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## **Bussey Center for Early Childhood Education Designated First Certified Autism Center in Michigan**

SOUTHFIELD (August 2, 2016) – The Bussey Center for Early Childhood Education is undergoing training to earn its certification of autism care from the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES). As a Certified Autism Center, at least 80% of the the Bussey Center for Early Childhood Education staff is completing a rigorous training process that will prepare them to work with individuals with autism.

Bussey Center for Early Childhood Education is the first organization to become a Certified Autism Center (CAC) in Michigan. Since current studies indicate that up to 96% of children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) demonstrate sensory difficulties, it is imperative to address these underlying issues. The prevalence of autism has increased by over 600% over the past two decades.

"The Bussey Center for Early Childhood Education a NAEYC and HighScope accredited program is excited to also become a Certified Autism Center through IBCCES," said Janice Hill, director. "We are committed to staying up-to-date in the field of autism through training our staff how to best meet the needs in assisting our children and families with autism."

IBCCES Certified Autism Centers must have 14 continuing education hours in autism training, pass a comprehensive autism competency exam and meet IBCCES Board approval.

"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."

IBCCES trains and certifies professionals who work in therapy centers, schools and specialized-service centers for greater autism awareness in 10 Areas of Autism Competency. On-site and online interactive training affords centers and schools knowledge and strategies for boosting access and exceeding physical, occupational, and educational goals for children and adults on the autism spectrum.

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. IBCCES additionally released the Advanced Autism Certifications, which focus on ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis) Therapy. Autism, commonly

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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.

For more information regarding the Bussey Center for Early Childhood Education, please contact Janice Hill at [248-746-7352](tel:248-746-7352), or [click here](#) to visit their website. For more information regarding IBCCES or the Certified Autism Center program, contact Kristin Chambers at [877-717-6543](tel:877-717-6543) or visit [www.ibcces.org](http://www.ibcces.org).

### **About the Bussey Center for Early Childhood Education**

The Bussey Center for Early Childhood Education strives to build a community of life-long learners among pupils, parents and professionals. We will provide a safe, nurturing, culturally sensitive setting that strengthens communication, enhances group living and enriches creative problem solving.

We hope to empower parents as advocates for their children, themselves and their community by providing information and promoting connections among families, professionals and local resources.

We believe that to optimize children's cognitive, social-emotional and physical growth, developmentally appropriate opportunities must be provided for hands-on experiences that will help students become confident and competent learners.

### **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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