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### **Theraplay, Inc. Family of Companies Grows with the Addition of AOT, Inc. and The Children's Therapy Center**

Theraplay, Inc., a leading provider of pediatric occupational, physical and speech therapies headquartered in West Chester, Pennsylvania, is excited to announce their expansion of services in the Pittsburgh market with the acquisition of AOT, Inc. They are also pleased to enter into the Virginia market with the acquisition of The Children's Therapy Center.

AOT has been serving the children of western Pennsylvania for over 30 years. Headquartered in Coraopolis, PA, AOT provides school-based services throughout seven counties. Cynthia Thomas, MPH, OTR/L, President and CEO of AOT, has successfully worked to help them achieve their mission of delivering high quality therapy services for individuals of all ages to enable them to meaningfully participate in every aspect of their lives. "We are thrilled to expand our services with the quality care that Cynthia and her team have been providing in the Pittsburgh area," says Lisa Mackell, President of Theraplay.

The Children's Therapy Center has been providing pediatric therapy to children and adolescents throughout Virginia since 1979. With three centers in northern Virginia offering occupational, physical and speech therapy, founder and owner Suzan Syron, PT, and her staff have delivered individualized care in a family-friendly environment to help children reach their maximum potential. "The Children's Therapy Center and its staff are well known in northern Virginia for the quality of their care, and we are excited to continue to service the needs of the region's children," says Mackell.

Steve Mackell, Theraplay's Chief Operating Officer, agrees. "Theraplay serves pediatric and adolescent patients in Pennsylvania and Virginia with 18 centers, early intervention and school-based services. Our recent partnerships with AOT and The Children's Therapy Center help us to expand our services in these areas with passionate caregivers, helping us to continue our mission to maximize every child's potential."

#### **About Theraplay, Inc.**

Theraplay was founded in 1991 by physical therapist Lisa Mackell. Believing that children learn and develop best through play experiences, Theraplay provides their individualized therapy services in a play-focused environment. Their occupational, physical, and speech therapy services, along with feeding and concussion rehabilitation programs, early intervention and school services have helped improve the lives of thousands of children and their families. AOT and The Children's Therapy Center join Positive Steps Therapy and Austill's Educational Therapy Services in the Theraplay family of companies. Theraplay, Inc. is looking forward to continuing to grow their geographic reach, furthering their mission to maximize each child's potential through functional play-based therapies. For more information please visit [theraplayinc.com](http://theraplayinc.com).