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ARLINGTON, VA – The Organization for Autism Research (OAR) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2022 Applied Research Competition. This program awards up to $40,000 to researchers and professionals conducting applied autism research. This year, OAR’s Board of Directors authorized funding for eight new grants totaling $313,712. With these additions, OAR has awarded $4.74 million in grants since 2002.

OAR received 123 pre-proposals during the first round, and of those, OAR invited 45 researchers to submit full proposals. Twenty full proposals advanced to the final review. OAR Scientific Council, a group of autism professionals from various fields and backgrounds, reviewed and scored each proposal. In the end, they identified eight studies as the most outstanding.

Congratulations to the 2022 applied grant recipients:

**ADAPT: Development of a Substance Use Prevention Class for Autistic Adults**
Laura Graham Holmes, Ph.D. and Emily Rothman, Sc. D.
Hunter College, City University of New York, New York, New York

**Development of A Behavioral Intervention Program for Families of Autistic Adults**
Daina Tagavi, Ph.D. and Wendy Stone, Ph.D.
University of Washington, Seattle, Washington

**Investigating a Behavioral Sleep Intervention for Youth with Autism: The Role of Parenting Stress**
Cameron Neece, Ph.D. and Tori Van Dyk, Ph.D.
Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, California

**Parents Taking Action: Adapting a program for Korean immigrants caring for children with autism**
Irang Kim, MSW, Ph.D.
Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana
Partners in School: Aligning Evidence-Based Practices Across Home and School through Coaching *
Gazi Azad, Ph.D.
New York State Psychiatric Institute and Columbia University Medical Center, New York, New York

A Pilot Trial of a Culturally Adapted Intervention to Prevent Self-harm in Young People with Autism
Nadia Shafiq, M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D. and Professor Nasim Chaudhry, M.D.
Foundation University Islamabad, Pakistan

Promoting Autism Acceptance in Children with Virtual and In-person Elementary School Programs
Denise Davidson, M.S., Ph.D.
Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Your Story Matters! Giving a Voice to Autistic Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse
Carmit Katz, M.A., Ph.D.
Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv- Yafo, Israel

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OAR is accepting letters of intent for the 2023 Applied Research Competition through March 20, 2023 at 11:59 PM ET. More information on the application process, including the Request for Proposals (RFP) and Budget Guidelines, can be accessed here.

For questions or comments, please contact OAR at (571) 977-5391 or e-mail research@researchautism.org.

About OAR: The Organization for Autism Research (OAR) is a national non-profit organization formed and led by relatives of children and adults with autism. OAR is dedicated to promoting research that can be applied to help families, educators, caregivers, and individuals with autism find much-needed answers to their immediate and urgent questions. Learn more at their website: www.researchautism.org.

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