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The study appeared in the August issue of the journal *Pediatrics*.

"Seeing the results as a percentage was pretty shocking," said lead author Hollie Hix-Small, who this year earned a doctorate from the Early Intervention Program in the UO College of Education. She now is a UO research associate and an independent early childhood consultant.

The 224-percent jump in referrals occurred despite just a 54 percent return rate of the survey, which was given to 1,428 parents or caregivers, and a 15 percent decrease in patient volume in the newborn to 2-year-old range compared to the control (no ASQ screening) year. Almost certainly, the referral rate would have been higher had more forms been completed, said co-author Dr. Kevin Marks, a pediatrician at the PeaceHealth Medical Group in Eugene.

"The study was about making quality improvements in health-care delivery," Marks said. "We had intuitions that physicians had difficulty identifying children with mild developmental delays, especially in the fine motor, problem-solving and personal-social domains. Physicians focus mostly on milestones involving communication and gross motor skills. The data show that when physicians suspect a delay, those children are almost always eligible for early intervention services, but, at the same time, we have our limited powers of observation."

Those limits, he added, often result from busy

offices, including tight scheduling and heavy patient loads.

The study also indicated that physicians had a greater difficulty identifying delays at 12 months compared to 24 months. "I intuitively thought that physicians took a wait-and-see approach with younger patients with likely delays, but the data suggest that they more often just miss those likely delayed children at the 12-month well-child visit," Marks said. "This finding was noteworthy and needs to be shared with other pediatricians."

The authors noted that an estimated 12 percent to 16 percent of U.S. children have developmental delays or behavioral problems, according to four studies they cited. Research also has shown that early intervention improves a child's long-term academic and behavioral outcomes.

"Many communities are struggling with getting their identification rates up," Hix-Small said. "We think that detection rates by physicians can go up when parents use some kind of a standardized parent-completed tool."

The ASQ – already recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics for other targeted age groups – was developed about 20 years ago by a team that included this study's other two co-authors, Jane Squires, director of the UO Early Intervention Program and professor in the department of special education, and Dr. Robert Nickel, professor of pediatrics at the Oregon Health & Science University in Portland. The ASQ covers different age intervals, from four months to five years. It includes 30 items and five questions on different areas of development.

In this study, 18 pediatricians and two nurse

practitioners participated.

"We found that many doctors were simply missing many kids and not because they were taking a 'wait-and-see' approach on possible delays," Marks said. "We, as doctors, are under identifying the number of children who can benefit from intervention. The paradox is that the children with mild delays are the same ones who oftentimes respond well to early intervention. I like to say that the brain is like a piece of hot plastic. You have to work with it and mold it before it solidifies."

Those most likely to benefit from early intervention, he added, are children with mild delays, children from low socioeconomic backgrounds and younger children with early signs of autism.

The UO's Early Intervention Program now is experimenting with a Web-based version of the ASQ to streamline the process so that more parents and/or caregivers will use the form to assist their children's pediatricians, Hix-Small said. On the Web site (<http://asq.uoregon.edu/>), parents and caregivers can complete the ASQ. Participation is free and confidential.

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"Dean Paris has done a superior job since she was appointed to the position in 2006," Brady said. "I am thrilled to have her secured for the next few years. Her work will continue to benefit not just the School of Law but the university as a whole."

Paris joined the law school faculty in 1992 after six years specializing in white-collar criminal law

in Chicago for Cotsirilos, Stephenson, Tighe & Streicker Ltd. Since then, she has taught advanced appellate advocacy, criminal law, criminal investigation, criminal adjudication, violence and the law and courses focusing on white collar crime. Paris continues to write extensively. She is one of five authors of "Mastering Criminal Procedure" (Carolina Academic Press, forthcoming 2008). In addition, she served as associate dean for academic affairs at the law school from 2002 to 2005.

"I love the university, this community and this law school," Paris said. "It is an honor to lead the UO School of Law."

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During the week, there will be music from KWVA and events including a quiz show "Are you smarter than your college student?" at 3 p.m. on Thursday and international music from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday. The ASUO Street Faire returns to campus beginning on Wednesday and features artists and vendors from the local area.

In addition to Homecoming traditions, there will be a "Double Duck" event Thursday, Oct. 11 at 4 p.m. Double Ducks are UO graduates who are also UO employees.

The Homecoming Committee, along with the UO

Alumni Association and the Office of Student Life, invite Double Ducks to an Ice Cream Social in Gerlinger Alumni Lounge. Let us say "Thank You" – come and meet other Ducks that appreciate UO in the same way, and enjoy some ice cream, beverages and receive a gift for your commitment to the university.

For a complete listing of events, including the Pep Rally at the Duck Store at Autzen Stadium, the Duck Dash on Saturday, and the Official UO Tailgate Party prior to kick-off, go to uoalumni.com.

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Professor Mary Christina Wood from the Environmental and Natural Resource Law Program will deliver a keynote entitled "Government's Atmospheric Trust Responsibility." Oregon, Washington, and California are all implementing state- and local-level regulations and policies to address climate change. Will these states be successful? This symposium will address this important question with panels exploring the West Coast's approach to climate change issues through market mechanisms, regulation, and litigation.

