

**Township of Union Board of Education
2369 Morris Avenue
Union, New Jersey 07083**

**REQUEST FOR OCCUPATIONAL AND PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES AND
EVALUATIONS FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR**

The Board of Education of the Township of Union (the "Board") is seeking proposals for the provision of occupational therapy services for approximately 600 hours to fulfill this related service per student IEP and for the provision of physical therapy services for approximately 600 hours to fulfill this related service per student IEP, and for the provision of occupational therapy evaluations and physical therapy evaluations. Minimum five (5) years experience working in public schools.

All providers shall be NJ State certified as an occupational therapist and physical therapist, as applicable. Proposals shall also contain a New Jersey Certificate of Employee information Report (AA) and a New Jersey Business Registration Certificate.

Proposals must be in writing and must contain fixed hourly rates for all services. Hourly rates shall include all disbursements. The Provider shall not bill for travel or other related expenses. All proposals shall be fixed for one (1) year from the date of the award and may not change or be withdrawn except by the permission of the Board. Proposals shall be submitted no later than **Tuesday, May 8th, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.** Proposals must contain a Curriculum Vitae or resume for all who may be assigned to handle these matters. Proposals shall be on a per annum basis. All providers shall have a criminal background screening prior to assignment in the district. The award shall be made to a vendor whose response is most advantageous to the Board, price and other factors considered. The Board shall have the option of terminating this engagement upon thirty (30) days notice to the Provider.

Provider is required to provide proof of general liability and worker's compensation coverage. The Company shall sign a contract that shall indemnify, defend and hold the district harmless from any and all liabilities for any claims which may arise as a result of the engagement of the Company.

Proposals will be opened and read aloud in the Board of Education Conference Room at the Administration Building, 2369 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey on **Tuesday, May 8th 2012 at 11:00 a.m.** Your proposal must be received prior to that date and time. Two original proposals shall be submitted by regular or overnight mail, no email proposals allowed.

Any questions or requests for clarification regarding bid process and procedure may be submitted to James J. Damato, Board Secretary/General Counsel, Township of Union Board of Education, 2369 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083; 908-851-6411. Any technical questions or assignment-related questions may be submitted to Kim Conti, Director of Special Services at 908-851-4426.



An Affiliate of Trinitas Healthcare Corporation

Att: Kim Conte
Director of Special Services
Union Board of Education
2369 Morris Avenue
Union, NJ 07083

Healthcare Introduction and Rate Quote for Services

Trinitas Children's Therapy Services ("TCTS") (A New Jersey Non Profit Corporation) located at 899 Mountain Avenue, Suite 1A, Springfield, NJ 07081 interested in Serving as "Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy" (OT/PT) school-based services for the students of the Township of Union who receive special education and related services during the 2012 – 2013 school year.

TCTS Occupational Therapists have valid New Jersey State Occupational Therapy licenses and New Jersey School Occupational Therapist certifications.

TCTS Physical Therapists have valid New Jersey State Physical Therapy licenses and New Jersey School Physical Therapist certifications.

TCTS will provide the required criminal history approval letter as well as copies of professional licenses.

TCTS will provide a Certificate of Employee Information Report (AA) and Business Registration Certificate.

TCTS has almost three decades of experience in the specialty of school based therapy services and therapists are fully educated on the difference between the medical vs. educational models of service delivery.

TCTS is a New Jersey state-approved clinic/agency.

TCTS occupational and physical therapists were on the respective professional state association committees that wrote the guidelines for provision of occupational and physical therapy services in New Jersey schools.

TCTS personnel are on the Division of Consumer Affairs' Occupational Therapy Advisory Council for licensure and the New Jersey Occupational Therapy Association Board of Directors.

TCTS keeps up with legislation changes that impact the provision of OT and PT services in NJ school, so districts don't have to focus time and energy on this area.

TCTS employs 60 OTs, PTs and STs totaling more than 850 years of knowledge and experience in pediatric and school practice.

TCTS therapists hold various pediatric and school relevant graduate degrees and specialty certifications, including clinical doctorates, pediatric certificates, Sensory Integration Praxis Test (SIPT) certificates, personal training certificates, etc.

TCTS provides therapists with professional development, including NJDOE mandated continuing education.

TCTS maintains:

- A continuum of services
- Team collaboration
- Evaluations, individual, group, consultative and integrated least-restrictive services

TCTS builds strong relationships with teachers, parents and school administrators.

Occupational and Physical Therapy Rates for July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013:

In-district Evaluations: \$328

Out-of-district Evaluations: \$328 plus \$82 per hour for travel (pro-rated to amount of travel time).

Hourly rate for all other services, including direct service provision, prep, documentation, consultations, meetings, travel from school-to-school: \$82 per hour (pro-rated to amount of time delivered for each service).

Submitted by: Carole Soricelli, MS, OTR, Director
Trinitas Children's Therapy Services
899 Mountain Avenue, Suite 1A
Springfield, NJ 07081

phone: (973) 218-6394 ext. 16
fax: (973) 218-6351

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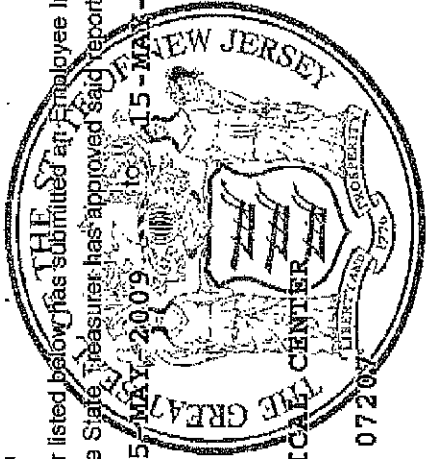
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Trinitas Health

CERTIFICATE OF EMPLOYEE INFORMATION REPORT RENEWAL

This is to certify that the contractor listed below has submitted an Employee Information Report pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-1.1 et. seq. and the State Treasurer has approved said report. This approval will remain in effect for the period of

15 MAY 2009 to 15 MAY 2016



TRINITAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
225 WILLIAMSON STREET
ELIZABETH NJ 07201

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. P. O'Connell".

