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THE CENTER FOR DEVELOPING MINDS OPENS CHILDREN'S CLINIC

Features Pediatric Expertise in Child Behavior, Development and Learning

Los Gatos, California – September 12, 2005 – The Center for Developing Minds, a specialty clinic devoted to developmental and behavioral pediatrics, today announced the grand opening of their new facility in Los Gatos, California. The multidisciplinary clinic will provide care for children and young adults who struggle at home and at school due to behavior issues, learning difficulties, developmental delays, social skill deficits, autism spectrum disorders, attention problems and psychological disorders.

A child's self-image is influenced by their performance in several domains, including academic achievement, social competence, athletic ability and behavioral control. How a child reads, runs, and relates to others hinges on a delicate balance of neurodevelopmental functions of the brain, such as memory, attention and language. Clinicians at the Center for Developing Minds specialize in uncovering subtle variations in every child's cognitive abilities, which, if left untreated, can lead to chronic frustration and unnecessary struggles. When properly identified, such weaknesses can be strengthened or accommodations can be made that allow the child to achieve to his or her potential.

Clinicians at the Center for Developing Minds craft their understanding of a child's neurodevelopmental functions based on focused behavioral observations of the child, developmental screenings and skilled interviews of both the child and his or her family. For children who underachieve academically, psychoeducational and neurodevelopmental evaluations are conducted to determine the child's strengths and weaknesses within the learning process. When there are concerns that developmental (e.g. autism) or mental health issues are preventing academic and social success, psychological testing is offered to determine the appropriate treatment plan.

The Center for Developing Minds provides each family with a thorough treatment program for their child – a Developing Minds Action Plan. The plan encompasses medical, behavioral and educational modifications, along with accommodations and therapies to be performed at home and school. When needed, expert medication management is available for children with neurodevelopmental and psychological disorders such as attention deficits, depression, anxiety, obsessions and compulsions, tics and limited impulse control.

The clinicians at the Center for Developing Minds will feature specialists in child behavior and development, including pediatricians, educational psychologists, speech and language pathologists, educators and occupational therapists.

The Center for Developing Minds is directed by Damon Korb, M.D., F.A.A.P., the only board certified behavioral and developmental pediatrician in private practice in the south bay area. Dr. Korb trained at the University of North Carolina with Mel Levine, M.D., considered one of the world's leading experts in the field of pediatric behavior and development. Prior to opening the Center for Developing Minds, Dr. Korb spearheaded the creation of the Center for Learning and Achievement at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, and assisted Kaiser Permanente with the implementation of their Autism Spectrum Disorder Clinic at Santa Theresa.

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