

Capacity of CHIP: Since its founding, CHIP-I has focused on the three activities: promoting of awareness of autism, supporting methods of early identification and access to care, and the teaching of ABA . Due to high volume of special needs, training in learning disabilities is included. Below is a list of the work accomplished to date:

Date	Location and Forum	Activity
April 2011	Accra, Ghana: First International Conference on Autism in West Africa	Presentation by Stamatios Gianoumis with Mary Diop to 150 participants from West Africa
April 2011	Senegal, Three workshops on autism and ABA	<p>Mary Diop and Stamatios Gianoumis organize and lead workshops attended by 120 parents and professionals.</p> <p>The purpose was to explore the interest and openness in Senegal for discussing the sensitive topic of autism. The workshops confirmed the need and the interest of teachers in learning more. Parents were also interested in helping special needs/autistic children in the home.</p>
January 2012	<p>Senegal, Five-day training on ABA and Verbal Behavior, a high-level director from the Ministry of Education opened the training.</p> <p>The Government of Senegal has provided for “inclusive education” for its students. It is only recently that the practice has been implemented and teachers are eager to learn how to manage students with different needs in the regular classroom.</p>	<p>100 individuals attended and 62 completed all workshops. The training was organized by Mary Diop and in part with the First Lady of Senegal, the Minister of Education and a Senator.</p> <p>Stamatios Gianoumis was the consultant/trainer.</p> <p>The workshop was videotaped and a Senegalese television crew reported on the event.</p> <p>Pre- and post-evaluations of the workshop resulted in high scores for the content and teaching methods and instructor.</p>
October 2012	Senegal, Two-day training on curriculum development	Stamatios Gianoumis led instruction for 50 professionals (many of whom attended the January 2012 workshop). Pre and post evaluations were taken.
October 2012	Babies and the Child International Conference (one day)	Mary Diop attended and made contacts with physicians from Mauritania and Benin interested in the CHIP-I training program.
February 2013	Thiaroye, Hospital-based workshop on ABA-VB	Stamatios Gianoumis trained 30 participants, included professionals from Mauritania, France, Congo, and Burkina Faso.
February 2013	Private training for Dr. I. Ba(Senegal) and Dr. Diagana (Mauritania) on autism diagnosis	<p>Instruction on the use of the MChat, CARS and Vineland tests were provided by Stamatios Gianoumis .</p> <p>While there, CHIP-I met with hospital neurologist</p>

		and President of the National Association of Pediatricians to determine dates and organization of a June presentation on “Identification of Autism and its Diagnosis” at the University of Dakar.
June 2013	Senegal, University of Dakar, presentation and private meetings. The presentation was covered by a local journalist resulting in an article published in a local magazine	Stamatios Gianoumis presented to 35 pediatricians, doctors, directors of centers and government officials. Additional Meetings: First physical therapist in Senegal, a doctor with an autistic child and the director of a small program CHIP International : 1.)visited the Centre Talibou Dabo, 2.)had an interview with the Director of Action Social, a branch of Ministry of Health which is responsible for the handicapped and 3.)visited the director of Centre des Travailleurs Sociaux et Educateurs Speciaux.
Nov. 11, 2013	New York University, Global Public Health Department	Presentation by Stamatios Gianoumis on CHIP – I’s work on autism with a cultural perspective to a freshman class of 30.
Nov. 10-14, 2014	University of Cape Coast – School of Medical Science in Ghana(UCCSMS)	Four-day workshop by Casey McFeely on autism and Applied Behavior Analysis with Mary Diop to medical students, doctors and directors of specialized centers with their collaboration at the University of Cape Coast’s – School of Medical Science to 180 participants. Continuing Education Credits approved.
Jan. 2015	University of Dakar, Senegal	A panel discussion with Ousmane Ndiaye, MD and General Secretary or National Association of Pediatricians in Senegal(MC), Dr. Moustapha Ndiaye, Neuropediatrician(Clinical Assessment), Dr. Lamine Fall, Director of Keur Khalleyi, Casey McFeely(ABA), Claude Sarr, ex-Director of Centre Aminata MBaye(Community acceptance and Participation) for 38 participants with Mary Diop.
Jan. 2015	Centre Aminata MBaye, Dakar, Senegal	Casey McFeely worked with 2 teachers trained by CHIP-I on ABA.
Apr. 2, 2015	World Autism Day – Light it up Blue – National Monument Dakar	150 children organized with 50 caretakers a coordination of movements on the 180 steps leading up to La Renaissance africaine, a symbol of the family, which was illuminated in blue for the very first time in Senegal and in solidarity with the rest of the world for the awareness of autism.
April 2, 2015	World Autism Day – Light it up Blue in Accra and at the University of Cape Coast –School	A number of films on autism were shown in the evening at the University which was lit in blue and two malls in Accra as well with blue carpets,