State Treasurer

Nathalie Haughey

100 Columbia Ave.
Cranford, NJ 07016
(908)-709-1442
Jimnat7@yahoo.com

Education

1995 - B.S. Physical Therapy – McGill University – 3.9 GPA

Scholarship for Excellence and Leadership in the Field of Physical Therapy

1992 - St. Lawrence College – Pure and Applied Science – High Honors

1990 – Marguerite d' Youville College – Governor General Medal for Highest Academic Average

Employment

2011 – Pres. Trinitas Children's Therapy Services – School based evaluations and treatments.

2011 – Pres. Kaleidoscope/Cerebral Palsy League – Provide early intervention treatments for children with various disabilities and delays.

2001 - 2010 Advanced Physical Therapy Associates – Aquatic and Outpatient Therapist
(pediatric and adult population)

1995 – 2001 Holy Name Hospital – Inpatient & Outpatient Therapist – Inpatient Supervisor
Successfully assessed & treated a variety of pediatric, orthopedic and neurologic patients.
Served as clinical instructor to several physical therapy students. Taught weekly MS exercise class.

1995 - Montreal Children's Hospital Internship – Evaluated and implemented creative treatment approaches for children with various disabilities.

Licenses and Certificates

New Jersey State Physical Therapy License – 40QA00679400

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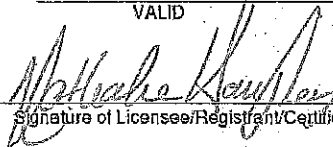
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE
Board of Physical Therapy

HAS LICENSED

NATHALIE HAUGHEY
100 COLUMBIA AVE
Cranford NJ 07016

FOR PRACTICE IN NEW JERSEY AS A(N): Physical Therapist

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This is to certify that
NATHALIE M HAUGHEY

County District
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Has met all of the requirements established by the State Board of Education and is authorized to serve in the public schools of New Jersey as indicated below provided the holder exhibits proof of a valid Physical Therapist license issued by the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapists.

School Physical Therapist

Christopher D. Cerf
Acting Commissioner

Robert R. Higgins
Secretary, Board of Examiners

KAREN VALENTI, PT

EDUCATION:

- September 2001 **Touro College, New York, NY**
B.S. , Health Sciences
M.S., Physical Therapy
- June 1997 **Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY**
B.S., Exercise Science

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- September 2006 - Present **TRINITAS Children's Therapy Services, Springfield, NJ**
Staff Physical Therapist
- Work cooperatively with case managers, teachers and other related service providers in the therapeutic management of students as outlined in each child's individual education plan.
 - Organizes and implements physical therapy programs for individual students which address educational goals and policies.
 - Provide direct and indirect physical therapy intervention for individual students and/or groups in a school based setting.
- October 2001 – September 2006 **SCOTT Physical Therapy, Brooklyn, NY**
Clinical Manager/PT
- Oversee daily operations of outpatient practice. Work cooperatively with physicians, case managers and adjustors.
 - Supervise PTAs and aides.
 - Provide marketing services for new referrals.
 - Provide PT services to patients, including balance testing and training on FallTrak.
- October 1997 - June 2001 **SCOTT Physical Therapy, Brooklyn, NY**
Physical Therapy Aide
- Assisted in set-up of patient modalities.
 - Supervision of patients during transfers, exercises and use of gym equipment.
 - Performed clerical work including billing and scheduling.

RELATED EXPERIENCE:

- May 1996 – June 1996 **Hospital for Special Surgery, New York, NY**
Student Physical Therapist
- Treated seven to ten patients a day alongside a physical therapist.
 - Taught transfers, use of assistive devices, exercises, use of CPM.
 - Tested muscle strength and measured range of motion.

SPECIAL SKILLS:

- Conversational Spanish
American Heart Association CPR/AED Certified

References available upon request.

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**Karen M. Valenti
899 Mountain Ave
Springfield, NJ 07081.**

FOR PRACTICE IN NEW JERSEY AS A(N): **Physical Therapist**

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Karen M. Valenti
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Physical Therapist
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Board of Physical Therapy
P.O. Box 45014
Newark, NJ 07101

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Attn: Carol Sheridan
FAX 908 276 2635

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School Physical Therapist

Lucille E. Davy
Acting Commissioner of Education

Robert R. Higgins
Acting Secretary, Board of Examiners

Carol Olsen, PT

NJ License 40QA00256400

Experience

Pediatric Physical Therapist

2005-Present: Trinitas Children's Therapy Services, Springfield NJ

Provide physical therapy services to a pediatric population in various school based settings.

Physical Therapist

1991-2005: Atlantic Health Systems, Summit, NJ

Provided physical therapy services to homebound adult patients with orthopedic, neurologic and medical/surgical diagnoses.

Physical Therapist

1985-1991 Visiting Nurse and Health Services, Elizabeth, NJ

Provided physical therapy services to homebound adult and pediatric patients with orthopedic, neurologic and medical/surgical diagnoses.

Physical Therapy Supervisor

1985-1989 Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center, New Brunswick, NJ

Responsible for staff supervision, administrative responsibilities and direct patient care.

Education

Temple University Philadelphia, PA.

- BS Physical Therapy

Accomplishments

Credentialed Clinical Instructor: APTA

Member of New Jersey Pediatric Special Interest Group.

Co-Author of "Recommended Guidelines for the Practice of Physical Therapy in Educational Settings in New Jersey-2011"

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CAROL S. OLSEN
42 LAUREL WAY
MADISON NJ 07940-1002

FOR PRACTICE IN NEW JERSEY AS A(N): Physical Therapist

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Congratulations!

The New Jersey State Board of Examiners has authorized issuance of this certificate that permits you to serve as a professional educator in the public schools of New Jersey.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:26-2, any person employed as a teaching staff member by a district board of education or a charter school board of trustees shall hold a valid and appropriate certificate. N.J.A.C. 6A:9-5.2(b) requires a newly employed or reassigned teaching staff member to exhibit an appropriate certificate prior to assuming any duties of the new position. Therefore, it is important that you safeguard this certificate.

