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Message from the Director

LaTamia White-Green, M.D.

The UAB Civitan-Sparks Clinics continue the commitment to provide excellent interdisciplinary services to children with developmental disorders and their families, despite tough economic times that have developed both university- and community-wide. Our mission continues to involve three key principles: clinical services, training, and research. I am pleased to highlight our staff, clinics, and programs that we provide.

Clinically, several of our services are both unique and innovative. The ADHD Summer Treatment Program, directed by Dr. Bart Hodgins, provides summer services for children with disruptive behavior disorders. This program has been recognized in the *U.S. News and World Report*. The Sparks Dental Clinic, under the direction of Drs. John Thornton and Janice Jackson, provides more dental services to adults with special needs than anywhere else in Alabama. Another unique program is our Neuromotor Research Group which is led by Dr. Stephanie Deluca. Also known as ACQUIREc Therapy (constraint-induced therapy), this intensive program helps children with upper extremity weaknesses. Our Autism team continues to provide not only thorough and extensive diagnostic evaluations, but also school consultations and social skills groups.

We continue our dedication to train graduate students, medical students, and residents. As Director of Training, Dr. Fred Biasini has worked tirelessly in making Civitan-Sparks Clinics an excellent training experience in various disciplines including psychology, audiology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, nutrition, and social work. Our Sparks Pediatrics clinic, led by Developmental Pediatrician Dr. Snehal Khatri, is an integral training site for pediatric residents and medical students.

Understanding the importance of research and increasing knowledge in the field of developmental disabilities, we continue to be a sponsor of the Simpson-Ramsey Lecture each spring. The Simpson-Ramsey Lecture is a day-long lecture series that hosts experts in neurodevelopmental disorders research and occurs in conjunction with the Glenwood Endowed Lecture.

As we continue to flourish and improve our services, the goal for the UAB Civitan-Sparks Clinics is to be a leader at the state and national levels in the field of developmental disabilities. Our commitment remains strong.

History of Civitan-Sparks Clinics

In 1966, the Chauncey Sparks Center for Developmental and Learning Disorders was founded to support services for persons with mental retardation and to train professional personnel in the field of mental retardation. Specifically, the Center's objectives were to establish a clinical facility which offered a full array of services to persons with mental retardation, for the purposes of: (1) providing an interdisciplinary setting for various academic and clinical experiences; (2) offering highly technical training which "merges skills of several disciplines to train interdisciplinary specialists in retardation not currently available;" and (3) to test, in a practical setting, the validity and efficiency of various techniques and patterns of diagnosis, care, treatment, education, and rehabilitation. There was a strong commitment to the social and behavioral sciences (including sociology and anthropology) and a clear appreciation for nursing, social work, dentistry, foods and nutrition, and education. Pediatrics, psychiatry, pediatric neurology, medical genetics, radiology, and virology were included from the medical school. Finally, the prevalence of "cultural-familial retardation" in this region of the country was recognized in the first University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) application, along with a commitment to meet the needs of unserved and underserved poverty level and minority families.

As one of the charter programs, the Alabama University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities has been able to contribute to a remarkable expansion in the knowledge base; an evolution in philosophy and values; the discovery of highly effective treatment and prevention strategies; the emergence of a new community-based service delivery system for social, health, and educational programs; and enhancement of the service delivery systems through pre- and in-service preparation of professionals (many of whom have become leaders in the state and country) and direct care personnel to meet the needs of persons with developmental disabilities and their families.

Over the years, the UAB Civitan-Sparks Clinics has increasingly formed alliances with local and state service providers and advocacy groups. Many of our trainees have assumed important positions of leadership within the state and country, and the once novel "interdisciplinary approach" to diagnosis and treatment has become the accepted standard for comprehensive and effective service delivery.

The UAB Department of Psychiatry assumed oversight of the Civitan-Sparks Clinics on July 15, 2008 and named Dr. LaTamia White-Green as Director. Dr. White-Green is an Assistant Professor in the UAB Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurobiology, and her clinical and research interests include autism and other developmental disorders. She is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in general psychiatry and child and adolescent psychiatry. The Civitan-Sparks Clinics are directed by Dr. White-Green and managed by a senior management team composed of Dr. White-Green, Fred Biasini, PhD, David Allen, JD, Kevin Speed, MAcc, and Jack Huffstutler. The team focuses on enhancing the clinical and research opportunities while maintaining and growing the educational and collaborative care models that make the clinics unique.



