



The Center for Autism & Neurodevelopmental Disorders First in Orange County to Pilot Early Start Denver Model

Cutting-Edge Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Autism Spectrum Disorder

SANTA ANA, Calif. – April 20, 2018 – The Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders has been piloting the Early Start Denver Model (ESDM), a developmental, behavioral and relationship-based intervention program for infants and toddlers with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), over the past year. The Center is the only autism program in Orange County offering this cutting-edge and innovative early intervention therapy.

ESDM is a comprehensive behavioral early intervention approach for children with ASD, ages 1 to 4 years old. It is a play-based therapy that capitalizes on a child's interest to increase social engagement with others, and it is the only comprehensive early intervention model that has been validated in a randomized clinical trial for use with children under 18 months with ASD.

Over the past year, The Center has provided over 3,200 hours of direct intervention using this therapy. The Center plans to expand the program in 2018 by hiring and training more therapists.

"My sons have been a part of the ESDM program at The Center and I'm already seeing dramatic improvements in their communication skills and social engagement," said Danielle Reindl. "I am thankful to The Center for bringing this early intervention approach to Orange County."

"We've been piloting the innovative Early Start Denver Model in a community based setting for the last year, and are thrilled with the children's outcomes. We look forward to expanding this program to help even more children and families in Orange County," said Catherine Brock, M.A., executive director of The Center for Autism.

For more information about The Center, please visit www.thecenter4autism.org.



About The Center for Autism & Neurodevelopmental Disorders

Founded in 2001 (originally as For OC Kids), The Center is home to a team of experts in the field of autism and neurodevelopmental disorders. Since its opening, The Center has been a leader in clinical services, research, education, and outreach, serving clients from birth through 22 years old.

The Center was established to provide hope and help to children, adolescents, young adults and their families living with autism spectrum and other neurodevelopmental disorders through excellent and innovative clinical care, education and training, research and engagement. For more information, please visit www.thecenter4autism.org.

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