Please note that it is a violation of N.J.S.A. 18A:26-2 to accept employment under a certificate that you know was printed or issued erroneously. If there are any errors associated with this certificate, please return the original certificate with a brief cover letter to the New Jersey Department of Education, PO Box 500, Trenton, NJ 08625-0500.

Best wishes to you in your endeavors to enhance the academic achievement of New Jersey's children.

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CAROL S OLSEN

County District
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Has met all of the requirements established by the State Board of Education and is authorized to serve in the public schools of New Jersey as indicated below provided the holder exhibits proof of a valid Physical Therapist license issued by the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapists.

School Physical Therapist

Commissioner of Education

Secretary, Board of Examiners

Marcia W. Sidford OTR

Address: 304 Clark St. apt. 2A
Westfield, NJ 07090
908-232-6575
(cell) 908-400-2643

Education: Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School - 1962
B.S., Virginia Commonwealth University -1966

Certification Number: AA102582-1967 NBCOT: 301-990-7979

Registration Number: 102582

NJ License Number: 46TR00053300

<u>Affiliations:</u> Palo Alto V.A. Hospital Palo Alto, CA	Psychiatry June-September, 1966
Robert Breck Brigham Hospital Boston, MA	General Medicine & Surgery October-December, 1966
NY State Rehab. Hospital (now Helen Hayes Hospital) West Haverstraw, NY	Physical Disabilities January-March, 1967

Employment History:

<u>September, 1989 - June, 1991</u>	Geri-Rehab. Inc. Developmental Rehab Services, Inc Box 170 Hibbler Road Lebanon, NJ 08853
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Began career working with children at a state psychiatric hospital; then worked developing occupational therapy programs in nursing homes and lastly, at a rehabilitation center, before retiring to raise a family.

Returned to work part time for 1 year of training which included inservice meetings with staff of 4, reviewing occupational therapy theory and practice with children and adults, developing evaluation forms for children, discussions of appropriate treatment and activities with children, and preparation for a presentation to the 1990 NJOTA Annual Meeting.

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MARCIA W SIDFORD
304 CLARK STREET, 2A
Westfield, NJ 07090

FOR PRACTICE IN NEW JERSEY AS A(N): Occupational Therapist

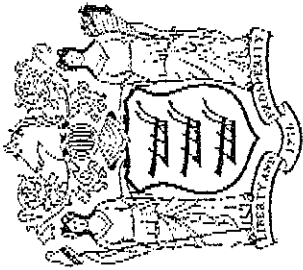
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State Board of Examiners

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that

MARCIA W SIDFORD

has met all of the requirements established by the State Board of Education and is
authorized to serve in the public schools of New Jersey as indicated below:

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SCHOOL OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

CO. DIST.

Sam Longoria
Commissioner of Education

Christ M. Lomo
Secretary, State Board of Examiners

Elissa Siev, OTR/L
908-910-7198 (Cell)
ElissaSiev@gmail.com

EDUCATION

New York University New York, NY
Masters in Occupational Therapy, Spring 2010
OT AMBASSADOR
Yeshiva University New York, NY
Bachelor of Arts in Biology Cum Laude, January 2007

LICENSE/CERTIFICATION

NJ License: 46TR00531300
NJ School Certification
National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) Member

RELATED CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

- The Children's Institute (TCI)** Verona, NJ
Contract Occupational Therapist Fall 2010-Present
- Plan and carry out Occupational Therapy to students on the Autism Spectrum ages 3-21.
 - Write occupational therapy goals for student's Individual Education Plans
 - Provide input for IEP meetings
 - Train paraprofessionals and parents to carry out OT techniques
 - Collaborate with other professionals to ensure carry over between specialties
- Caldwell Pediatric Therapy Center** West Caldwell, NJ
Staff Occupational Therapist Fall 2010-Present
- Provide medically and educationally based Occupational Therapy services to preschool and elementary school students in a center based treatment facility
 - Develop plan of care, write goals, and administer evaluations.
 - Facilitate sensory processing, motor planning, upper body strength, and stability and self-help skills
 - Promote fine/gross motor, and visual perceptual skills to enable clients to functions in their home, social, and school environments.
- Pediatric Occupational Therapy Service (POTS)** Teaneck, NJ
Level II-Pediatrics Winter 2010
- Evaluated clients and planned and implemented therapeutic intervention appropriate to clients' deficits, occupations and caregiver's goals.
 - Observed children in their school environment and incorporated findings into treatment sessions.
 - Implemented sensory based treatment in sensory gym with suspended equipment
 - Co-led social skills groups
- Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services**
Child Development Center New York, NY
Level I-Pediatrics Spring 2009
- Evaluated and treated specific students ages 4-5 in sensory integration gym
 - Treated and co-treated with another student and on-site therapist
 - Documented weekly progress using SOAP notes format

TRAINING/SKILLS:

Handwriting Without Tears (HWT), Crisis Prevention Institute Training (CPI)

References Available Upon Request

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE
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Elissa Slav
17 Hestonite Rd Apt D
Teaneck, NJ 07666

FOR PRACTICE IN NEW JERSEY AS AN Occupational Therapist

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Elissa Slav
Occupational Therapist

06/01/2011 TO 09/30/2013
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SIGNATURE



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Roseland, NJ 07068

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Has met all of the requirements established by the State Board of Education and is authorized to serve in the public schools of New Jersey as indicated below:

School Occupational Therapist

Rochelle R. Hendricks
Acting Commissioner

Robert R. Higgins
Secretary, Board of Examiners



SCHOOL-BASED
AGREEMENT FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY
RELATED SERVICES
SCHOOL YEAR 2012 - 2013

An Affiliate of Trinitas Healthcare Corporation

Agreement made this 4th day of April 2012 by and between:

**Trinitas Healthcare Corporation
Children's Therapy Services
(A New Jersey Non-Profit Corporation)
899 Mountain Avenue - Suite 1A
Springfield, NJ 07081**

hereinafter to be referred to as "Healthcare"
and

**Union Township Board of Education
2155 Morris Avenue
Union, NJ 07083**

hereinafter to be referred to as "Union"

