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Autism Center for Children Partners with Georgia State University

*Center Establishes a Formal Intensive Practicum for Future Behavior Analysts
at Georgia State University (GSU)*

Woodstock, GA – January 12, 2017 – Autism Center for Children, a practice advancing early diagnosis and treatment of autism in toddlers and children, today announced the launch of a new formal intensive practicum for future behavior analysts in the Master’s program at Georgia State University (GSU). The first wave of graduate-level practicum students will start at the Autism Center this month. These students will spend multiple hours per week doing intensive training in the Center, earning valuable clinical experience for their future careers.

Spearheaded by Dr. Christopher Tullis of the College of Education & Human Development, this formal intensive practicum is a new option of Georgia State University’s Applied Behavior Analysis Program. Students accepted into the practicum will have the opportunity to work under the supervision of Dr. Julie Crittendon, licensed clinical psychologist, Ph.D., BCBA-D, and the head of the Autism Center for Children, and her Director of Training, Amanda Bissonnette, M.Ed.

“The Autism Center for Children is committed to training future professionals, and this new partnership with the College of Education & Human Development at GSU is an exciting opportunity for all involved,” notes Dr. Crittendon. “It is our mission to provide identification and treatment of autism that delivers the most immediate, profound and lasting improvement in the quality of life for our clients. We are excited to provide students real world insight and experience into how we are transforming lives, one family at a time.”

Dr. Crittendon’s specialty is infant-toddler diagnostic assessment and early intervention with children diagnosed with autism. It is her intention that this program becomes the start of a long-term



partnership with the College of Education & Human Development at GSU, making the most advanced and intensive practicum opportunities always available to future students.

For more information on the Autism Center for Children, visit www.AutismCenterGA.com, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AutismCenterGA and Twitter [@AutismAtlanta](https://twitter.com/AutismAtlanta) or call 678-996-4998.

For more information on the GSU Applied Behavior Analysis Program, visit esc.education.gsu.edu and click on the “academics and admissions” tab, or contact the Educational Psychology, Special Education, and Communication Disorders recruitment team at escrecruitment@gsu.edu or Dr. Tullis at ctullis2@gsu.edu.

About Georgia State University

Georgia State University, an enterprising urban public research university, is a national leader in graduating students from widely diverse backgrounds. The student body of more than 53,000 demonstrates that students from all backgrounds can achieve at high rates with unsurpassed connections to the city’s business, government, nonprofit and cultural organizations.

The university offers 250 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in more than 100 fields of study in its nine colleges and schools: the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, the Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing and Health Professions, the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Education & Human Development, the Robinson College of Business, the Institute of Biomedical Sciences, the College of Law, the Honors College, Perimeter College and the School of Public Health.

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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