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CARD Louisiana Autism Conference to Showcase Effective Treatment Interventions for Individuals on the Spectrum, August 24th in Baton Rouge

Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD) will host a free conference in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on Saturday, August 24, 2013, for parents, educators, caregivers, practitioners, and other professionals to learn about the most effective intervention strategies and groundbreaking technologies for individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

BATON ROUGE, LA – August 24, 2013 CARD Louisiana Autism Conference, designed for parents, practitioners, educators, and caregivers, will be held on Saturday, August 24, 2013, at the Oak Lodge Conference and Convention Center in Baton Rouge. The free, one-day conference hosted by Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD), Inc., will feature keynote speaker, world-renowned autism expert/clinical psychologist, and CARD founder/ CEO Doreen Granpeesheh, Ph.D., BCBA-D. Attendees must register online at <http://conference.centerforautism.com>.

CARD is one of the world's largest and most effective autism treatment providers offering evidence-based, state-of-the-art services to individuals of all ages. The upcoming conference will include presentations on "Creating a Comprehensive and Individualized Treatment Program for a Child with Autism Spectrum Disorder" by Dr. Doreen Granpeesheh; "Practical Solutions for Addressing Challenging Behaviors" by Dr. Dennis Dixon; and "Skills@: A Web-Based Toolkit for the Effective Management of Autism Treatment" by Dr. Adel Najdowski, as well as a screening of RECOVERED: Journeys Through the Autism Spectrum and Back, an award-winning documentary produced by CARD about four children who have recovered from autism which includes documentation of therapy sessions, along with interviews of the children who are now teenagers, their parents, therapists, and the founder of CARD. Following the screening, conference attendees are invited to join the experts for a panel discussion regarding children with ASD and treatment services in Louisiana, as well as topics presented at the conference.

"We are very excited to be able to bring such a comprehensive, no-cost conference to Louisiana," says Doreen Granpeesheh, Ph.D. BCBA-D. "We believe everyone should have access to effective autism intervention, and those affected by ASD should have the opportunity to lead healthy, happy, and productive lives."

According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 1 in every 88 children in the U.S. is diagnosed with an ASD, making it more prevalent than juvenile diabetes, pediatric cancer, and pediatric AIDS combined. In August, 2009, CARD researchers published "Retrospective Analysis of Clinical Records in 38 Cases of Recovery from Autism" in the *Annals of Clinical Psychiatry*, showing that recovery from autism is possible. CARD services include (but are not limited to) center-based treatment, home-based services, school shadowing, and parent training. The CARD treatment model is based on the scientifically proven principles of applied behavior analysis (ABA). CARD's comprehensive model of treatment includes over 3,500 lessons in eight areas of learning: academic, adaptive, cognition, executive function, language, motor, play, and social skills. The model's relationship-building, cognitive, and executive-functioning programs are known throughout the world for their focus on developing advanced skills, such as perspective taking (i.e., inferring others' thoughts and feelings) and developing and maintaining friendships. CARD has also developed and utilizes technology to increase global access to effective autism treatment.

About Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD):

CARD treats individuals of all ages who are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) at its 25 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 behavioral 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 employees a dedicated team of over 1,000. For more information about the Center for Autism and Related Disorders, visit: <http://www.centerforautism.com> or call (855) 345-2273.

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