Whereas, **Healthcare** offers and/or arranges for consulting services by licensed occupational therapists (O.T.), licensed occupational therapy assistants (O.T.A.), **licensed physical therapists (P.T.)**, and/or other health professionals including occupational or physical therapy students under the direct supervision of licensed therapists, and for which Healthcare shall maintain the required documentation, in order to assist mental health agencies, social services agencies and educational facilities to conform to state regulation and to develop and implement quality services;

and

Whereas, **Union** operates a department of Special Education and desires the services of a **licensed physical therapist** to provide necessary **physical therapy** to its students;

and

Whereas, **Healthcare** desires to provide the services of a **licensed physical (P.T.)** to students of **Union**, and **Union** desires to receive the same, all the terms and conditions more particularly set forth herein;

Now, therefore, **Healthcare** and **Union** hereby agree as follows:

1. TERM:

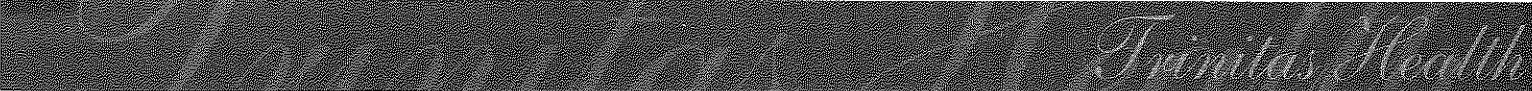
The term of this Agreement shall commence on the **1st day of July, 2012** and shall continue until the expiration of the school year on or about **June 30, 2013**. Thereafter, this Agreement may be renewed pursuant to paragraph six (6), for subsequent school years. This Agreement may be terminated on notice, pursuant to paragraph seven (7).

The above term assumes term of school year to be forty-two (42) full weeks. Therapy services will be available for each week within this term, following the Board approved school calendar.

2. COMPENSATION:

In consideration of the services to be rendered by **Healthcare**, as described in paragraph three (3), **Union** shall pay monthly to **Healthcare** a sum equal to:

~ Eighty two dollars (\$82.00) for each hour of service rendered.
899 Mountain Avenue - Suite 1A, Springfield, NJ 07081 (973) 218-6394 Fax: (973) 218-6351
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SCHOOL-BASED
AGREEMENT FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY
RELATED SERVICES
SCHOOL YEAR 2012 - 2013

The present agreement assumes the following parameters of time:

- ~ An average week consisting of **thirty (30.00) hours of *therapist availability*** to provide services.
- ~ An average week consisting of **twelve (12.00) hours of *therapist availability*** to provide services for the **2012 Extended School Year July 2, 2012 - July 30, 2012.**

Such monthly compensation shall be based on actual hours of therapist availability provided as shown in attached documentation (monthly service provision logs), and will include charges for preparation, documentation and travel between schools. When less than a full school day of service is provided, districts/schools will be charged a traveling fee to and/or from district/school. Payment will be due fifteen (15) days upon receipt of bill or invoice.

Any additional agreed upon services will be billed at \$82.00 per hour.

If, for any reason, full payment of any installment is not made on or before two (2) months following the due date thereof, as aforesaid, **Healthcare** shall have the right in its sole discretion to discontinue further performance of this Agreement, in addition to any other available right or remedy. The parties shall consult and agree upon acceptable forms of written voucher(s) and/or receipts with respect to payments.

3. SERVICES:

Healthcare shall provide **Union** licensed physical therapists (P.T.) in the school system (or appropriate designated area) for: **thirty (30.00) hours** per week for the school year and **twelve (12.00) hours** per week for the **2012 Extended School Year.**

Generally, therapy will take place between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. with a half hour lunch break.

Services include:

Physical therapy screenings and evaluations as approved by the child study team supervisor. Billing for screenings/evaluations are included in the monthly totals at the hourly rate listed above.

Documentation including:

Student attendance log.* Annual educationally relevant goals and objectives. Progress summaries for present levels of academic achievement and functional performance (PLAAFP). Reports for tri-annual evaluations. Other reports on students who have been identified as requiring physical therapy intervention or consultation.

Progress summaries for each student shall be written in lieu of one (1) therapy session per student, unless other arrangements are mutually agreed upon between **Healthcare** and the **Union** district.

* S.E.M.I. documentation or other accommodations desired for Medicaid reimbursement will be billed at the hourly rate.

Therapeutic Services:

Therapists will implement annual goals and objectives by the following service delivery methods as outlined in the PLAAFP of the IEP.

Direct therapy services, provided by a licensed therapist as specified in the child's IEP by the child study team. This includes both individual and group sessions.

SCHOOL-BASED
AGREEMENT FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY
RELATED SERVICES
SCHOOL YEAR 2012 - 2013

Consultation services, provided by the therapist to meet the goals and objectives as outlined in the IEP for classroom activities. It may include classroom teacher, specials teachers, teaching assistants, individual student's aide or parents.

Monitoring services, to maintain and support the child's ability to benefit from his/her educational program with non-direct intervention by the therapist.

Consultation with education staff and participation in interdisciplinary meetings. Ongoing written and verbal communication with appropriate district personnel regarding: Changes in the status of the children serviced. Changes in the therapy schedule. Environmental suitability. Equipment ordering, maintenance, and storage

Communication with parents/guardians regarding student's physical therapy program, goals and/or status; this includes telephone consultation on therapy issues when the therapist is not on site.

Travel between designated schools within the district and travel to and from out of district schools as requested.

Healthcare shall provide **Union** treatment for students requiring direct services in a manner which attempts to minimize disruption of the educational process, coordinate the availability of space and staff, and allow for the maximum time spent engaging in therapeutic activity to achieve stated goals for students.

The **Trinitas Healthcare Corporation** shall save and hold harmless the **Union Township Board of Education** regarding the direct services of occupational and physical therapists and assistants to students of **Union** and when at their facilities.

