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**Center for Autism and Related Disorders Partners with Leading Sacramento
Pediatrician to Benefit Children with Autism**

CARD will partner with developmental pediatrician Dr. Linda Copeland to offer families one-stop access to medical and behavioral health services.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (Sept. 11, 2014) - Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD) today announced its partnership with leading developmental pediatrician Dr. Linda Copeland. This will be the first autism treatment center in the Sacramento area to offer both behavioral and medical treatment for children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) at the same location. CARD provides applied behavior analysis (ABA) therapy for individuals with ASD and will enhance its services with the addition of Dr. Copeland. Dr. Copeland is one of two pediatricians in the United States who also holds the Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) credential, widely regarded as the preeminent credential for individuals who treat the delays and behaviors commonly associated with ASD. Dr. Copeland will work with CARD's behavior experts to provide comprehensive treatment to ensure that medical issues are addressed in concert with behavioral issues. Research demonstrates that children respond better to behavioral treatment when their medical issues are also addressed.

"We are honored to welcome Dr. Linda Copeland to our center," said Dr. Doreen Granpeesheh, founder and CEO of CARD. "Her wealth of knowledge in both medical and behavioral treatments for children with autism will uniquely benefit the families she treats."

Dr. Copeland has extensive experience conducting developmental assessments of children from birth to 18 for a wide range of issues, particularly autism. She is experienced in helping parents advocate for funding from regional centers and school districts and has consulted on the Individual Education Plan (IEP) process for school-related concerns.

CARD services include center-based treatment, home-based services and supervision, parent training, and school shadowing. Clients benefit from CARD's cutting-edge individualized

curriculum while receiving care from top-quality ABA therapists and Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) supervisors.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), estimates that one in every 68 children in America is diagnosed with ASD, with one in 42 boys and one in 189 girls diagnosed. This is more than a 30 percent increase since the 2008 report.

About Dr. Linda Copeland

Dr. Linda Copeland is a board-certified developmental behavioral pediatrician and a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). She has extensive experience conducting developmental assessments of children from birth to 18 for a wide range of issues. These include developmental delay, developmentally at-risk children due to premature birth or chronic medical conditions, autism, other developmental disabilities (including a variety of genetic disorders), learning problems, general behavior problems, school concerns, ADHD, childhood anxiety, pediatric feeding issues, pediatric obesity, and children with complex combinations of concerns.

About Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD)

CARD treats individuals of all ages who are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) at its 26 treatment centers around the globe. CARD was founded in 1990 by leading autism expert and clinical psychologist Doreen Granpeesheh, PhD, BCBA-D. CARD treats individuals with ASD using the principles of applied behavior analysis (ABA), which is empirically proven to be the most effective method for treating individuals with ASD and recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the US Surgeon General. CARD employs a dedicated team of over 1,500 individuals across the nation and internationally. For more information, visit www.centerforautism.com or call (855) 345-2273.

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