

About our Director



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Director of Evidence-based Practice, National Autism Center

Dr. Rue is the Director of Evidence-based Practice at the National Autism Center. She holds a joint appointment as Vice President of Autism Services for May Institute.

Her responsibilities include overseeing the second phase of the National Standards Project, a multi-year initiative that resulted in a groundbreaking 2009 report which identified best practices in the treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders. She leads a team of expert panelists, article reviewers, and consultants responsible for expanding the project's research review and updating its findings.

A licensed clinical psychologist in Massachusetts and a board certified behavior analyst, Dr. Rue obtained her doctorate in clinical psychology at the University of North Dakota. She completed her pre-doctoral training at May Institute, and served as a clinical director for the Institute's largest special education school prior to assuming her role at the National Autism Center.

Dr. Rue's peer-reviewed publications span topics in basic operant research and applied research. Her current research interests include identification of evidenced-based practice for treatment of autism spectrum disorders, investigation of behavior reduction procedures, and skill acquisition procedures. She has traveled throughout the country and abroad delivering lectures and presentations in her areas of expertise.