4. OBLIGATIONS:

The **Union Township Board of Education** agrees to provide:

- a. Designated, consistent, safe space conducive to physical therapy treatment assigned per contract year, with responsibility for health and safety issues for students resting solely on **Union** when at a facility designated by the **Board of Education** and including transportation vehicles.
- b. Equipment which will facilitate evaluation and treatment as agreed upon by both parties.
- c. It is in the best interests of the children serviced by this agreement that current medical documentation be obtained by the **Union** district and provided to the therapist as needed for safe implementation of physical therapy services.
- d. **Union** agrees not to hire therapist, including but not limited to licensed occupational therapists (O.T.), licensed occupational therapy assistants (O.T.A.), and licensed physical therapists (P.T.) provided by **Healthcare** for a period of two years following therapist's last date of service to **Union**. If any therapist actually furnished to **Union** by **Healthcare** should, within two years from the cessation of service under this agreement, be hired by **Union** on a temporary or permanent basis, upon the commencement of employment **Union** shall be obligated to pay **Healthcare** an amount equal to **forty (40%) percent** of the therapist's annualized gross salary.

5. CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN RECORDS:

The parties recognize that the records and information generated in connection with the consulting service or treatment may be privileged or confidential. The parties each agree to observe the requirements of any applicable privilege and statutory or other duty of confidentiality, (including, but not limited to, any arising under the provisions of 21U.S.C.4582, and C.F.R.2.1.et.seq.), to assist each other in obtaining any necessary waivers or consents to disclosure, and not to require disclosure of records or information by the other which might constitute a breach of privilege or duty or involve any offense or violation.

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RELATED SERVICES
SCHOOL YEAR 2012 - 2013**

6. RENEWAL:

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This Agreement shall bind and insure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Jersey. This Agreement cancels and supersedes all prior Agreements and understandings oral or written, between the parties. It constitutes the entire Agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. It may be modified or amended only by written Agreement specifically referring hereto and signed by the parties. Each party shall cooperate with, and shall take such further action and execute and deliver such further documents as may be reasonably requested by the other party, in order to confirm this Agreement or to carry out its provisions or purposes.

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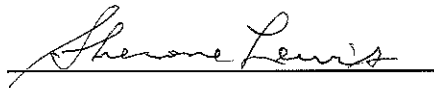
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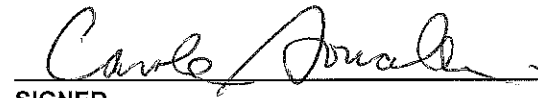
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Attest:



TRINITAS HEALTHCARE CORPORATION
CHILDREN'S THERAPY SERVICES


SIGNED

NAME: Carole Soricelli

TITLE: Director of Children's Therapy Services

Attest:

UNION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

SIGNED

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____



SCHOOL-BASED
AGREEMENT FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
RELATED SERVICES
SCHOOL YEAR 2012 - 2013

An Affiliate of Trinitas Healthcare Corporation

Agreement made this 4th day of April 2012 by and between:

Trinitas Healthcare Corporation
Children's Therapy Services
(A New Jersey Non-Profit Corporation)
899 Mountain Avenue - Suite 1A
Springfield, NJ 07081

hereinafter to be referred to as "Healthcare"

and

Union Township Board of Education
2155 Morris Avenue
Union, NJ 07083

hereinafter to be referred to as "Union"

Whereas, Healthcare offers and/or arranges for consulting services by licensed occupational therapists (O.T.), licensed occupational therapy assistants (O.T.A.), licensed physical therapists (P.T.), and/or other health professionals including occupational or physical therapy students under the direct supervision of licensed therapists, and for which Healthcare shall maintain the required documentation, in order to assist mental health agencies, social services agencies and educational facilities to conform to state regulations and to develop and implement quality services;

and

Whereas, Union operates a department of Special Education and desires the services of a licensed occupational therapist or a licensed occupational therapy assistant to provide necessary occupational therapy to its students including those enrolled at the Deron I School, Union, NJ;

and

Whereas, Healthcare desires to provide the services of a licensed occupational therapist (O.T.) or licensed occupational therapy assistant (O.T.A.) to students of Union, and Union desires to receive the same, all the terms and conditions more particularly set forth herein;

Now, therefore, Healthcare and Union hereby agree as follows:

1. TERM:

The term of this Agreement shall commence on the 1st day of July, 2012 and shall continue until the expiration of the school year on or about June 30, 2013. Thereafter, this Agreement may be renewed pursuant to paragraph six (6), for subsequent school years. This Agreement may be terminated on notice, pursuant to paragraph seven (7).

The above term assumes term of school year to be forty-two (42) full weeks. Therapy services will be available for each week within this term, following the Board approved school calendar.

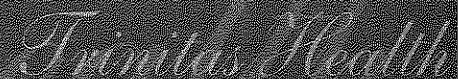
2. COMPENSATION:

In consideration of the services to be rendered by Healthcare, as described in paragraph three (3), Union shall pay monthly to Healthcare a sum equal to:

~ Eighty two dollars (\$82.00) for each hour of service rendered.

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The present agreement assumes the following parameters of time:

- ~ An average week consisting of **three (3.00) hours of *therapist availability*** to provide services.
- ~ An average week consisting of **one (1.00) hour(s) of *therapist availability*** to provide services for the **2012 Extended School Year. July 2, 2012 - August 13, 2012.**

Such monthly compensation shall be based on actual hours of therapist availability provided as shown in attached documentation (monthly service provision logs), and will include charges for preparation, documentation and travel between schools. When less than a full school day of service is provided, districts/schools will be charged a traveling fee to and/or from district/school. Payment will be due fifteen (15) days upon receipt of bill or invoice.

Any additional agreed upon services will be billed at \$82.00 per hour.

If, for any reason, full payment of any installment is not made on or before two (2) months following the due date thereof, as aforesaid, **Healthcare** shall have the right in its sole discretion to discontinue further performance of this Agreement, in addition to any other available right or remedy. The parties shall consult and agree upon acceptable forms of written voucher(s) and/or receipts with respect to payments.

3. SERVICES:

Healthcare shall provide **Union** licensed occupational therapists (O.T.) or licensed occupational therapy assistants (O.T.A.) in the school system (or appropriate designated area) for: **three (3.00) hours per week for the school year** and **one (1.00) hour(s) per week for the 2012 Extended School Year.**

Generally, therapy will take place between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. with a half hour lunch break.

Services include:

Occupational therapy screenings and evaluations as approved by the child study team supervisor. Billing for screenings/evaluations are included in the monthly totals at the hourly rate listed above.