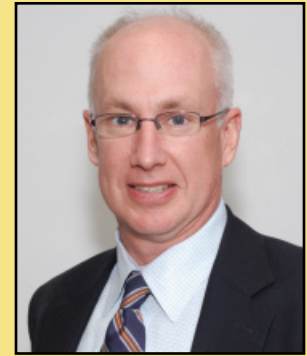
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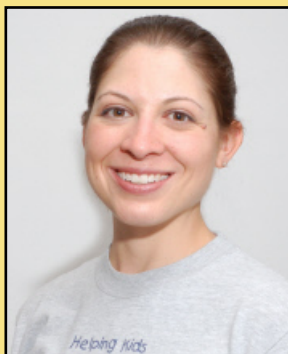
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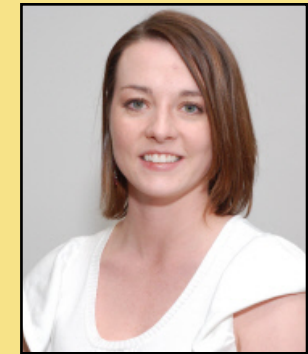
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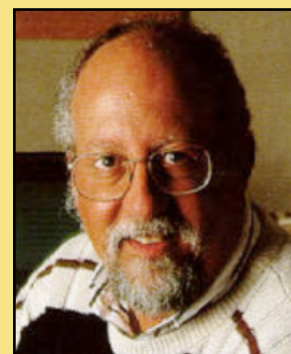
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Group	Ages	Number Seen
Children	2 - 12	1,964
Adolescents	12 - 18	391
Adults	18 - Above	586
TOTAL		2,941

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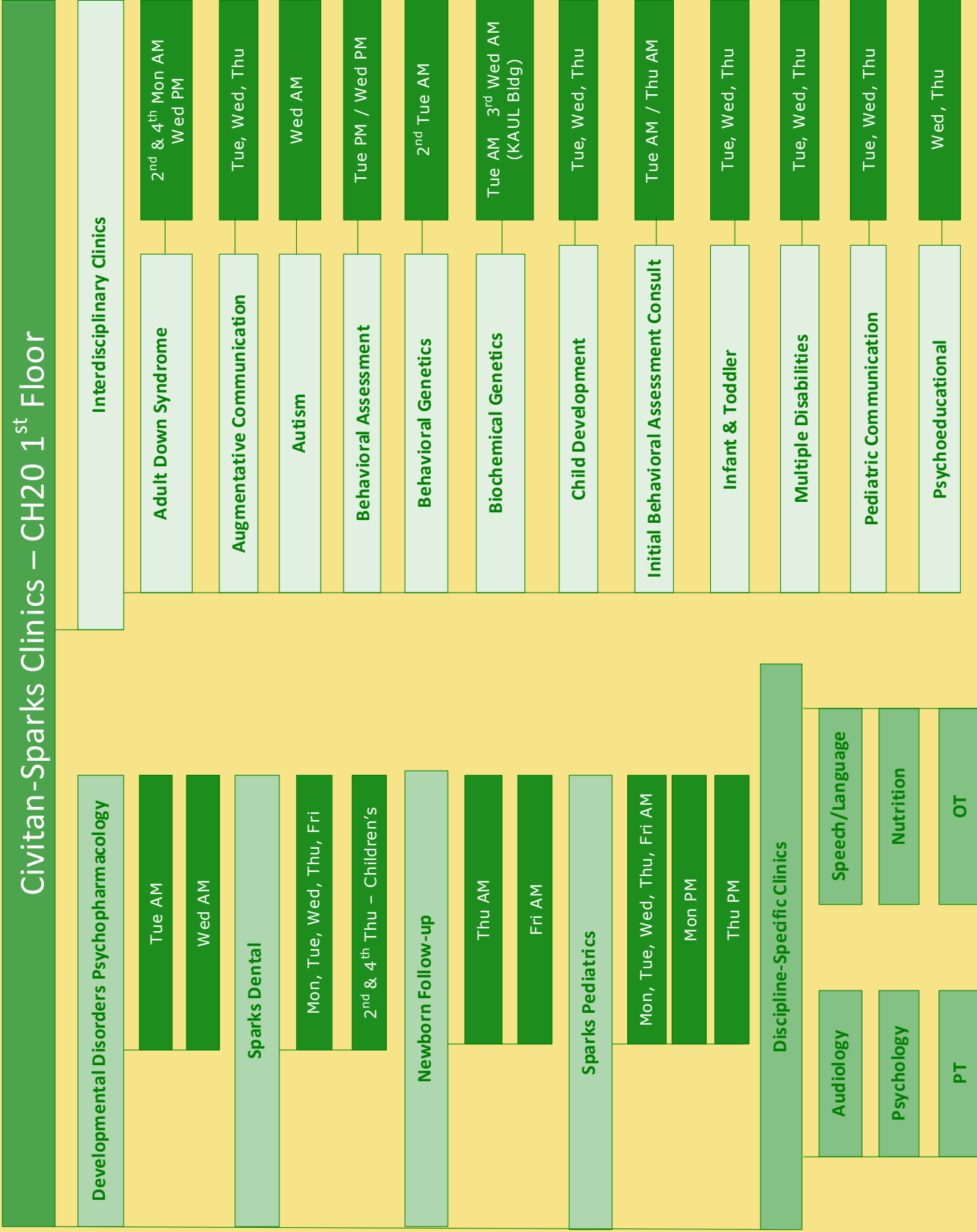
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