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**About Doreen Granpeesheh, PhD, BCBA-D**



Dr. Granpeesheh has dedicated thirty years to helping individuals with autism lead healthy, productive lives.

Dr. Granpeesheh started her studies in autism as an undergraduate student at UCLA. While completing her graduate degree there, she worked with Dr. Ivar Lovaas on the world-renowned outcome study published in 1987 which showed a recovery rate of close to 50% among the study's research participants. She earned a PhD in Psychology from UCLA in 1990.

Dr. Granpeesheh is licensed by the Medical Board of California, the Texas and Arizona State Boards of Psychologists, and the Dubai Healthcare City. She earned a Certificate of Professional Qualification in Psychology from the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards and is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst.

She is an active member of many boards whose mission is to advance the treatment of autism. She is on the Scientific Advisory Boards of the US Autism and Asperger's Association, the Autism File Magazine, Autism 360 and the 4-A Healing Foundation. Dr. Granpeesheh is also on the Board of Directors of the Autism Society of America, a member of the Autism Human Rights and Discrimination Initiative steering committee, on the North Los Angeles County Task Force of the Senate Select Committee on Autism and the Oversight Committee of the Department of Developmental Disabilities for the State of Arizona. She is the founding member and President of ACT Today! (Autism Care and Treatment), a non-profit organization that helps families access effective treatment.

Dr. Granpeesheh founded the Center for Autism & Related Disorders (CARD) in 1990. Today, CARD is a worldwide leader in providing effective autism treatments to

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thousands of clients. CARD provides both regional and remote services around the globe through its 18 satellite sites in California (9 sites), New York (2 sites), Virginia,

Illinois, Texas, Arizona, Australia, and New Zealand. With a mission to increase access to the most effective treatments, CARD has developed strong working relationships with parent organizations, schools and government agencies all over the world, including the Middle East, Europe, and South Africa.

Dr. Granpeesheh is known throughout the world as an expert in the field of autism research and treatment. Specific areas of expertise and research include curriculum development from early intervention through the early stages of adulthood, diagnostic, developmental and behavioral assessment, higher order skill acquisition, long-term outcomes, and the effects of medical interventions in conjunction with behavioral programs. She has trained thousands of professionals and families on her treatment techniques and curriculum, leading to a faster dissemination of quality treatment information.

She is often sought to speak at the most prestigious autism and behavior analysis conferences, including Autism One, Association for Behavior Analysis, Defeat Autism Now, and the Autism Society of America.

Through her active participation and direction in research, curriculum development and treatment, Dr. Granpeesheh has consistently demonstrated the effectiveness of Applied Behavior Analysis intervention. She has not only helped tens of thousands of families, but has successfully helped many children and young adults attain their highest potential, giving further merit to the notion that autism is treatable and that affected individuals can lead independent, meaningful lives.

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