Documentation including:

Student attendance log.* Annual educationally relevant goals and objectives. Progress summaries for present levels of academic achievement and functional performance (PLAAFP). Reports for tri-annual evaluations. Other reports on students who have been identified as requiring occupational therapy intervention or consultation.

Progress summaries for each student shall be written in lieu of one (1) therapy session per student, unless other arrangements are mutually agreed upon between **Healthcare** and the **Union** district.

* S.E.M.I. documentation or other accommodations desired for Medicaid reimbursement will be billed at the hourly rate.

Therapeutic Services:

Therapists will implement annual goals and objectives by the following service delivery methods as outlined in the PLAAFP of the IEP.

Direct therapy services, provided by a licensed therapist as specified in the child's IEP by the child study team. This includes both individual and group sessions.

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Consultation services, provided by the therapist to meet the goals and objectives as outlined in the IEP for classroom activities. It may include classroom teacher, specials teachers, teaching assistants, individual student's aide or parents.

Monitoring services, to maintain and support the child's ability to benefit from his/her educational program with non-direct intervention by the therapist.

Consultation with education staff and participation in interdisciplinary meetings. Ongoing written and verbal communication with appropriate district personnel regarding: Changes in the status of the children serviced. Changes in the therapy schedule. Environmental suitability. Equipment ordering, maintenance, and storage

Communication with parents/guardians regarding student's occupational therapy program, goals and/or status; this includes telephone consultation on therapy issues when the therapist is not on site.

Travel between designated schools within the district and travel to and from out of district schools as requested.

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The **Trinitas Healthcare Corporation** shall save and hold harmless the **Union Township Board of Education** regarding the direct services of occupational and physical therapists and assistants to students of **Union** and when at their designated facilities.

4. OBLIGATIONS:

The **Union Township Board of Education** agrees to provide:

- a. Designated, consistent, safe space conducive to occupational therapy treatment assigned per contract year, with responsibility for health and safety issues for students resting solely on **Union** when at a facility designated by the **Board of Education** and including transportation vehicles.
- b. Equipment which will facilitate evaluation and treatment as agreed upon by both parties.
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The parties recognize that the records and information generated in connection with the consulting service or treatment may be privileged or confidential. The parties each agree to observe the requirements of any applicable privilege and statutory or other duty of confidentiality, (including, but not limited to, any arising under the provisions of 21U.S.C.4582, and C.F.R.2.1.et.seq.), to assist each other in obtaining any necessary waivers or consents to disclosure, and not to require disclosure of records or information by the other which might constitute a breach of privilege or duty or involve any offense or violation.

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Sherane Lewis

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Trinitas Children's Therapy Services

Winter 2012

SCHOOL-BASED NEWS

Creating Bully-Free Schools in New Jersey

By Kristen Asencio, OTR



Message from the Director...

by Carole Soricelli, MS, OTR, Director

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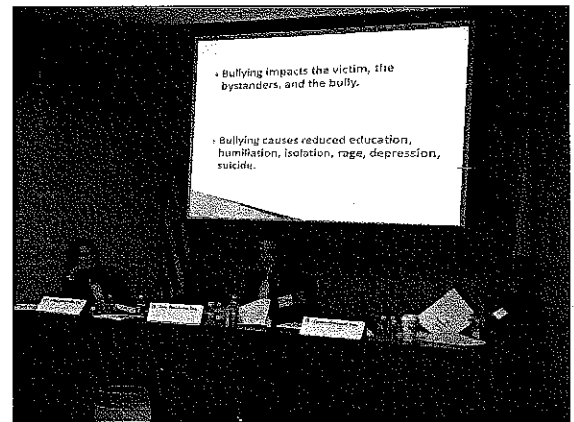
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In school districts, one can be sure to hear the word that most school staff is now familiar with: **"Bullying."** Due to the new legislation, New Jersey schools are mandated to provide education to staff and students in regard to updates in the bullying laws. These revised laws are more specific in terms of the obligations and timelines required when reporting bullying incidents. Since Trinitas Children's Therapy Services contracts over 60 physical and occupational therapists within school districts throughout North-Central New Jersey, a professional development seminar on this very important topic was provided to the therapy staff on Thursday, November 10, 2011. Three experienced lawyers, Jerry L. Tanenbaum, Esq., of Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, Luanne M. Peterpaul, Esq., of Law Offices of Peterpaul & Clark, and Leisa-Anne Smith, Esq., of the New Jersey State Bar Foundation, provided keen insight into the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights. They each have direct experience with cases involving school-age children and are well-versed in the existing bullying laws and their recent updates.

Current statistics have shown that bullying occurs once every seven minutes in the United States. This statistic will not change unless we strengthen the culture and climate within the schools. Bullying is no longer confined to just Physical (pushing, hitting, stealing), Verbal (name-calling, threats, taunting), and Psychological (spreading rumors, intimidation) confrontation. Children now are dealing with "cyber-bullying." Children are impacted through the use of technology and social media (chat rooms, Facebook®, texting). It is important that individuals involved and interacting with students (school staff, parents, therapists, etc.) are advocates for the children and will follow protocol when potential bullying situations occur.



Leisa-Anne Smith, Esq., Jerry L. Tanenbaum, Esq., and Luanne M. Peterpaul, Esq., present "An Introduction to Teasing and Bullying" to TCTS staff.

The new legislation indicates:

1. Bullying incidents must be reported to the principal the same day as the incident.
2. A written account of the incident must be provided to the principal within two days.
3. The principal must inform the parents of the students involved and will discuss the availability of counseling and intervention for each student.

Any individual involved with students has to make the effort to strengthen and improve the culture and climate within the schools to eliminate bullying. Only through education, communication, and understanding can students become productive members in the community now and in the future. ■

SCHOOL-BASED NEWS

Development of Guidelines for the Practice of Physical Therapy in Educational Settings in New Jersey *By Carol Sheridan, PT, DPT*

The *Recommended Guidelines for the Practice of Physical Therapy in Educational Settings in New Jersey* has just been published on the American Physical Therapy of New Jersey (APTAnj) website. It is available to physical therapy professionals providing services in the educational environment and to school administrators, child study teams, educators and parents.

