

"Connections"

Relationship Development Intervention (RDI)

Relationship Development Intervention (RDI) is an intensive, evidence-based, cognitive behavioral therapy originally designed for individuals on the autistic or neuro-developmental disability spectrum and supportive family members. RDI effectively addresses relationship and social development issues that are often missing or ineffectively addressed by comparable therapies. It is developmentally-oriented, systematic and individually paced and tailored. RDI aims to remediate the core deficits of autism such as: the ability to share and create enjoyable experiences with others, social-emotional referencing, flexible thinking and dynamic problem-solving, social play and co-regulation, and experience-sharing communication. The RDI program is a parent-based intervention. The role of an RDI Consultant is to coach parents so that they can develop an effective guiding relationship with their child to help parents foster the social and emotional growth of their child/teen. Parents are expected to be active participants in their child's program. For more information about RDI, please contact Jackie Zaldua, VHAP's RDI Specialist at 818-386-1094.

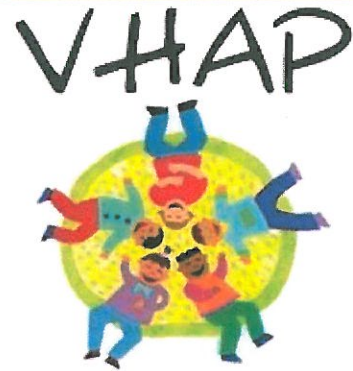
Early Intervention Services Offered

VHAP offers specialized early intervention services for children from birth to three years of age. Developmental constrictions and deficits specific to each individual child and the resulting impact on the child's family are identified through a comprehensive assessment and addressed through specified goals. Parent training and participation is a key component of this program. Our multi-disciplinary approach coordinates efforts to tailor-fit the program to the child's needs.

VHAP Launches New & Improved Website

VHAP recently launched a comprehensive new and improved website at www.VHAP.org. The redesigned site is user-friendly, with increased functionality and improved navigation. The new site design is dynamic and easier for both existing and potential parents and professionals to get the information that they need. We will continue to add more interactivity to the site in the coming months, including a forum, where parents can communicate directly. Please visit our new site today and feel free to share your comments, feedback and suggestions.

Questions or comments? Please e-mail us at Info@VHAP.org or call 818.386.1094.



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Director's Spotlight

Being that this is our inaugural newsletter and since we just recently launched our new website, I wanted to take this opportunity to personally welcome you to a more socially aware VHAP.

Also, please make a note of our new location. We are now located at 16600 Sherman Way, Suite 165, Van Nuys, CA 91406.

Deryl Goldenberg, Ph.D.

VHAP Clinical Director



It's our goal to make positive changes in a child's and family's life.