



Introducing *The Knolls Center for Autism*

*A Winston Knolls Education Group program in affiliation with
JMK Behavior Services*

Hoffman Estates, IL. August 23rd, 2017 - The Winston Knolls Education Group and JMK Behavior Services are officially launching their partnership today with the announcement of the name, logo, and contact information for their new center for Autism. This is a significant turning point for both organizations as this type of partnership is the first of its kind and a true asset to the Autism community.

The Knolls Center for Autism will provide programs, services, support and resources to families, children and young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and other related disorders. This includes offerings such as; occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, physical therapy, social skills groups, parent training and education, family counseling, social work, psychiatry, and academic programs.

"The Knolls Center for Autism name was chosen because it reflects both organizations' commitment to being key contributors in providing an excellent academic program along with high quality services for families and children with ASD and other related special needs," says Val Belmonte, president and CEO of the Winston Knolls Education Group. Belmonte goes on to say, "As both organizations are recognized leaders in the ASD communities, the new program center and its new name and logo are representative of our commitment to sustained excellence to these future goals and opportunities."

"Our approach will be holistic and multidisciplinary," stated Joanna Kooistra, Director of The Knolls Center for Autism and President of JMK Behavior Services. Kooistra went on to say, "I am excited to bring our services into the clinic setting, providing expanded support and resources in the Northwest Suburban community and making a positive impact on children and young adults diagnosed with ASD."

“Winston Knolls Education Group recognizes the depth of JMK’s expertise and Joanna’s philosophy was so intertwined with our organization’s vision, I immediately knew this affiliation was the perfect fit for this initiative,” said Belmonte.

Belmonte and Kooistra both agree that keeping children and their families engaged and providing better access to therapeutic services will help inspire a lifetime of achievement and independence while transporting positive changes for every child. This partnership is a unique opportunity to make sure children and parents have an experience that will benefit their quality of living.

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