A task force comprised of eight physical therapists met monthly from 2008-2011 to develop the guidelines for their professional organization. Trinitas Children's Therapy Services (TCTS), believing strongly in professional participation at local, state and national levels, is proud to have had three of our own physical therapists participate in this task force.* Carol Olsen, staff physical therapist, has been with TCTS for six years providing PT services to the Deron School and the Elizabeth and Union School Districts. Senior therapist, Lisa Yuschak, has been with TCTS for 12 years serving the Elizabeth School District; and physical therapy coordinator, Carol Sheridan, has been with TCTS for 20 years providing services to various districts including Clark, Kenilworth, and Mountainside.

The *Recommended Guidelines for the Practice of Physical Therapy in Educational Settings in New Jersey* comprises a comprehensive document of principles, protocols and references regarding school-based physical therapy. It includes definitions of terms relevant to educational environments, competencies for physical therapists, service delivery protocols, utilization of the APTA Guide to Physical Therapist Practice, and administration of educationally based physical therapy services.

The purpose of the guidelines is to provide updated information regarding the provision of physical therapy services in New Jersey schools for students between the ages of 3 to 21. It reviews laws and regulations from the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (NJSBPTE), the State of New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) and the federal regulations from the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) to create a comprehensive document. A copy of this document can be obtained for free for a limited time from the APTAnj website: <http://www.aptanj.org> Click on SIGS: pediatric and follow request to have access to this document. ■

*TCTS occupational therapy personnel were part of a similar task force that wrote and reviewed *A Guide for Providing Occupational Therapy Services in New Jersey Schools*, published by the New Jersey Occupational Therapy Association in 2007.

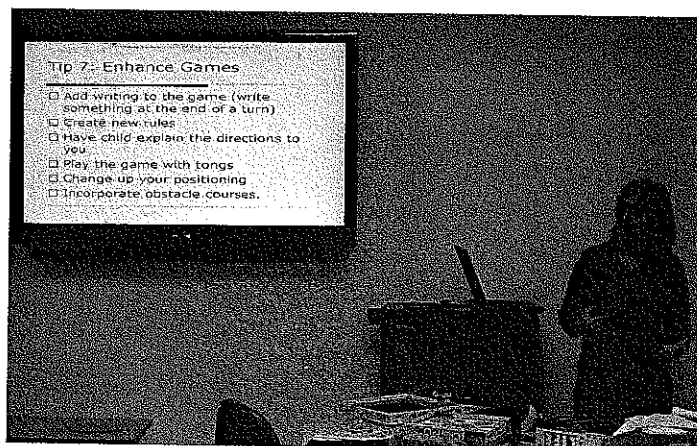
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CONSUMER EDUCATION INFORMATION

10 More Tips and a Night of Financial & Vacation Planning

By Christine German, MS, OTR

Trinitas Children's Therapy Services is proud to continue in its mission to help educate the community. One way we have achieved this is to offer cost effective workshops at our therapy center. The first 10 Tips Workshop series was launched in September 2010 and ran through the 2010-2011 school year. These hour-long workshops covered a variety of topics including speech/language, sensory integration, and motor development. The series was such a phenomenal success that we added a new series of 10 Tips for the 2011-2012 school year. The unique feature of this workshop series is that each session provides readily usable tips and strategies to assist parents, teachers, and caregivers in providing children with practical and developmentally appropriate activities that can be easily implemented into daily routines. The feedback from the workshops has been overwhelmingly positive and a third series of 10 Tips Workshops is currently being developed. The topics for the next series of workshops are being drawn from suggestions from the attendees of this year's classes.

In addition to the 10 Tips Workshop in November, TCTS invited parents to a free "information night" including financial and vacation planning for families of children with special needs. Paul Nichilo, Financial Representative, and David Alter, CLU® Chief Executive Officer, from International Planning Alliance, LLC discussed important factors that make up a concrete financial and legal foundation for families with special needs children. Paul and David provided parents with informa-



tion on balancing personal financial goals and the needs of their children. Jesemine Jones and Ida Keiper of Stary Night Travel LLC in Monmouth County presented ideas and strategies on how to plan for a fun and appropriate vacation for families with special needs. Jesemine and Ida have become experts on designing vacations around individual sensory, developmental and physical needs. Attendees found the presenters to be informative and helpful. We look forward to hosting more information nights in the future. ■

Therapy Center News

Camp Trinitas *By Kevin Nelson, OTR*

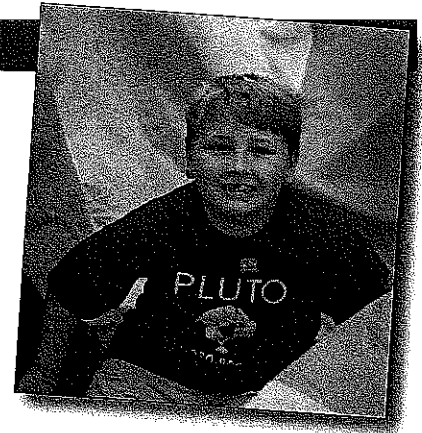
The summer of 2011 was a successful one for Trinitas Children's Therapy Services as we once again proudly offered a round of extracurricular programs for children with special abilities and introduced our Camp Trinitas.

Young participants organized by grade level enjoyed the Scribbles to Script handwriting program that Ann Cutalo, OTA, and Christine German, OTR, coordinated. Eight children became "social butterflies" and built their social skills under the guidance of Kristen Healy, SLP, and Christine German, OTR, in the Social Butterflies sessions. With the help of Ben Lipman, PT, three children rose to the challenges of developing their gross motor skills in the Gross Motor Circus classes.

A total of six campers participated in Camp Trinitas which addresses motor and social skills. With the help of grant funding from the Trinitas

Health Foundation and the Robert A. Mills Foundation, Trinitas Children's Therapy Services offered seven-week full scholarships to three families.

