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ABA Schools Awarded Three Contracts to Provide Special Education Private Day Programming

TEMPE, ARIZONA (June 29, 2009) -- Academic Behavioral Alternatives (ABA Schools), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cenpatco Behavioral Health, LLC, announced today it was awarded contracts with the Chandler Unified, Coolidge Unified and Dysart Unified School Districts in Arizona. Effective July 2009, ABA Schools will provide cost-effective, quality Special Education Private Day Programming to students with special needs in these school districts.

For the past several years, ABA Schools has provided services to junior high and high school students with emotional disorders in the Chandler and Dysart Unified School Districts. The new contracts will allow ABA Schools to continue offering students the services they need to receive quality education in the least restrictive environment. In addition, the new contract with Dysart Unified will expand to encompass Kindergarten through 5th grade as well as an onsite classroom at Dysart High School to help students transition back into the district's least restrictive environment.

"We are pleased to continue to serve and enhance our programs with the Chandler and Dysart Unified School Districts," said Erik Ryan, Vice President of Educational Services for ABA Schools. "We remain committed to ensuring that every student, regardless of age or resources, has access to the supports they need to be successful in school."

ABA Schools has also entered into a new partnership with the Coolidge Unified School District to serve junior high and high school students in Pinal County with autism or multiple disabilities. ABA Schools' sister company, Cenpatco of Arizona, currently facilitates the delivery of mental health and substance abuse services for members in Pinal County.

"We are pleased to expand our reach into Pinal County, which is one of Cenpatco of Arizona's key regions," said Ryan. "This is an excellent opportunity to collaborate with regional behavioral health providers that we already have a relationship with to increase the value of services received by the Coolidge Unified School District, its students, and families."

About Academic Behavioral Alternatives™ (ABA Schools)-

Academic Behavioral Alternatives™ (ABA Schools) has provided private special education programming and related-services focused on supporting students with targeted academic and behavioral needs since 1995. A state-approved Private Special Education Organization, ABA Schools currently operates four day schools in Tempe, Chandler, Tolleson and El Mirage, Arizona. ABA Schools' mission is to provide school districts and families with positive, proactive, and evidence-based solutions which maximize students' individual potential. Through highly structured and individualized educational programs, they help students become proficient in basic skills, acquire knowledge, and develop social and personal skills to help them become independent and productive citizens. For more information, visit <http://www.abaschools.com/>.

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