Accomplishments Above and Beyond

DEEP Member Presentations

Synergy Conference, Fall 2026

Presenters: Andrew Buck, Christine Brown, Kristy Stepp, Marci Straughter, Ruben Garcia, and Samantha Perry

Presentation: *Self-Directing Your Mental Healthcare*

The presentation will highlight specific products aimed at enhancing patient-provider communication and teamwork between clients with ID and mental health clinicians and other team members. For example:

- **Mental Health Therapy Toolkit** includes: (i) clear guidelines for clinicians; and (ii) a worksheet & instructional video playlist for clients
- **Mental Health Therapy Together** includes: a clear written summary & video summary, therapist checklist, client worksheets with visual supports, and a social media campaign kit: *#TherapyTogether*

Inclusive Research Network Meeting hosted by the Kansas University Center on Disabilities

Presenters: Andrew Buck, Kristy Stepp, Ruben Garcia, and Susan Havercamp

Presentation: *Mental Health and Intellectual Disability: New Opportunities*

The goal of the Inclusive Research Network is to:

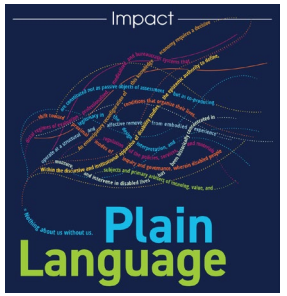
- **Create and share resources** to build inclusive research awareness
- **Advance connections** among researchers with and without lived disability experience and the disability community
- **Provide an ongoing supportive community** for inclusive research teams

Impact Magazine – Personal Story

Author: Ashley Poling

Article: *DEEP Experience – Advocacy, Informed by Plain Language*

Impact Magazine – Program Profile



Authors: Andrew Buck, Christine Brown, Braden Gertz, and Susan Havercamp

Article: *Can You Hear Us Now? How Co-Researchers with Intellectual Disability Are Advancing Impactful Health Studies*

The Center on Knowledge Translation for Disability and Rehabilitation Research: Knowledge Translation (KT) Casebook

Authors: Andrew Buck, Marci Straughter, and Ruben Garcia

Article: *Can You Hear Us Now?*

The purpose of the KT Casebook is to highlight NIDILRR grantees knowledge translation activities:

- **Learn** from each other's experiences
- **Make connections** with other grantees that may facilitate & expand KT actions
- **Gain new ideas** about KT strategies being used by other grantees
- **Identify KT examples** that have focused on stakeholder or target audiences
- **Expand awareness** of the KT accomplishments being made by grantees

Other Highlights

Nationwide Children's Hospital Research Connections Seminar

- *Including individuals with developmental disabilities in research*
- Andrew Buck, Susan Havercamp, Katie Walton, Christine Brown, Namaganda Lukia Hamid, and Alicia Mercier

NIDILLR AART Postdoc Program – Engagement Workshop

- *Community Engaged Research with Developmental Disability Populations*
- Katie Walton, Susan Havercamp, Andrew Buck, Namaganda Lukia Hamid, and Alecia Mercier

Other Highlights

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OSU Nisonger – LEND Seminar

- *Principles and Practices of Inclusive Research*
- Andrew Buck and Christine Brown

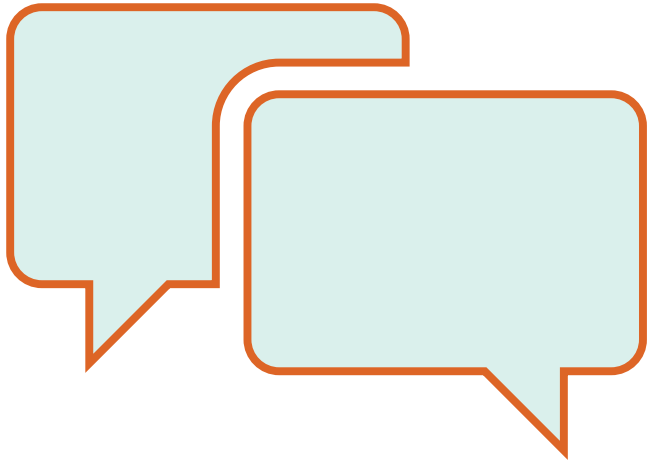
OSU Nisonger – Topics in Developmental Disabilities

- *Advancing Inclusive Research with Disability Communities*
- Andrew Buck and Christine Brown

On the Horizon

National Association for the Dually Diagnosed

- Upcoming book on effective practices for inclusive mental health care
- Andrea Witwer and Emily Cary – Editors
    - OSU Nisonger Faculty and Affiliated Faculty
    - REEP Members
    - DEEP Members
        - Foreword
        - Afterword



Audience Feedback and Questions

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