

## MEDIA RELEASE

---

### Child Development Institute and Integra Foundation join forces October 1, 2014

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**TORONTO, October 1, 2014** –Child Development Institute (CDI) and Integra Foundation have merged effective October 1, 2014, bringing together two like-minded, accredited children’s mental health agencies serving children, youth and families in Toronto.

CDI and Integra share a similar culture and reputation for excellence in service delivery, evidence-informed programming and program development. This merger will allow the agencies to work together with efficiencies of scale, with an end goal of improving client access and service pathways.

CDI has been serving children and families for more than 100 years as pioneers in healthy childhood development and children’s mental health. They will now offer programs across four streams: Early Intervention Services, Family Violence Services, Integra Programs and Healthy Child Development.

The services provided by Integra, which focus exclusively on children, youth and families dealing with mental health issues and learning disabilities, will complement CDI programming and provide more treatment options for clients with learning disabilities.

Both CDI and Integra believe that the merger will provide the children and families currently served by both agencies access to a larger variety of services under the leadership of a single agency.

“We look forward to welcoming Integra’s staff, supporters and partners to CDI,” said Janet MacPhail, Former President, CDI Board of Directors. “Integra’s programs will complement CDI’s programs and we believe the merger will enhance mental health services for children, youth and families across Toronto”.

“We are gratified to move forward with this important partnership with CDI,” said Arthur Heinmaa, President, Integra Board of Directors. “We believe our clients will continue to access the highly-individualized services and clinical expertise they’ve come to depend upon at Integra, but with the added backdrop of a more stable funding structure and more powerful advocacy. This is a major step forward for children and youth with mental health issues and learning disabilities and their families.”

.../2

Integra will continue to operate its programs and services from its offices at 25 Imperial Street. These programs include Individual and Family Counselling, the Social Competence Group Program, Mindfulness Martial Arts, Young Warriors, the Triple P Positive Parenting Program and Community Education and Engagement. Within CDI, Integra will also continue to run Camp Towhee, a residential therapeutic summer

camp program for children and youth with learning disabilities and related psychosocial difficulties (LD/MH) in Haliburton, Ontario.

### **About Child Development Institute**

CDI is an accredited children's mental health agency providing a range of programs and services for children ages 0-12, youth ages 13-18, and their families in Toronto. We offer evidence-based programs across four streams: Early Intervention Services, Family Violence Services, Integra Programs and Healthy Child Development. Our approach is family-focused and we work with each child and family's unique strengths, needs and challenges. For more information, please visit [www.childdevelop.ca](http://www.childdevelop.ca)

- 30 -

### **Media contact:**

Shauna Klein  
Director, Fund Development, Marketing and Communications  
Child Development Institute  
416-603-1827 ext. 2291  
[sklein@childdevelop.ca](mailto:sklein@childdevelop.ca)