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## Bookstore Spotlight

*Transition of Secondary Students with Emotional or Behavioral Disorders: 2nd Ed.*

Douglas Cheney, Ed.

This newly-revised and expanded edition focuses on successful practices, models, programs, and recommendations for improving the educational, vocational, and community outcomes of youth with

emotional or behavioral disorders. IOD staff members JoAnne Malloy and Jonathon Drake contribute a chapter examining the RENEW (Rehabilitation, Empowerment, Natural Supports, Education, and Work) model, which was developed at the University of New Hampshire in 1996. Available for \$36 at [www.iod.bookstore.com](http://www.iod.bookstore.com).

**Transition of Secondary Students with Emotional or Behavioral Disorders**

Current Approaches for Positive Outcomes

SECOND EDITION Edited by Douglas Cheney

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## IOD Pilots Mutual Internship Program at UNH

The premise of UNH's newly developing Mutual Internship Program is to provide undergraduate students who are interested in special education with the opportunity to coach transitional high school students. Over the course of the program, interns work alongside students to identify job interests and support them their their roles on campus. In this way, the program is beneficial for the intern, who gains experience putting classroom theory into practice, as well as the student, who develops and practices work skills.

For 14 months beginning in February 2009, the IOD served as a mutual internship pilot site. Eva, a student with autism from Newmarket High School, volunteered in the IOD's Durham office with the help of several Newmarket High School job coaching staff and undergraduate mutual intern Katie Barnfield. Eva worked one and a half hours per week performing a variety of administrative support functions.

About six months after Eva began volunteering at the IOD, Eva's coaching team discussed the UNH Dimond Library as a possible site for additional volunteer hours. She had held other internships in similar environments, and she had been trained in the Dewey Decimal system

during high school training opportunities. After the team worked with library staff to identify and narrow a list of possible tasks matching Eva's skill set, Eva began volunteering at the library in October 2009.

Eva progressed rapidly in her assignments, gradually taking on more hours with increased responsibilities. "As the year went on, we found ourselves very dependent on those hours Eva gave us—so much so that we offered her a permanent position in the library's circulation department," said Val Harper, systems librarian. Eva began working as a Library Services Assistant in June 2010.

"It has been so rewarding to watch [Eva] rise to the level of expectations placed on her," said Anne Hamblet-Kane, career counselor at Newmarket High School. "Having the right employer involved, having the correct match between the job and Eva's skill set, and maintaining communication have been the keys to this success." @

**For more information on the Mutual Internship Program at UNH, visit [www.unh.edu/education](http://www.unh.edu/education).**

## New Film from Dan Habib

During the past two years, IOD Filmmaker in Residence Dan Habib has led hundreds of discussions on the benefits and challenges of inclusion thanks to the success of his first film, *Including Samuel*.

Without fail, one question regularly comes up: How can students with complex emotional/behavioral challenges be fully included in regular education classes?

Habib's new film, *Education Revolution* (working title), will explore how schools, preschools, and out-of-school organizations are using proven, research-based programs to successfully include students with emotional/behavioral challenges, and improve the school climate for all students. This new film will delve deeply into the lives and education of young people with emotional/behavioral challenges

caused by autism and other neurological disorders, environmental factors such as poverty, or emotional disabilities such as bipolar and ADHD.



Preview Habib's new film online at [www.iod.unh.edu/pbisfilm](http://www.iod.unh.edu/pbisfilm)

"*Including Samuel* confirmed my belief that documentary film is a powerful catalyst for sparking productive dialogue and positive change within schools and communities," Habib said. "This film will examine some key questions: What types of supports and interventions enable children with emotional/behavioral challenges to succeed? What role does school-wide culture play? How are behavioral problems linked to communication and learning disabilities?"

The film will be released during the 2011-2012 school year. Current partners include the NH Department of Education, NH Charitable Foundation, Crotched Mountain Foundation, Easter Seals NH, and the Episcopal Bishop of New Hampshire. @

**For more information and to watch the film preview, visit [www.iod.unh.edu/pbisfilm](http://www.iod.unh.edu/pbisfilm).**

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## Full Tuition Scholarships Available

Full scholarships, valued at approximately \$15,000, are currently available for the Special Education Teacher Certification in Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (IDD) through the Education Department and the Institute on Disability at UNH. The program prepares teachers to promote evidence-based, high quality, inclusive educational programs for students with IDD. The scholarships cover tuition, books, and travel expenses to national conferences. The program consists of seven evening courses (five on campus in Durham, NH, and two via distance learning) taken over the course of two years and leads to NH state IDD certification. Because of flexible class scheduling and accessibility via distance learning, enrollment is feasible for practicing professionals or full time graduate students.

For more information about this or any other Institute on Disability program of study, call 603.862.4320 or visit [www.iod.unh.edu](http://www.iod.unh.edu).



