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Spectra Support Services to Become Certified Autism Center

January 11, 2016, Philadelphia, PA – Spectra Support Services LLC 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 Spectra Support Services’ staff is enrolled in a rigorous training process that will assist in providing behavior therapy, counseling and other services for those who have autism.

“Spectra Support Services chose to become a Certified Autism Center to provide our community with a resource that they could count on and trust to serve the specific needs of the autism community,” Maleita Olson, LCSW, Executive Director at Spectra, said. “Over the last several years, providers have claimed to be ‘experts’ in the field of Autism, yet there was no legitimacy to their claims, and families did not get the quality of services that they were expecting. This training assures them that all staff have the training they need, not just because they work with others who have training and expertise, but because they themselves have received it. We also hope that by leading the way, others will come to know about the availability and importance of the certification and follow-suit, resulting in a boost in the quality of service available to our community.”

Spectra Support Services is the first organization in Pennsylvania to undergo this training for its staff and earn the designation of the Certified Autism Center through IBCCES.

“I strongly believe that creating professional partnerships that help care for those with autism and other sensory processing disorders improves the quality of care,” Myron Pincomb, IBCCES Board Chairman, said. “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 Spectra Support Services LLC

Spectra Support Services LLC is an agency that provides: autism services, counseling to individuals, groups and families and disability services to individuals and their families in their homes and in their Broomhall location. Their mission is to provide holistic, strengths-based supports and interventions which improve the lives of individuals with disabilities and their families by filling service gaps across the lifespan.

About IBCCES

The International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards ([IBCCES](http://www.ibcces.org)) was established in 2001 to meet the training and credentialing needs of professionals who work with individuals with special needs. IBCCES has since expanded into over 40 different countries with training centers and members across the globe.

Our Certified Autism Specialist, Board Certified Cognitive Specialist, and Certified Autism Center credentials were established with the highest standards in the industry. As a result, our programs have become the benchmark for those who work with cognitive disorders around the globe.

IBCCES created and hosts the annual International Symposium on Cognitive Research & Disorders. This global event brings together top neurologists, education leaders, and healthcare experts with a focus on research, innovation and collaboration.

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