

## Lead Consultant

**Bennett L. Leventhal, M.D.** is one of the three principal administrators of the Autism Program. Dr. Leventhal is professor and director of the Center for Child Health Developmental Disabilities and Neurosciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He works closely with

the university's The Institute of Juvenile Research, within the Department of Psychiatry in the College of Medicine, and the Institute on Disability and Human Development within the College of Applied Sciences.

He has worked extensively in the areas of autism, attention disorders, community services, developmental disorders, genetics, juvenile justice and psycho pharmacology. Dr. Leventhal is an active clinician, educator and investigator, as well as an academic and clinical administrator. The primary focus of his current work is on medical education, the diagnosis, etiology and treatment of early-onset childhood psychopathology, particularly autism, and developing new strategies for mental health services delivery to youth.

Dr. Leventhal is a diplomat of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in both general psychiatry and child and adolescent psychiatry, a fellow of both the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and the American Psychiatric Association. He is a member of several boards including the panel of professional advisors of the Autism Society of America. Dr. Leventhal has also served as a consultant and lecturer to numerous agencies and organizations, locally, nationally, and abroad.

Dr. Leventhal received his medical degree from Louisiana State University School of Medicine at New Orleans. He completed his residency and fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry at Duke University Medical Center.

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## Statewide Expert Consultation Services

The Autism Program, a statewide system development initiative, is dedicated to the implementation of programs to support evidence-based practices and build community-based capacity for the diagnosis, treatment and support for individuals with autism spectrum disorder and their families. This effort requires an orchestrated effort inclusive of all elements of the system of care and encompassing all parts of the state.

The Autism Program and the Hope Institute for Children and Families, in collaboration with Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation, University of Illinois Institute for Juvenile Research, SIU School of Medicine-Telehealth Network, and SIU School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics have convened a panel of experts to provide information and case-based consultation across the state through a monthly telehealth consultation series.

This program is designed to build local expertise in autism, developmental disabilities and related disorders of socialization and cognition through case based consultation, resource sharing and

support between local providers. The monthly case presentations will provide opportunities to address common issues from medical, psychological, educational, community and familial perspectives.

Participants are encouraged to provide brief case presentations, followed by an in-depth panel discussion resulting in suggestions for systemic solutions to complex situations. The consultation service, led by Bennett Leventhal, M.D., includes case presentations and discussions with: Family Practice Physicians, Pediatricians, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Social Workers, Speech and Language Therapists, Parents and other allied providers.



## How to Participate

### Typical participants include:

**Family Practice Physicians**  
**Pediatricians**  
**Psychiatrists**  
**Psychologists**  
**Social Workers**  
**Speech Therapists**  
**EI providers**  
**Educational Provider**

Telehealth Consultations are provided statewide once a month for one hour sessions. Several locations are available for you to choose from.

To find the next available date and location closest to you please contact:

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