

Dr. Joshua Feder Brief Biography

Dr. Joshua Feder is the Director, Department of Research in the Graduate School of the Interdisciplinary Council on Developmental and Learning Disorders, and a clinical assistant professor at UCSD School of Medicine, teaching biostatistics and research design, for PhD Candidates. Dr. Feder specializes in neurobehavioral medicine and application of DIR/Floortime with families and in schools. He co-chairs the DIR/Floortime Coalition of California, advocating and giving testimony in support of parent choice in evidence based intervention, and he was a recent co-chair, Early Intervention, South Counties Autism Regional Taskforce (SCART) of the California Senate Select Committee on Autism & Related Disorders. Dr. Feder testified in the successful 2010 ELARC class action suit on behalf of families seeking protection of services for severely at risk persons with developmental disabilities. Dr. Feder does research, teaches, consults, and hosts support groups for professionals and families. Dr. Feder is Director of Training for the Bond Regulate Interact Develop Guide Engage (BRIDGE) Collaborative, an NIH funded community-wide effort for early identification and intervention in the Southern California region, and he is medical director for the Rady Children's Hospital Autism Research Workgroup. Dr. Feder has served on the Autism Committee of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, where he helped write a Practice Parameter for Assessment and treatment of Autism and Related Disorders and has sat on the Medications and Autism panel as well. Dr. Feder reviews grants for the Organization for Autism Research and the National Foundation for Autism Research, is a primary clinical investigator for NIMH funded research in pharmacogenetics with the Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Trials Network (CAPTN), serves as medical director for Spectrum Sims developing interactive technology and distance learning systems to support relationship based interventions, and he is a commentator on ValeriesList, a web-based information service for autism and related disorders. In his recent capacity as Chair of the Ethics Committee of the San Diego Psychiatric Society, Dr. Feder investigated the process of adjudication of ethics complaints within the context of the procedures of the American Psychiatric Society (APA) as they pertain to Federal and California State law and advised the Society on management of complaints in the interest of protecting the health and rights of patients, physicians, the APA, and local chapters. Dr. Feder has a full time solo child and family psychiatric practice in Solana Beach , California.