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Center for Autism and Related Disorders Offers Free Challenging Behavior Care to Children Who Reside in Phoenix and Surrounding Areas

PHOENIX, ARIZONA – JANUARY 20, 2012 The Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD), one of the world's largest autism treatment centers using state-of-the art therapy, announces its CARD Arizona office is now offering free specialized outpatient services for children with challenging behaviors. This service is made possible through CARD's First Things First grant awarded by the state of Arizona and is open to all families regardless of whether or not their child is diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. Intervention includes one-to-one in-home therapy, as well as parent training classes.

Families need to meet the following criteria to qualify:

- Have a child from 0 to 5 years of age
- Have a child who displays challenging behavior
- Reside in the Northeast Maricopa Region (Arizona) including the following towns:
 - Carefree
 - Cave Creek
 - Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
 - Fountain Hills
 - Paradise Valley
 - Scottsdale

Families must also reside in one of the following zip codes:

- 85250
- 85251
- 85253
- 85254
- 85255
- 85257
- 85258
- 85259
- 85260
- 85262
- 85263
- 85264
- 85268
- 85269
- 85331
- 85377

CARD's specialized outpatient service targets a child's more extreme behaviors which can make daily life difficult for a family. These services are a short-term intervention meant to fill any gaps not covered by other therapies. The goal is to make the home lives of families as enjoyable and productive as possible.

For more information about the free specialized outpatient services, contact Katherine Gutshall, MA, BCBA by telephone at (818) 345-2345 extension 297 or by email at k.gutshall@centerforautism.com.

About the Center for Autism and Related Disorders:

The Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD) is one of the world's largest and most successful organizations treating children with autism, Asperger's syndrome, PDD-NOS, and related disorders using state-of-the-art therapy. CARD treats autism using the principles and procedures of applied behavior analysis which has been empirically proven to be the most effective method for treating individuals with autism and is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the US Surgeon General. For more information about the Center for Autism and Related Disorders, visit: www.centerforautism.com.

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