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Autism Center for Children to Host Nationally-Recognized Behavior Expert for Unique Training Opportunity

One of the Nation's Top Problem Behavior Experts, Dr. Greg Hanley, will Deliver Clinical Process Consultation to Staff, Students, Professionals and Parents Exclusively at Autism Center for Children Clinics at East Cobb / Cherokee and West Cobb / Paulding

Woodstock and Marietta, GA – November 20, 2019 – Autism Center for Children, Atlanta's leading practice advancing early diagnosis and treatment of autism in toddlers, today announced that it will host nationally-recognized behavior expert Dr. Greg Hanley for unique clinical process consultation opportunities for staff, students, professionals and parents. Dr. Julie Crittendon, the head of the Autism Center, has created this exclusive engagement for all to benefit from Dr. Hanley's research and methodologies to minimize problem behaviors in children of all ages. These special consultations will take place on Thursday, February 6, and Friday, February 7, 2020 at the Autism Center for Children's two Atlanta clinics, West Cobb / Paulding (Powder Springs) and East Cobb / Cherokee (Woodstock).

Dr. Hanley will provide clinical process consultation to the staff at the Autism Center for Children, client parents and families, and outside students and professionals. These engagements are designed to increase capacity of BCBAs and related personnel to routinely implement practical functional assessment processes for severe problem behavior and to eliminate severe problem behavior and minimize associated, non-dangerous behaviors via Skill-Based Treatments (SBT) designed from Practical Functional Assessment (PFA) processes. They will also teach parents and/or staff to maintain critical skills and near-zero levels of problem behavior for those who have experienced the PFA and SBT processes. The schedule for the trainings is as follows:

- Day 1: Interactive lecture on the PFA & SBT implementation (Autism Center for Children West Cobb / Paulding) – note to students and professionals: this day delivers 6 BACB CE credits (including 1.5 Ethics CEs), limited seating available



- Day 2: Supported implementation of PFA & SBT with three children (Autism Center for Children East Cobb / Cherokee), available only to staff and Autism Center's client families

Dr. Hanley currently advises doctoral candidates as a Research Professor at WNEU, serves as an Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, and leads FTF Behavioral, the international training and consulting group based in Worcester, Massachusetts.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Hanley and his FTF Behavioral team here to Atlanta for this exclusive training engagement," declares Dr. Crittendon. "This visit to our Autism Centers for Children underscores our mission to become a top training center for best practice treatment in Atlanta and the Southeast. These direct consultations with the leader in problem behavioral treatment reinforce our goal to always provide families, students and professionals with the most effective therapy that delivers the most significant results. At the same time, these exclusive sessions ensure that our therapists are benefitting from direct interaction and feedback from a top behavior expert whose research, writings and innovations are treasured nation-wide."

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

About FTF Consultants

FTF Consultants are expert in assessing and treating severe problem behavior. They are skilled in building capacity and confidence in others to safely and quickly assess and effectively treat severe problem behavior. FTF Consultants are equipped with a proven effective and generally applicable assessment and treatment process that puts safety and dignity before all else. Despite our assumption that extraordinary forms of problem behavior are usually learned from ordinary interactions, we take the universal precaution that all children have experienced trauma in situations like those in which people report problem behavior to be prevalent. The result is our commitment to open-door therapy models in which clients choose to participate and conversely may withdraw assent at any time. We also train others in the shared assumption that problem behavior is occasioned by an interaction of contextual factors and strengthened by personally unique combinations of events experienced following episodes of severe problem behavior or their precursors.

Dr. Hanley has been applying the principles of learning to improve socially important behaviors of children and adults with and without disabilities just under 30 years. He worked and trained at the Kennedy Krieger Institute, was degreed at the University of Florida, was tenured at the University of



Kansas, and directed the Behavior Analysis Doctoral Program and Life Skills Clinic at Western New England University (WNEU).

Dr. Hanley has published over 100 book chapters and articles in peer-reviewed journals in areas such as the assessment and prevention of problem behavior, teaching tactics for young children, and evidence-based values. Dr. Hanley is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association (Div. 25), past Associate Editor of *The Behavior Analyst*, and past Editor of the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis* and of *Behavior Analysis in Practice*.

He currently serves as a Research Professor at WNEU, an Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, and CEO of FTF Behavioral, an international training and consulting group based in Worcester, Massachusetts. This group of researcher-practitioners supports professionals attempting to create meaningful outcomes with practical functional assessment processes and skill-based treatments for addressing emerging and severe problem behavior, intractable stereotypy, food selectivity and mealtime problem behavior, and sleep problems.

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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