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Autism Center for Children Joins Cherokee County School District's Work-Based Learning Program

Top High School Students Now Have the Opportunity to Work Alongside One of the Top Clinicians in the Autism Field to Gain a Head Start on Their Future Academic Paths

Woodstock, GA – February 1, 2018 – Autism Center for Children, a practice advancing early diagnosis and treatment of autism in toddlers, today announced that it has joined Cherokee County School District's (CCSD) Work-Based Learning Program to give top high school students a new opportunity to work alongside one of the top clinicians in the field of autism, Dr. Julie Crittendon. Interns and volunteers will work with her and a welcoming group of behavior therapists who provide live one-on-one intensive Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy to children aged one to four years old at the Autism Center for Children in Woodstock. This partnership affords local students a unique way to obtain their career pathway requirements, service hour requirements, and to build their resume or learn more about the psychology, therapy, and/or mental health fields.

"We are forging a great relationship with the Cherokee County School District, and are delighted to give their great students this special opportunity," declares Dr. Crittendon. "We pilot-tested it last year, and it went so well that we are formalizing it this year. Our inaugural student, Ricky Alvarado, did an exceptional job in clinic, and his senior project raised money for more than sixty copies of a book that we are giving out to all parents of newly-diagnosed toddlers. Ricky is a great example of the exceptional students that are graduating from Cherokee schools, and he has a very, very bright future that we are proud to play a part in."

David Dunn, Ed. S., the Career Pathway Facilitator and National Technical Honor Society Advisor from Etowah High School plays a vital role in connecting students to the Autism Center for Children. Students then selected by Dr. Crittendon will get the opportunity to perform administrative and supportive tasks, while observing the therapist team at the Autism Center. They will also have senior projects of their own, upon which Dr. Crittendon will serve as project facilitator.



“We want to thank Mr. Dunn, everyone at Etowah High, and the rest of CCSD’s Work-Based Learning program for letting us be a part of students’ success,” adds Dr. Crittendon. “We look forward to summer volunteers and to new interns coming in the fall. The future is bright for the Autism Center for Children, but especially for the top students in Cherokee County.”

For more information on this Autism Center for Children opportunity, visit www.AutismCenterGA.com, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AutismCenterGA and Twitter [@AutismAtlanta](https://twitter.com/AutismAtlanta).

About the Autism Center for Children

For parents concerned about their toddler's social communication development, the Autism Center for Children provides accurate identification and treatment of autism – at the earliest possible signs of detection – for the most immediate, profound and lasting improvement in their quality of life.

Dr. Crittendon is a licensed clinical psychologist, Ph.D., BCBA-D, and the head of the Autism Center for Children. Her practice is a culmination of her work at Ole Miss, Kennedy Krieger Institute/Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, University of Tennessee, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and with the Autism Partnership in California. The Autism Center for Children is proud to offer an increasing range of insurance coverage options for assessment and treatment of autism, and serves families in Atlanta and North Georgia from its main office in Woodstock, GA, conveniently located just off I-575 North at Exit 7 (Highway 92).

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