



Professional Day

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The CHARGE Syndrome Research Lab at Central Michigan University

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Presenter Information

Tim Hartshorne is a professor of psychology, specialized in school psychology, at Central Michigan University. His doctoral degree is from the University of Texas at Austin. He also has a master's degree in counseling and is a licensed professional counselor. He is the grant holder for DeafBlind Central: Michigan's Training and Resource Project, which provides support to children who are deafblind in Michigan. Much of his work is influenced and motivated by his son Jacob, who was born in 1989 with CHARGE syndrome. Tim's particular interests include understanding the challenging behavior exhibited by many individuals with deafblindness, CHARGE, and related syndromes, and also how severe disability impacts the family. He is the lead developer of a deafblind intervener training module on behavior for the National Center on Deaf-Blindness. He has been awarded the Star in CHARGE by the CHARGE Syndrome Foundation. His research was recognized in 2009 with the Central Michigan University President's Award for Outstanding Research. He is a frequent presenter on CHARGE and deafblindness.

Presentation Abstract

The CHARGE Lab at Central Michigan University began about 1999 when Tim Hartshorne started to study behavior in children with CHARGE. At first, it was quite small, but over time, more students, both graduate and undergraduate, have become interested in CHARGE and the work of the lab. Some of the graduates continue to work with children who have CHARGE. This presentation provides a bit of history, and then describes the research of the current lab members.

Learning Objectives

- Recognize the variety of research projects that are being conducted on CHARGE;
- Meet some of the people who will become professionals working with CHARGE.