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## **Autism Center for Children Celebrates Three Years of Transforming Lives Across Atlanta**

*The Center's April 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coincides with National Autism Awareness Month*

Woodstock and Marietta, GA – April 12, 2019 – Autism Center for Children, a practice advancing early diagnosis and treatment of autism in toddlers, today recognized its three-year anniversary and the start of its fourth year of transforming lives across the metro Atlanta area. Dr. Julie Crittendon, licensed clinical psychologist, Ph.D., BCBA-D, is the head of the Autism Center. In just its first three years of operation, she and her expert staff have completed diagnostic assessments of children from over 100 families, delivered over 35,000 hours of intensive Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy, and have successfully served families from the Autism Center for Children's two clinics, West Cobb / Paulding (Marietta) and East Cobb / Cherokee (Woodstock).

"April is not only National Autism Awareness Month, it's also the anniversary of the Autism Center for Children's grand opening, now three years ago," notes Dr. Crittendon. "It is our mission to provide accurate identification and innovative treatment of autism – at the earliest possible signs of detection – for the most immediate, profound and lasting improvement in quality of life. I am proud that we are now able to serve more families than ever. In our third year, we tripled the size of our total office space with the addition of our new West Cobb / Paulding Center, and are continuing to add specialized staff positions to better respond to the increasing demand for our services from families all over Atlanta and North Georgia. We look forward to announcing even more growth milestones later this year."

In addition to accepting insurance including Aetna, Cigna and more, both Centers also accept Private (Self) Pay options for treatment services. Dr. Crittendon outlines the following parameters for its current openings for treatment:

- Immediate openings for our 5-star-rated intensive ABA treatment



- Up to 40 hours of therapy per child per week available (where deemed medically necessary based upon the individual child's needs)
- Toddlers 15 to 24 months who have been recently diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder (also provides assessment and diagnostic services for families of children under 24 months)
- Referrals from Babies Can't Wait and from leading pediatricians in Cherokee, Cobb and Paulding Counties (parents can even call us directly in cases where physician referral is not needed for insurance authorization)

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

#### **About the Autism Center for Children**

For parents, pediatricians and other care-givers 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 offers an increasing range of insurance coverage options for assessment and treatment of autism, and serves families in Atlanta and North Georgia from its offices in East Cobb / Cherokee (Woodstock) and in West Cobb / Paulding (Powder Springs / Marietta).

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