



AUTISM EXPERT SPEAKS ON CALIFORNIA'S PBS NEWS SHOW **DR. DOREEN GRANPEESHEH SAYS AND PROVES RECOVERY FROM AUTISM IS POSSIBLE**

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Orange, CA – Doreen Granpeesheh, PhD, BCBA, Founder and Executive Director of the Center for Autism and Related Disorders, Inc. (CARD) will be featured on **KOCE – PBS (California) Tuesday, October 14th at 11:30pm**, and again on **Sunday, October 19, 2008 at 11:00am**.



Dr. Granpeesheh will speak on the award-winning talk show, *Dialogue with Doti and Dodge*, hosted by economist Jim Doti, and Kristina Dodge.

The show will include a discussion about causes, treatments and most importantly the issue of recovery which has been a controversial topic. Some believe it is not possible to achieve “recovery” and others say it should not be a goal of individuals with autism. Dr. Granpeesheh will define recovery and discuss the science behind recovery. She will also present proof in the form of her newly released film, *Recovered: Journeys Through the Autism Spectrum and Back*. The film tells the story of four children diagnosed with autism, who achieved success using treatments rooted in Applied Behavior Analysis. The documentary includes clips of therapy sessions along with interviews of the children who are now teenagers, their parents, therapists, and Dr. Granpeesheh.

Dr. Granpeesheh will also touch on issues of treatment funding, and will be joined by Nancy Alspaugh, the executive director of ACT Today! (Autism Care & Treatment), a non profit organization with a mission to expand access to effective autism treatment.

Dr. Doreen Granpeesheh is world renowned for her therapy method and recovery rates. She has treated tens of thousands of children with autism in her career and has seen significant recovery rates.

A highly recognized psychologist in the field of autism, Dr. Granpeesheh recently earned one of the Autism Society of America's highest honors – the Wendy F. Miller National Recognition Award for Professional of the Year (2007). The award recognizes significant contributions made by a

psychologist, psychiatrist, physician, and other professionals in the autism field. That same year, Dr. Granpeesheh was elected to the Autism Society of America (ASA) Board of Directors. She also serves on the Defeat Autism Now (DAN!) Executive Council and the US Autism and Aspergers Association (USAAA) Scientific Advisory Board.

“I am truly humbled and gratified to be recognized for the work that CARD does to help children and young adults with autism attain their highest potential,” Dr. Granpeesheh said. “The work we do at CARD is the epitome of a team effort, and so the credit for any recognition that comes our way must go to our hardworking and highly committed therapists, supervisors, and researchers.”

Dr. Granpeesheh is also scheduled to speak at this fall’s Defeat Autism Now (DAN) conference in San Diego, on Saturday, October 25, 2008, starting at 8:00am. Her presentation, “*The Child as a Whole: Why Behavioral and Biomedical Interventions are both Critical to Growth and Recovery,*” covers how treatment strategies that include ABA and biomedical can lead to successes for some individuals with ASDs.

Her presentation will be followed by an evening screening of *Recovered: Journeys Through the Autism Spectrum and Back*, held in the resort’s **Gold Ballroom at 5:30pm**.

The Center for Autism and Related Disorders, Inc. (CARD) was established in 1990 and is headquartered in Tarzana, California. CARD is among the world's largest and most experienced organizations effectively treating children with autism and related disorders, operating 17 satellite offices throughout the United States and abroad. CARD has treated thousands of children around the world. Its services include assessments, supervision, parent/teacher training and one-to-one therapy.

For more information about CARD, visit: www.centerforautism.com.

For more information about *Recovered: Journeys Through the Autism Spectrum and Back*, visit: www.recoveredautism.com.

For more information about ACT Today, visit: www.act-today.org.

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