ARI – In many ways, the only one of its kind...

The Autism Research Institute (ARI) is the inspirational soul of all that is appropriate in autism research leading to cutting edge care treatment, habilitation initiatives, approaches, interventions, education and training. ARI, from day one, has also acknowledged the primacy of parents and families in decision making concerning their autistic family members.

Like the Autism Society of America, ARI was founded by the late Dr. Bernard Rimland. A prime mission of Dr. Rimland was the promulgation of the <u>truth</u> about autism's uniqueness, and the need for a lifespan continuum of autism-appropriate programs and services, enabling individualized planning with informed parental oversight.

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