	of Medical Science	television and speakers.
May 2015	Residence Mamoune, DAKAR	Dr. Moustapha Ndiaye , Neuropediatrician, and Mary Diop conducted a presentation on Autism as a start-off point for the 38 parents to ask questions and have discussion .
Nov. 10-13, 2015	University of Cape Coast – School of Medical Science	At their request and in collaboration with (UCCSMS), for the second year, two 2-day workshops were conducted by Dr. Elizabeth Drame, Ph.D. and Chair of the Dept. of Exceptional Education at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee: 2 days on the Identification and Diagnosis of Autism to the 150 medical students and doctors and 2 days on Learning Disabilities to 168 pre-school and elementary school teachers equaling 318 participants. Continuing Education credits approved. Mary Diop gave closing speech.
Dec . 19, 2015	Residence Mamoune, DAKAR	15 parents came to a power point presentation by Dr. E. Drame and Mary Diop with a dynamic parent- question- and- answer- session .
April 1 st , 2 nd , 23 rd 2016	Event for “Light it up Blue” initiated by CHIP-I in Senegal at the national Monument of the renaissance africaine and Ghana at the Grand Mosque Training of 27 regional representatives from Special Olympics in Senegal on the identification of Autism for a participation in the regions for World Autism day April 2 nd by M. Claude Sarr and Mme Samb, CHIP-I.	7 specialized centers for children participated in an arts project on March 17 th for display at Monument the 2 nd ; they also came with caretakers to the Monument in Senegal for a harmonious get-together on the 1 st of April to prepare for the 2 nd of April.; Panel discussion with the Minister of Health and doctors, 7 specialists, at Keur Khalleyi with 200 parents on April 2 nd ; ; in the afternoon, 350 kids from the centers with a total participation for afternoon at over 600 came to the Monument for their special day; April 23 rd had 50 participants in the first march ever in Senegal, initiated by CHIP-I. National Monument de la Renaissance africaine was lit up in blue. Ghana had prominent speakers and lit up the grand mosque in Accra for hundreds.
April 8, 2016	Keur Imagination	A children’s Museum recently opened, invited 20 teachers/directors of schools to have a training with M. Sarr and Mme. Samb on autism and the acceptance and participation of the community.
May 2016	Casamance: Ziguinchor public school and a private French school	1-day presentations on autism and community participation to 46 and 20 participants, respectively by M. Claude Sarr.
July 2016	Keur Imagination	Reinvited to do a practical training by Mme Samb with 3 teachers from Keur Imagination working with the children with autism
November 10-13, 2016	University of Cape Coast – School of Medical Science	Over 200 students, teachers, professionals and parents attended a 3-day workshop on “Communication: Strategies and Skills for the Special Needs Child” by Cheryl Small Jackson

		50 teachers in special needs' centers participated in a "Troubles Specifique de l'Apprentissage" with Dr. Elizabeth Drame in Dakar , Dec. 19-20, 2016.
Monthly Training 2017	Special Needs Centers in Dakar	Learning disabilities' training offered to all teachers at each of the centers; this will continue for the year; conducted by Mme Samb, Psychologist and M. Claude Sarr, former Director Centre Aminata MBaye
	April 2 nd Event : World Autism Day: 2015 & 2016& 2017 Senegal & Ghana	Organized a coordinating committee and panel discussions(Ker Khalleyi and ENTSS) where Minister of Health participated one year; 300 children and 500+ adults in Senegal and hundreds in Ghana for each of the three years.
April 23 2016	First March ever down the main street of Dakar	50 children and adults with Claude Sarr.
	Established a coordination of centers initiated by CHIP-I reps in Ghana and Senegal	Regular meetings with specialized centers to find common ground and a unified force for changing policy/actions towards the special needs' person.
Results as of April 11, 2017	Total Number of individuals exposed to the methodology ABA & ABA-VB and/or Learning Disabilities' Techniques	971
	Total Number of participants, awareness raised about autism	492
	Total individuals (events not included).	1463