## Did You Know?

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According to the 2008 data from the Rehabilitation Services Administration, New Hampshire is one of just four states whose vocational rehabilitation programs have not operated on order of selection since 2001. Vocational rehabilitation programs provide services to individuals with disabilities to prepare them to obtain and maintain employment. A state's vocational rehabilitation program operates on order of selection when it does not have enough funding to provide services to all eligible individuals. The program must instead rank individuals by the severity of their disability(ies) and serve the most severely disabled first. From 2001–2008, New Hampshire, Nevada, Alabama, and Mississippi were the only states that did not have a vocational rehabilitation agency operating on order of selection.

For more statistics on people with disabilities in New Hampshire, visit [www.DisabilityCompendium.org](http://www.DisabilityCompendium.org), which is a collaborative effort of the IOD, Hunter College, New Editions Consulting, and the American Association of People with Disabilities.

## Feedback

Have a comment, suggestion, or story idea? We value your input. E-mail [contact.iod@unh.edu](mailto:contact.iod@unh.edu) or call 603.862.4320 to let us know how we're doing and how we can better serve you.

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Please let friends or colleagues know about us. *Pass us along!*

## IOD Welcomes New NH-LEND Training Director

The IOD is pleased to welcome Betsy Humphreys as the new Interdisciplinary Training director for the New Hampshire Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (NH-LEND) program.

Betsy comes to the IOD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she worked as a research assistant with the School of Allied Health Sciences as well as the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute. Betsy is in her third year of a doctoral studies focusing on early identification of autism in primary care settings. She will continue her work with the UNC research team as she finishes her doctoral studies from a distance.

Betsy's connection to the IOD goes back a number of years. While completing her master's in early childhood special education at the University of New Hampshire in the mid-1990s, Betsy was chosen to participate as a trainee in the NH-LEND program. She went on to serve for over ten years in the Portsmouth, NH, school district as an early childhood special educator.

"I am excited to be back in New Hampshire and connected to NH-LEND and the IOD," says Betsy. "My experiences as an NH-LEND trainee were formative, and it feels kind of like coming home to be coordinating NH-LEND experiences for new trainees."

"We are pleased that Betsy has returned to UNH, the IOD, and the NH-LEND program in this important leadership role—an example

of what NH-LEND is all about!" says IOD Interim Director Linda Bimbo. "We look forward to her moving this vital interdisciplinary program toward a bright future."

The NH-LEND program is an interdisciplinary leadership program funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau. The NH-LEND program is for graduate students wishing to enhance their knowledge and skills in working with children with neurodevelopmental disabilities or special health care needs and their families. Trainees develop leadership skills to improve systems of care and the health status of infants, children, and adolescents with or at risk for disabilities and their families. Research and policy training guides evidence-based, culturally competent, family-centered, and inclusive care for children. Interdisciplinary clinical training is provided at the Seacoast Child Development Clinic at UNH, Children's Hospital at Dartmouth and various community-based organizations. Many NH-LEND graduates have gone on to assume leadership roles both within NH and nationally. ☺

For more information about the NH-LEND program, visit [www.iod.unh.edu](http://www.iod.unh.edu).



## Highlighting IOD Donors

### Creative Partnership to Support the Including Samuel Project

DynaVox Mayer-Johnson, the leading provider of speech generating devices and symbol-adapted special education software used to assist individuals in overcoming speech, language, and learning challenges, is partnering with the *Including Samuel* Project to spread the word about this powerful documentary film and its stories of inclusion at school, at home, and in the community.

DynaVox Mayer-Johnson's commitment to underwriting support for 2010 will make bonus *Including Samuel* DVDs available free of charge to educators, parents, and health care professionals across the country. It will also provide training and support materials for teachers and service professionals currently working to build inclusive schools. The DVDs include the film trailer and the New Hampshire Public Television special about the film. Links on the DynaVox and *Including Samuel* sites are helping to create added awareness.

"With this financial support and added visibility we can reach thousands more interested parents and teachers with a valuable resource," said Dan Habib, IOD Filmmaker in Residence.

"This is a natural partnership—Samuel has used a DynaVox VMAX to communicate for the past two years, and it has helped to open up his world. We are thrilled to have support from DynaVox Mayer-Johnson for this project."

For more information on the partnership and the *Including Samuel* Project, visit [www.includingsamuel.com](http://www.includingsamuel.com).

### Unitil Corporation Supports New Hampshire Leadership Series

The 2009-2010 NH Leadership Series was



Samuel Habib uses his DynaVox VMAX to share a story with friends at a recent wedding

fortunate to receive generous support from friends, alumni, and partners, including a first time gift from **Unitil Corporation**. Unitil, headquartered in Hampton, New Hampshire, is a public utility holding company distributing electricity and natural gas in the states of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Maine.

