

# Excel Pediatric Therapy to Receive Designation as Certified Autism Center

October 12, 2015, ROCKWALL, TX – Excel Pediatric Therapy is undergoing training to earn its certification of Autism care from the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES). This designation means that at least 80% of the Excel Pediatric Therapy staff is currently undergoing a rigorous training process that will assist in providing speech pathology, occupational therapy and physical therapy services for those who have Autism.

"Becoming a IBCCES clinic reinforces to our clients, Excel's determination to provide the best, most up to date and aggressive treatment available for children with Autism," clinic co-owner Jeanine Thomas said.

Excel Pediatric Therapy is one of the first organizations in Texas to undergo this training for its staff, and earn the designation of the Certified Autism Center.

"I strongly believe that creating professional partnerships that help care for those with Autism and other sensory processing disorders improves the quality of care," said Michelle Killian, Director of IBCCES. "Disparities in patient-provider communication lower patient self-efficacy and usage of preventive services. This training can help eliminate that."

A Certified Autism Center provides a patient-friendly environment that includes:

- no sensory overload
- quiet rooms
- treatment that is minimally disruptive to the patient
- communication with family members regarding diagnosis and treatment
- a focus on "yes" or "no" questions to patient
- allowing patients to see and touch materials
- a health care professional manner that is direct and factual

IBCCES was formed in 2001 and is the leading credentialing organization for professionals in the field of Autism. IBCCES currently offers the Certified Autism Specialist, Autism Certificate and the Certified Autism Center designations. Autism, commonly known as ASD, is a neurodevelopmental disorder with a wide range of symptoms and impairment levels. According to a 2010 study conducted by the Center for Disease Control, 1 in 68 children in the US have been diagnosed with ASD. It is five times more common among boys than girls.

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## **About Excel Pediatric Therapy**

Excel Pediatric Therapy provides physical, occupational and speech therapy to children and adolescents from birth to seventeen. Excel is owned and operated by two physical therapists with over forty years of combined experience. With the use of our expertise and knowledge, Excel treats a multitude of neurological, orthopedic and developmental diagnosis. Progress is enhanced by incorporating both innovative and traditional therapeutic

tools. Excel addresses a child's needs using aggressive treatment, caregiver education and a facility that kids love. The staff at Excel is well known for its ability to treat children with symptoms of autism and ADHD.

### About IBCCES

In 2001, IBCCES (International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards) first established the industry standards for a Certified Autism Specialist. IBCCES leading standards are now used by organizations all over the world to ensure the highest quality of care and training for professionals in the field of Autism, with a goal to develop an army of highly trained and certified professionals who can improve the quality of life and education for individuals with Autism.

