

**Please join us for a presentation on**  
***Recent Progress in Understanding the Causes and Courses of Autism***  
**Presented by**  
***David G. Amaral, Ph.D.***

Dr. Amaral will highlight findings from his own research, from colleagues at the MIND Institute and from the world autism research community. Dr. Amaral is the Research Director of the MIND Institute (Medical Investigation of Neurodevelopmental Disorders) at the UC Davis Medical Center. Dr. Amaral will discuss research that looks into early signs of autism, the relationship between the immune system and the nervous system in autism, and the variation in brain pathology that is seen in individuals with autism. He will summarize some of the recent findings of the Autism Phenome Project, a large multidisciplinary effort design to find more homogeneous subtypes of autism. He will also discuss how animal models may be leading to more effective preventions and treatments of autism spectrum disorders.

David G. Amaral, PhD, is a Professor of Psychiatry at the University of California, Davis and since 1998 has been the research director at the M.I.N.D. Institute, an affiliate of UC Davis, engaged in interdisciplinary research into the causes and treatment of autism and related neurodevelopmental disorders. Amaral joined the UC Davis faculty as a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and the Center for Neuroscience and as an investigator at the California Regional Primate Research Center in 1991. Since 1995, he has been a professor of psychiatry in the UC Davis School of Medicine, with an appointment to the Center for Neuroscience.

**When:** **Wednesday, April 25, 2012, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Where:** **Regional Center of Orange County (RCOC)**  
**Tustin Centre Tower Building**  
**1525 North Tustin Avenue, Santa Ana 92705**  
**Cost: \$30.00 per person (includes Subway boxed lunch)**  
**\$30 additional for CE hours for SLP, SLPA, LCSW,**  
**Psychologists, MFT (You must be here for the 4 hours)**  
*(Any requests for cancellation must be received by*  
*April 18, 2012, for a refund. Refunds **will not** be granted after this date.)*

**Pre-registration:** **REQUIRED – Reservations accepted by check only. Registrations accepted until capacity is reached.**

Seminar meets the qualifications for 4 hours of continuing professional development hours for Speech-Language Pathologists or Audiologists as required by the California Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board. Regional Center of Orange County provider number PDP 136. CE hours have been approved for 4 hours of continuing professional development hours for Social Workers, Psychologists and Marriage & Family Therapists. This activity is jointly sponsored by the County of Orange Health Care Agency. The County of Orange Health Care Agency is an approved provider of continuing education hours for the California Board of Behavioral Sciences (provider no. PCE389) and is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The Orange County Health Care Agency maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

**Hosted by: Regional Center of Orange County, Interagency Autism Group, the Orange County Health Care Agency, and For OC Kids**

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*If you have questions, please call Kelly Rico at (714) 796-5330.*

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**Registration Form for April 25, 2012 – Recent Progress in Understanding the Causes and Courses of Autism**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Applying for CE hours:  Yes  No

CE Discipline is  SLP(A)  LCSW  Psych  MFT (If one of these does not apply, please do not pay the \$30 fee for CE hours.)

**Please make check payable to: Regional Center of Orange County and mail completed registration form and \$30.00 (plus \$30 for CE hours as indicated above) to: Kelly Rico, Regional Center of Orange County, P.O. Box 22010, Santa Ana, CA 92702-2010**