The 2007 Symposium is sponsored by the Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation and the

Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program. The Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation (JELL) has provided a national, unbiased forum for the discussion and presentation of new ideas and theories in environmental and natural resources law since 1985. JELL educates students for careers in environmental law, disseminates important information to the environmental community, and plays an integral role at the University of Oregon Law School's nationally and internationally recognized environmental law program. The Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program pioneered the earliest academic curriculum in public interest environmental law, and created the first public interest environmental law clinic in the nation.

The symposium will begin by identifying and analyzing Oregon, Washington, and California's climate change policies. This part of the day will focus on the effect of regional policies to combat climate change. During the afternoon the symposium will focus on litigation and other legal aspects of climate change in the region.

Each year the Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation holds a free, public symposium on a current environmental issue in order to provide a national, unbiased forum for the discussion and presentation of new ideas and theories in public interest environmental and natural resource law. JELL also attempts to offer a broad range of articles and essays that reflect both the theoretical and practical aspects of environmental law. Please see the symposium Web site (<http://www.law.uoregon.edu/org/jell/climate.php>) for registration, travel, lodging, and scheduling details or contact Christina Davis at 541-346-3891 or cdavis6@uoregon.edu.

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"Frank was chosen for his tireless efforts toward the passage of Solar Energy on Public Buildings, HB-2620, which will restart the incorporation of solar design considerations into our buildings," said Jon Miller, executive director of the association. "Frank has been working on solar

issues for over 25 years, so it was really nice to choose him as the first person to win the award and recognize the work he has done for furthering solar energy in Oregon."

House Bill 2620, introduced by State Rep. Paul Holvey, D-Eugene, was signed into law by the governor in June and takes effect Jan. 1, 2008. The measure requires state and local government to devote at least 1.5 percent of the cost of constructing a new building or renovating an existing building to solar energy technologies -- if the project receives state funds. Passive solar energy investments can meet the requirement if they reduce energy use by at least 20 percent.

Vignola, who joined the UO faculty in 1977, said he was honored by the award. He earned his master's and doctoral degrees in physics from the UO. He is a member of the International Solar Energy Society and is a Fellow of the American Solar Energy Society.

OSEIA's Legacy Award will be given annually. It recognizes an individual or entity successfully creating conditions, such as public policy, leading to a positive impact on future generations of Oregonian's.

"From our point of view, the furthering of solar energy initiatives or policy is a major factor in our selection," Miller said.

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Reserved seat tickets, ranging from \$20 to \$40, are available in advance from the Hult Center (682-5000) or the EMU ticket office on campus (346-4363). The program includes the three string quartets by Johannes Brahms: Quartet in C

Minor, Op. 51, No. 1; Quartet in A Minor, Op. 51, No. 2; and Quartet in B-flat Major, Op. 67.

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Formed in the bicentennial year of the United States, the Emerson String Quartet took its name from the great American poet and philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson. Violinists Eugene Drucker and Philip Setzer alternate in the first chair position and are joined by violist Lawrence Dutton and cellist David Finckel.

The Quartet has performed numerous benefit concerts for causes ranging from nuclear disarmament to campaigns against AIDS, world hunger and children's diseases. The Quartet members were honored by the Governor of Connecticut for their outstanding cultural contributions to the state, and in 1994 received the University Medal for Distinguished Service

from the University of Hartford, where they were quartet-in-residence for two decades until 2002. In 1995, each member was awarded an honorary doctoral degree by Middlebury College in Vermont.

The musicians have also received a Smithsonian Award from the Smithsonian Institution. In 2006, the quartet received an honorary doctorate from Wooster College, where it has performed frequently.

For more information, or to receive a complete calendar of events, call the UO music school weekdays, 541-346-5678, or visit music.uoregon.edu.

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The CMS series five concerts featuring world-class chamber music artists is celebrating its 40th anniversary, and is the only local arts organization devoted solely to chamber music. Included on this season's roster are the Emerson String Quartet (Oct. 4); the Kavafian-Schub-Shifrin Trio (Oct. 21); the acclaimed Waverly Consort in "The Christmas Story" (Nov. 25); America's Dream Chamber Artists (Jan. 31); and The Mozart Piano Quartet (March 6).

For UO faculty and staff who would like an inexpensive way to sample the series, reserved seat tickets for the Oct. 21 concert with Ani Kavafian (violin/viola), Andre-Michel Schub (piano),

and David Shifrin (clarinet) are being offered at \$10, \$15, \$18, and \$20. This is 33-40 percent off the regular price. To receive the discounted tickets for this concert, faculty and staff must show their ID at either the Hult Center Box Office or the EMU Ticket Office. Full season subscriptions may be purchased for \$76, \$107, \$128, or \$157, depending on the seating area of Beall Concert Hall.

For more information on the Chamber Music Series and the coming season, call the School of Music at 346-5678, or check: <http://music.uoregon.edu/CMS/schedule.html>.

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