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### **CARE RESOURCES INC. TESTED SOUTHPAW SENSORY INTEGRATION EQUIPMENT**

Baltimore, MD, June 15, 2007 – Care Resources Inc., a leading provider of school-based therapy and special education solutions, recently field tested one of Southpaw's newest sensory integration therapy swings. The swing was tested in CARE's private practice during 185 treatment sessions representing a total of 46 hours of treatment with children from age 18 months to 13 years. Results of the six week field test demonstrate that Southpaw's new Barrel Swing offered maximum opportunity for therapists to work with children with a wide variety of sensory and motor integration challenges. According to Betsy Davis, OTR/L, CARE's field test coordinator, Southpaw's Barrel Swing provided therapists with a new approach to sensory progression, motor planning, balance, and more. It can be used with an adequate one-point ceiling mount. "Our staff like the sturdy nature and the design that allows the swing to be moved from room to room." The field test indicated that children enjoyed the swing and that initial apprehension to height or motion was quickly overcome. The swing allowed for a range of movement in different positions and in combination with other skills such as balance stability in different positions, sitting, kneeling and standing. Sensory motor equipment is widely used by therapists to assist children with sensory integrative dysfunction including children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Sensory Integration Dysfunction, the inability of the brain to correctly process information through the senses, can occur in many different forms. No two children will be affected in the same ways. This condition was first noticed in children with learning disabilities by Dr. A. Jean Ayres who conducted landmark research on the often misunderstood disability. Sensory Integration Dysfunction is also seen with other disabilities such as cerebral palsy, autism, attention deficit disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or can be present by itself. Children can have mild, moderate or severe sensory integration deficits. CARE Resources and CARE Rehab staff therapists are trained in sensory integration. According to Jane Satterfield, President and founder of CARE Resources and CARE Rehab, "Southpaw's Barrel Swing allows CARE staff to be equipped with tools to support a bank of strategies for helping children overcome sensory integration challenges. The equipment is versatile and engaging to young

children as well as older clients. We are pleased to participate in the testing of this new innovative product from Southpaw.”



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#### About Care

CARE Resources Inc., a private company located in Baltimore, Maryland, partners with school districts to provide comprehensive special education and related services, management, staffing solutions and compliance support as required by federal and state education/special education laws and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. CARE’s proven solutions aid school districts and health agencies in implementing effective, intelligent and scalable compliance initiatives: quickly deployed staffing remedies, effective management of the related service program, and enhanced

staff training. With support from CARE, school districts experience a greater return on investment as measured by a reduction in special education enrollment, reduction in intensity of instructional and related services, tighter entry/exit criteria and stepped-up achievement intended to return students to regular education with skills for success. Therapy, assessments and instructional services are customized to the unique requirements of each provider type. CARE has 23 years experience in providing special education staffing and compliance solutions. Clients include state education and health agencies, public school districts, private schools, Head Start, daycare, group homes, local health departments, juvenile service agencies in Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia

CARE Rehab Inc, a private practice located in Baltimore, Maryland, offers therapy, tutoring and assessments in its private practice clinic. CARE is distinguished for its unsurpassed and specialized occupational, physical and speech-language therapy for children and young adults with mild, moderate, and severe impairments. CARE Rehab's scope of services includes educational, psychological assessments and functional skill evaluations. Aquatic and torticollis therapy are available through CARE Rehab. A staff of highly diversified licensed health care professionals – many with specialized certification in areas such as sensory integration and neuro-developmental treatment represent the CARE Rehab Team. Located near Towson, CARE is a national leader in pediatric training and continuing education for health and education practitioners.

#### About Southpaw Enterprises

Southpaw Enterprises Inc., located in Dayton, Ohio, is a privately-held manufacturer and direct marketer of therapeutic products targeted for pediatric clinicians, parents and professionals. The employees of Southpaw Enterprises are dedicated to the design, development and production of equipment, tools, and resources that assist children with sensory integration dysfunction (DSI) and similar disorders to play, learn and thrive in this fast-paced world.