Each of these Trinitas Children's Therapy Services programs gave the children the perfect opportunity to gain new skills or maintain recently-acquired motor skills in a non-competitive, friendly environment, with highly-trained therapists from their respective fields. Similar programs run through the school year in addition to direct one-on-one occupational, physical, speech and ABA therapies. ■



Thank You, Trinitas Health Foundation

By Tiffany Portela, SPT and Karen Valenti, PT

As a non-profit affiliate of Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Trinitas Children's Therapy Services (TCTS) adheres to the mission of Trinitas to provide compassionate healthcare to those in the communities we serve, including the poor and those who are most vulnerable. Assisting Trinitas with providing this care in these economically challenging times is the Trinitas Health Foundation. During the last decade, the Foundation has raised funds to upgrade facilities and expand services and programs like TCTS. It has successfully secured funding through grant proposals, personal meetings, phone calls, widely-promoted fundraising events and letter campaigns.

At TCTS, the Foundation has supported indispensable equipment purchases, facilities projects, and program grants. These improvements help us provide special needs children the opportunity to improve their school performance and live a more productive and joyful life.

Seton Hall University's (SHU) Graduate Medical Education program recently funded "Technology for Special Needs Children" which provides resources to TCTS to improve their skills, and spark their interest and participation in therapy. Occupational therapy students from SHU and other schools gain new therapeutic knowledge and improved skills in innovative and creative treatment strategies by using the latest technology. Through the grant, children of TCTS are

using Xbox 360 Kinect™, BrainWare Safari™ software, laptop computers, all-in-one touch screen computers, and much more.

Another generous grant from the Robert A. Mills Foundation has enhanced the "Building Self-Esteem One Child at a Time" project. Six different exercise and sports programs help special needs children from low-income families develop both social and motor skills. "Gross Motor Circus" is an active sensory-motor group. "Scribbles to Script" aids the handwriting development of elementary school children. "Therapeutic Yoga" develops flexibility, strength, self-soothing skills, concentration and alertness. "Social Butterflies" focuses on interactive skills like sharing, taking turns, and following directions. a "Fun Fitness Class" is just that, and "Camp Trinitas" is a summer experience that helps children develop new skills in a non-competitive environment.

Thanks to those of the Trinitas Health Foundation and the generosity of the community, TCTS can provide the best care possible to children with special needs throughout Northern and Central New Jersey, many who would not enjoy such opportunities due to financial or transportation restrictions. "We are proud to support Children's Therapy programs because of the life-improving services they provide to our patients," says Nadine Brechner, Executive Director and Chief Development Officer of Trinitas Health Foundation.

Directors's Note...

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are very grateful to the committed staff at the Trinitas Health Foundation for their tireless support.

Now back to what our move to Springfield has meant. Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is new to our list of services. Our hallmark individualized occupational, physical and speech-language therapy continue as do our most popular therapeutic recreation programs Scribbles to Script, Gross Motor Circus, Social Butterflies, Therapeutic Yoga and our well-received Learn to Ride bike program. In Springfield, we've also added the Camp Trinitas summer enrichment camp as well as a school year enrichment program, too.

Last year's positive response to our "10 Tips..." seminar series encouraged us to continue the series with a host of new topics one evening each month during this school year. Parents and educators (who can receive contact hours) are welcome to attend these valuable sessions. Please check out this year's schedule on the TCTS website at www.ChildTherapyNJ.com.

For more information about any of our school, therapy center or consumer/professional development services, please give us a call. For those who couldn't be

with us at our Open House, please call to arrange a tour. ■





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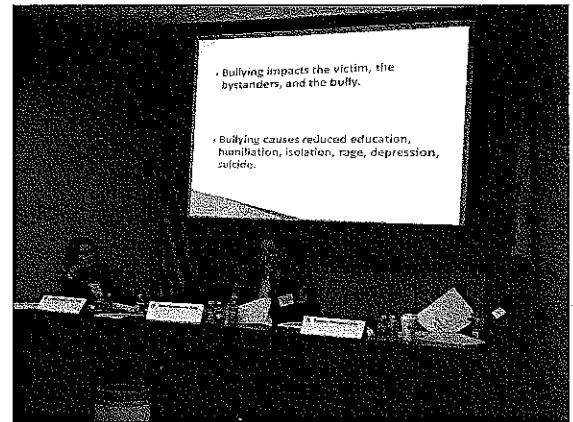
SCHOOL-BASED NEWS

Creating Bully-Free Schools in New Jersey

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In school districts, one can be sure to hear the word that most school staff is now familiar with: "Bullying." Due to the new legislation, New Jersey schools are mandated to provide education to staff and students in regard to updates in the bullying laws. These revised laws are more specific in terms of the obligations and timelines required when reporting bullying incidents. Since Trinitas Children's Therapy Services contracts over 60 physical and occupational therapists within school districts throughout North-Central New Jersey, a professional development seminar on this very important topic was provided to the therapy staff on Thursday, November 10, 2011. Three experienced lawyers, Jerry L. Tanenbaum, Esq., of Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, Luanne M. Peterpaul, Esq., of Law Offices of Peterpaul & Clark, and Leisa-Anne Smith, Esq., of the New Jersey State Bar Foundation, provided keen insight into the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights. They each have direct experience with cases involving school-age children and are well-versed in the existing bullying laws and their recent updates.

Current statistics have shown that bullying occurs once every seven minutes in the United States. This statistic will not change unless we strengthen the culture and climate within the schools. Bullying is no longer confined to just Physical (pushing, hitting, stealing), Verbal (name-calling, threats, taunting), and Psychological (spreading rumors, intimidation) confrontation. Children now are dealing with "cyber-bullying." Children are impacted through the use of technology and social media (chat rooms, Facebook®, texting). It is important that individuals involved and interacting with students (school staff, parents, therapists, etc.) are advocates for the children and will follow protocol when potential bullying situations occur.



Leisa-Anne Smith, Esq., Jerry L. Tanenbaum, Esq., and Luanne M. Peterpaul, Esq., present "An Introduction to Teasing and Bullying" to TCTS staff.

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The new legislation indicates:

1. Bullying incidents must be reported to the principal the same day as the incident.
2. A written account of the incident must be provided to the principal within two days.
3. The principal must inform the parents of the students involved and will discuss the availability of counseling and intervention for each student.

Any individual involved with students has to make the effort to strengthen and improve the culture and climate within the schools to eliminate bullying. Only through education, communication, and understanding can students become productive members in the community now and in the future. ■