"This gift from Unitil is a great example of New Hampshire businesses investing in building stronger communities," says *NH Leadership Series* Program Coordinator Beth Dixon. "By supporting this program, Unitil is reaching families all around the state who are touched by the work of *Leadership* alumni." ☺

To learn more about making a tax-deductible gift to the IOD, please contact:

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# CALENDAR

## E V E N T S / W O R K S H O P S

### Supporting Friendships! Facilitating Social Networks for Young Adults with Disabilities in the Community

Learn about the concepts of a social network and discuss the role that a facilitator can play in supporting friendships and developing a network.

#### Date & Location:

September 13, 2010 – IOD Professional Development Center, Concord, NH

**Time:** 9am–3pm

**Cost:** \$85

**Presenter:** Lisa Hasler

### 2010-2011 Research to Practice Series: Implementation and Sustainability of Inclusive Education

#### A Series for School & District Administrators

Nationally-recognized researchers and policy scholars present cutting-edge information on factors related to the research-to-implementation-to-sustainability gap in inclusive education, along with effective strategies and structures for closing this gap. Presented by the National Center on Inclusive Education.

**Dates:** September 20, October 14, December 17, 2010; January 20, March 31, May 5, 2011 (all sessions required)

**Time:** 9am–3pm, except March 31 (11am–5pm)

**Locations:** IOD Professional Development Center, Concord, NH  
Grappone Conference Center, Concord, NH (3/31/11 only)

**Cost:** Individuals – \$450 for entire series; groups of three or more – \$400 each

**Facilitators:** Cheryl M. Jorgensen, Ph.D. & Mary C. Schuh, Ph.D.

### 2010 Real Choice Conference The Real Deal: Yesterday's Successes Shaping Tomorrow's Choices

Highlights of New Hampshire's successes over the past ten years and exploration of future opportunities to enhance these initiatives.

**Date & Location:** September 21, 2010 – Center of NH Radisson, Manchester, NH

**Time:** 8am–3:15pm

**Cost:** Professionals – \$75, Consumers & Family Members – \$25

**Keynote Speaker:** William Hall, MD

### Picture This! The Art of Graphic Facilitation

An accelerated learning experience in graphic recording and facilitation.

**Dates & Location:** September 24, 2010 or March 25, 2011 – IOD Professional Development Center, Concord, NH

**Time:** 9am–3pm

**Cost:** \$99

**Presenter:** Patty Cotton, M.Ed.

### Going for Guardianship

Information and tools necessary to guide and assist families through the entire process of obtaining guardianship of older adults.

#### Dates & Locations:

September 29, 2010 – Safety Building, Moultonboro, NH

November 17, 2010 – Common Man Inn & Spa, Plymouth, NH

January 12, 2011 – IOD Professional Development Center, Concord, NH

March 16, 2011 – Common Man Inn & Restaurant, Claremont, NH

May 11, 2011 – Best Western Hotel and Suites, Portsmouth, NH

July 14, 2011 – Highlander Inn & Conference Center, Manchester, NH

**Time:** 9am–3pm

**Cost:** \$30

**Presenter:** Mary McGuire, Esq.

### AT for All

Eight hands-on, interactive assistive technology (AT) workshops featuring practical solutions for home, school, work, and play.

#### Sessions:

October 8, 2010 & May 13, 2011 –

There's An App for That! Mobile

Applications to Increase Independence

**Cost:** \$115

November 4, 2010 – Assistive Technology for Older Adults

**Cost:** \$95

January 10, 2011 – Creating Interactive Computer Activities with Boardmaker Plus! v.6

**Cost:** \$95

February 2, 2011 – Assistive Technology and Transition

**Cost:** \$95

March 9, 2011 – Beyond Duct Tape and Velcro: 101 AT Solutions YOU Can Make Using Everyday Materials

**Cost:** \$175

April 7, 2011 – Universally Designed Technology to Support Reading, Writing, and Communication in the General Education Classroom

**Cost:** \$35

May 4, 2011 – Natural Support Strategies and Assistive Technology Solutions in the Workplace

**Cost:** \$95

**Time:** 9am–3pm, except April 7 (4pm–6pm)

**Locations:** Holiday Inn, Concord, NH (October 8 & May 13 only)

IOD Professional Development Center, Concord, NH

**Presenters:** David Hagner, Ph.D., Dan Herlihy, & Therese Willkomm, Ph.D.

### Introductory Training for Facilitated Communication

General overview of Facilitated Communication (FC), a method of augmentative and alternative communication used by people with limited speaking abilities.

**Dates & Location:** October 12, 2010 or March 17, 2011 – IOD Professional Development Center, Concord, NH

**Time:** 9am–3:30pm

**Cost:** \$95

**Presenter:** Pascal Cheng, M.Ed., C.A.S.

### Person-Centered Planning for Older Adults

An introduction to person-centered planning, including an overview of a person-centered system of care, information on how to facilitate person-centered planning meetings, and tools to use in the planning process.

