

# CERTIFIED AUTISM CENTER



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### **Apple Tree Therapy LLC to Receive Designation as Certified Autism Center**

February 5, 2015, Silverdale, WA– Apple Tree Therapy LLC is undergoing training to earn its certification of autism care from the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES). This means that their staff is enrolled in a rigorous training process that will assist in providing a host of therapy services for those who have autism.

“We’re continuously looking for ways to advance the knowledge of our staff and therapists. Becoming the first Certified Autism Center in Washington State is a great opportunity to continue toward that goal. The prevalence of autism is the highest I’ve seen it in my 16 year career as an occupational therapist. Any opportunities to advance our knowledge and education about working with people who have autism is very important to us,” says founding therapist, Jackie Brown. “This designation will allow us to better serve our clients, their families, and the community here on the Olympic Peninsula. I hope that Apple Tree Therapy, LLC is just the first of many other organizations in our area to become a Certified Autism Center, so families can trust that there is a set level of understanding and commitment to autism awareness wherever they go.”

Apple Tree Therapy is the first organization in the state of Washington to undergo this training for its staff and earn the designation of the Certified Autism Center through IBCCES. They currently offer Astronaut Training, Craniosacral Therapy Techniques, Beckman Oral Motor Protocol, Social Stories™ and more.

“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 Myron Pincomb, President 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:

- decreased 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 Apple Tree Therapy LLC**

Apple Tree Therapy LLC provides revolutionary occupational therapy treatments for children with special needs (autism, sensory processing disorders, ADHD, learning disabilities, developmental delays and more). It empowers parents with knowledge, training and tools that bring peace of mind. Serving the communities of Bremerton, Port Orchard, Poulsbo, Silverdale and more, their goal is to provide the highest quality therapy services to children, parents, grandparents, physicians, and other clinicians while helping children reach their highest potential.

### **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.