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I am a general pediatrician and health services researcher at Oregon Health & Science University. My research focuses on health care quality and health care disparities for children with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities. It is well-known that poor and minority families experience lower rates of autism diagnosis, delays in treatment, and lower-rates of evidence-based therapies. Our research attempts to highlight the nature of these disparities, understand the reasons behind them, and design evidence-based interventions to make access to developmental care more equitable.

We use a variety of approaches, including large database analysis, survey research techniques, qualitative techniques, and community-based interventions. We have particular involvement and expertise in cultural issues affecting Latinos, Oregon's largest minority group. Other areas of focus include low-income families and families experiencing employment and financial burden. This research involves close collaboration with local community partners as well as national stakeholders in the fields of developmental disabilities and health care disparities.