**Dates & Location:** October 13 & November 10, 2010; April 20 & May 11, 2011 – IOD Professional Development Center, Concord, NH

**Time:** 9am–4pm

**Cost:** \$25

**Presenters:** Susan Fox, M.Ed., MA & Patty Cotton, M.Ed.

### Getting a Handle on Hoarding

A discussion of clinical disorders and cognitive traits associated with hoarding, recent research findings, and methods for intervening in hoarding issues.

#### Date & Location:

October 18, 2010 – IOD Professional Development Center, Concord, NH

**Time:** 9am–12pm

**Cost:** \$45

**Presenter:** Elizabeth Burden, LICSW, MPH

### Fundamentals of Inclusive Education

Three age-specific workshops featuring presenters from schools that are successfully including students with intellectual and other developmental disabilities Presented by the National Center on Inclusive Education.

#### Sessions:

October 22, 2010 – Strategies for Preschool Inclusion

December 7, 2010 – Strategies for Middle School Inclusion

December 14, 2010 – Strategies for High School Inclusion

**Time:** 9am–3pm

**Location:** IOD Professional Development Center, Concord, NH

**Cost:** \$85 each

**Presenter:** Cheryl M. Jorgensen, Ph.D.

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## IOD to Develop National Assistive Technology Website

A new five-year, \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration will support the development of a comprehensive and dynamic national web resource on assistive technology (AT). The project, called AT CONNECTS, will incorporate many interactive features for self-advocates, families and professionals to access information and resources, including:

- An interactive forum within which AT users, people looking for information about AT, and AT professionals, developers, and sellers can contribute to content.
- A “decision wizard” which will help site visitors narrow down the products and services that would best suit their needs.
- User reviews and ratings on equipment and experiences.
- A training and demonstration video library.
- Question and answer forums.
- An interactive development and discussion space called “App Lab,” to facilitate field testing of new applications as well as interactions between consumers and software developers.

“There is a lot of assistive technology information out there, and it’s often difficult to gauge the quality of the information and product safety when searching on your own. With this site, we hope to direct people to available public resources for good, sound decisions.”

“This is a tremendous opportunity for the IOD,” says Sönke Dornblut, AT CONNECTS Project Director. “There is a lot of assistive technology information out there, and it’s often difficult to gauge the quality of the information and product safety when searching on your own. With this site, we hope to direct people to available public resources for good, sound decisions.”

Partners on the project include SilverTech, Inc., a digital marketing agency located in Manchester, NH, and the Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs (ATAP). The current partners welcome inquiries from other potential collaborators.

AT CONNECTS is scheduled for launch during the latter half of 2011. ☺

**For more information on AT CONNECTS, visit [www.iod.unh.edu](http://www.iod.unh.edu)**

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## Jocelyn Gallant Retires from Consumer Council

Contributions and input from people with disabilities and their family members are central to the planning, execution, and evaluation of the Institute on Disability’s activities. By maintaining a Consumer Advisory Council (CAC), the IOD ensures constant and consistent consumer involvement in setting the direction of the IOD’s strategic plan and providing feedback as the IOD moves forward in its mission.

As the IOD has grown and changed over time, so too has the CAC. The CAC membership includes 20 people from different age groups, disabilities, and regions of New Hampshire as it strives to represent the state’s racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity. Its membership includes representatives from a number of organizations including the Developmental Disabilities Council, the Disabilities Rights Center, People First of New Hampshire, the Parent Information Center, and graduates of the NH Leadership Series. At least one-third of the members are individuals with disabilities, and at least two-thirds are parents, other immediate relatives, or legal guardians of individuals with disabilities.

The CAC will undergo another change this fall, meeting for the first time without the participation of one of its founding members. At the June 2010 Council meeting, Jocelyn Gallant, a self-advocate from Salem, NH, officially retired from the CAC after serving for 18 years. IOD Associate Director Mary Schuh presented Jocelyn with a framed certificate recognizing her years of service and thanked her for being a tireless advocate on



Jocelyn participates in a Consumer Advisory Council meeting

behalf of those with disabilities.

“The IOD is a better organization because of Jocelyn’s contributions,” said Mary. “The CAC applauds Jocelyn’s efforts and wishes her the very best for the future.”

From all of us at the IOD, we thank you, Jocelyn, for your work to see all people, including those living with disabilities, as fully engaged members of communities, leading independent, productive, and satisfying lives. ☺

**For more information on the CAC, contact Mary Schuh at 603.228.2084 or visit [www.iod.unh.edu/cac.html](http://www.iod.unh.edu/cac.html).**

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