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**Center for Autism and Related Disorders to Host Open House at New San Antonio Location**

*Leading autism treatment provider, the Center for Autism and Related Disorders, moves to a new location in San Antonio, TX. to treat individuals diagnosed with autism.*

SAN ANTONIO (Feb. 25, 2015) - Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD) today announced that its treatment center in San Antonio will host an open house at its new location of 11306 Sir Winston St., Building F, San Antonio, TX 78216. Attendees will meet the CARD team, tour the facility, and enjoy live entertainment, child-friendly activities, and complimentary refreshments. Guests will also hear a presentation on the CARD Model for treating individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

"We are excited to share our new center with the San Antonio autism community," said Aimee Sienkiewicz, M.Ed., BCBA, and clinical manager designee at CARD. "Our mission is to ensure that every individual diagnosed with autism has access to top-quality treatment to reach his or her full potential." Aimee will be leading a presentation on applied behavior analysis (ABA), the most effective, evidence-based treatment for individuals with autism.

One-to-one Center Based Services (CBS) are among those services provided at the new San Antonio location. When compared to individuals receiving ABA treatment in the home environment, individuals who receive CBS have been shown to have up to 85% better performance. CBS also allows children with autism to expand their social skills and have play dates in the safety of a supervised CARD clinic.

The new San Antonio location will be one of several CARD treatment centers to begin providing the Program for the Education and Enrichment of Relational Skills (PEERS<sup>®</sup>), a 14-week parent-assisted social skills intervention for motivated middle and high school students with ASD. The program, originally developed at UCLA by Dr. Elizabeth Laugeson and Dr. Fred Frankel, is comprised of weekly 90-minute sessions that help teens with ASD develop social skills, including conversation skills, appropriate use of humor, coping with rejection, and much more. Parents attend separate sessions that help them effectively assist their children in managing their social lives.

CARD's San Antonio location is covered by a Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) grant, which provides underserved children with ASD up to 24 months of treatment from CARD.

**About Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD)**

CARD treats individuals of all ages who are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) at 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 nearly 2,000 individuals across the nation and internationally. For more information, visit [www.centerforautism.com](http://www.centerforautism.com) or call (855) 345-2273.

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