil.org/news/communityparticipationconference.shtml>.



NYLN Hosts Leadership Institute



The National Youth Leadership Network is hosting “Reap What You Sow: Harvesting Support Systems” this summer. MICL Advisor Betsy Valnes is NYLN Executive Director.

At the Institute, NYLN will introduce the new curriculum they have created. It is about how youth with disabilities can build their own support systems. To find out more, click [here](#).

Who: Youth and young adults with disabilities (ages 13-28), family members, professionals, and allies

When: July 29-31, 2010

Where: North Raleigh Hilton, 3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC

Registration: Until June 30, \$50 for youth and \$75 for adults to attend. That includes all meals and a not-to-be-missed show Friday night by performers from Sins Invalid!

To register online go to <http://www.nyln.org/upcoming-conference/registration>. For more information, visit www.nyln.org or call Betsy Valnes, NYLN Executive Director, at 1-866-480-6565, or e-mail her at betsy@nyln.org.

Kudos!

David B. Gray received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers (NARRTC) in May 2010. It recognizes his outstanding lifetime contributions to the field of disability through research, teaching and advocacy on behalf of persons with disabilities.

Dr. Gray also received the Washington University School of Medicine Distinguished Community Service Award, and he was also promoted to Full Professor at the Washington University School of Medicine.

Hayley Stolzle, graduate research assistant at KU, completed her MPH degree, graduating with honors. Her focus is international health.

Washington University School of Medicine's Program in Occupational Therapy, where our St. Louis partners teach, was rated the number one OT program in the country by U.S. News and World Report (May 2010, tied with Boston University). This high quality program provides access to personnel and students of the highest caliber who work on the R-1 and R-4 MICL projects.

The **Kansas Living Well with a Disability** program was featured in *KU Works for Kansas*, an annual publication produced by the University of Kansas. The publication is distributed through newspapers in communities across the state and is also posted online. (See ["Getting better at living well"](#).)

New Developments

Washington University dedicated new space for MICL-related activities at Paraquad, a center for independent living. It will provide office space, room for subjective survey administration and training in the use of the objective survey (R-1) and room for consumer training related to use of personal assistants (R-4).

Washington University's web-based software was upgraded to improve the quality and speed of our MICL-funded surveys.

The University of Kansas team has collaborated with the Washington University group to help create online surveys that are fully accessible. They also worked with the University of Kansas Research and Graduate Support to implement a procedure that reduces the response cost for survey responders in receiving incentives for survey completion.

Charles Drum and the R-6 project team at Oregon Health and Science University added online versions of both individual measurements, the Disability Rights Attitude Scale and the Community Participation and Perceived Receptivity Survey. Online implementation adds another response option for participants and is expected to increase response rates.

Out & About

Glen White traveled to Korea, Vietnam and Japan while on sabbatical and delivered several lectures on the importance of accountability of CIL services and how to use evidence-based research to achieve and report on this accountability.

Dr. White has been available for continued consultation on an IL Outcomes project with Bob Michaels. This project was initiated by the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL).

David Gray and the Washington University team evaluated their consumer-based personal assistant (PA) program and held training sessions for consumers to improve consumer knowledge of good PA practices.

Publications & Presentations

Tom Seekins and **Craig Ravesloot** are coauthors on “Building the case for delivering health promotion services within the vocational rehabilitation system,” published in the [*Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin*, January 2010](#). Lead author is Catherine Ipsen.

Glen White is lead author of an article in the March 2010 issue of *Journal of Disability Policy Studies*. **Craig Ravesoot**, **Chiaki Gonda**, **Jamie Simpson**, our partner at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and **Zach Coble**, MICL Fellowship alumnus, are coauthors of “Moving from independence to interdependence: A conceptual model for better understanding community participation of centers for independent living consumers,” (20(4), 223-240).

Glen White, **Chiaki Gonda**, **Jana Peterson**, and **Charles Drum** have a manuscript under review at *Disability and Health Journal* titled: “Secondary analysis of a scoping review of health promotion interventions for persons with disabilities: Do health promotion interventions for people with mobility impairments address secondary condition reduction?”

Dr. White has submitted a presentation for the upcoming American Public Health Association annual meeting entitled, “Results from a National Randomized CIL Staff Concerns Report Survey on the Top IL Services Likely to Improve Consumers' Community Participation.”

Amanda Reichard's article “Health Disparities Among Adults with Physical Disabilities or Cognitive Limitations Compared to Individuals with No Disabilities in the United States” is currently in press at *Disability and Health Journal*. Theresa I. Shireman is lead author, with other coauthors Niaman Nazir, James M. Backes, and K. Allen Greiner. The early proof is published online at www.disabilityandhealthjnl.com/inpress and searchable on ScienceDirect and Google.

Dr. Reichard presented a poster at the AAIDD (American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities) Annual Meeting in Providence, Rhode Island in June. **Hayley**

Stolzle coauthored “Diabetes Among Adults with Cognitive Limitation Compared to Individuals with No Disabilities in the U.S.”

Charles Drum is lead author on “The Oregon Community Engagement Initiative: A Multi-Case Study of a Disability Coalition Development Process,” which was published in *Community Development*, 40: 1, 3-19. Co-authors are Gloria Krahn, Willi Horner-Johnson, Brian Ritacco, Marilyn Berardinelli, Rania Wasfi and Patricia Pickett-Cooper.

Service

Glen White just completed his tenure as chairperson of the State Rehabilitation Council of Kansas.

Val Renault joined the Advisory Committee of the Kansas Disability and Health Program at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. She also serves on the University of Kansas Unclassified Professional Staff Senate.

Who’s who in the Research and Training Center on Measurement and Interdependence in Community Living (RTC/MICL).

University of Kansas Research and Training Center on Independent Living:

Glen W. White, PhD, director, co-investigator
Amanda Reichard, PhD, research director
Martha Hodgesmith, JD, associate director
Dick Saunders, PhD, senior scientist
Muriel Saunders, PhD, assistant research professor
Val Renault, MA, information/dissemination coordinator
Catherine “Cat” Howland, MS, project coordinator
Pam Willits, grants specialist
Leslie Schmille, BS, project assistant
Chiaki Gonda, graduate research assistant
Hayley Stolzle, graduate research assistant

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Craig Raveslout, PhD, research associate

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Willi Horner-Johnson, PhD, assistant professor
Danielle Bailey, MPH, research assistant

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Jessica Dashner, OTD, OTR/L, research associate
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U.S. Department of Education:

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