



**Dr. Charles Geier** was selected for the new cohort of the prestigious UGA Rural Engagement Workshop for Academic Faculty program.



**Lauren Holley** was recognized as an outstanding student-staff member at UGA. She also won Best Poster at the Emory MR Symposium in February 2025.



163 Family Visits Complete

144 BIRC Visits Complete

11 March Recruitments

**171**

**Families  
 Recruited**

## New Improvements at the BIRC



Installing new MRI equipment is challenging, but these new headphones are worth it! They fit all head sizes, enhance noise reduction, and came all the way from Asia!



Based on family feedback, we explored options for better keypad control for smaller hands. These circular grips help kids use their pointer finger and thumb to play the pirate game more easily.



## Current Research at GCDS

- ◆ Assaf Oshri, Ph.D., Cullin Howard, Sihong Liu, Ph.D, & Erin Duprey, Ph.D  
*Chapter on Resilience Methods*
- ◆ GCDS & RIT  
*Video plethysmography*
- ◆ GCDS & RIT  
*Stressed Emotional N-Back*
- ◆ GCDS & RIT  
*Brain Activation and Stress Response Systems links*
- ◆ GCDS & Brian Bauer, Ph.D.  
*Fathering and brain activation interaction contributions to suicidal ideation.*
- ◆ GCDS & Geoffrey Brown, Ph.D.  
*Fathering influences on prosocial behaviors and contributions to suicidal ideation.*



## Ongoing Collaborations

Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)

Dr. Brian Bauer,  
University of Georgia

Dr. Geoffrey Brown,  
University of Georgia



## Visiting Researchers



February 12-13

**Dr. Gill Tsouri**, Professor of Electrical and Microelectronic Engineering at RIT, visited GCDS to discuss research collaborations. He explored data processing strategies, methodological challenges, and potential partnerships.



March 13

**Dr. Ashley Sanders**, Assistant Professor of Behavioral and Brain Sciences at UGA, presented her talk "Groundbreaking Exploration: Neural Immune Crosstalk and Childhood Disadvantage" at GCDS to students and staff.

**15**

## Undergraduate Research Assistants

**13**  
CURO students

**1**  
Volunteer

## URA Spotlight



**Daylen Lomeli's** research abstract was accepted into the first annual National Undergraduate Research Conference at Brown University - April 12th, 2025



## CURO Award Winners

- ◆ Daylen Lomeli
- ◆ Nicki Orouji
- ◆ Victoria Vega
- ◆ Shani Gilad
- ◆ Logan Aimone
- ◆ Gabriel Burns



## Family and Community Engagement

- ◆ Parent Expo: Connecting Resources on DisAbility at a Time  
*3/15, Greensboro*
- ◆ Backpack Project: 2025 Resource Fair  
*3/22, Athens*
- ◆ U-Lead Athens: DreamFest 2025  
*3/29, Athens*
- ◆ 2nd Annual Resiliency Extravaganza  
*3/29, Gainesville*

