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**MARANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
& CARE RESOURCES CO-SPONSOR  
COURSES - NEURODEVELOPMENT  
TREATMENT & MOTOR ENHANCEMENT  
TECHNIQUES**



Marana, AZ, February 14, 2007 – The Marana Unified School District and CARE Resources Inc. recently co-sponsored two courses for physical and occupational therapist on sensory motor integration techniques. District staff, therapists from 10 other Arizona school districts as well as school-based therapists from California attended the courses which highlighted techniques for improving movement for children with a variety of disabilities.

Participants learned and practiced facilitation techniques appropriate for children with cerebral palsy and other motor development delays. Lois Bly, MA, PT, and an NDT Coordinator-Instructor offered a two-day workshop on Neuro-Development Facilitation Techniques. Ms. Bly is an internationally recognized expert in NDT and has authored several books on techniques to use in a schools and clinic settings. In addition, a one-day course was conducted on therapeutic applications using a Swiss Ball. Joanne Posner-Mayer, PT, presented a step-by-step approach for children with orthopedic and neurological challenges. Ms. Posner-Mayer has produced a series of training materials on therapeutic uses of the Swiss ball.

Marianne Castellon, Director of Educational Services for Marana Unified School District and Carolyn Short, Inclusion Facilitator/Program Director for Educational Services coordinated the courses with CARE. According to Castellon, “Marana Unified School District was pleased to bring national level presenters skilled in school-based interventions to the Tucson area”. Principal David Liss along with school staff of Marana Middle School hosted the two day event. Marana’s Governing Board supported the effort to offer hands-on training experiences for school district staff.

According to Jane Satterfield, President and founder of CARE, “CARE was pleased to co-sponsor these courses with Marana. As a leader in special education and school-based therapy services, we believe that we are ideally positioned to provide expert and focused training in the application of therapeutic techniques for promoting learning. We anticipate offering additional training for speech therapists and special education teachers.”



### About Marana Unified School District

The Marana Unified School District is located in south central Arizona, approximately 16 miles northwest of downtown Tucson, with the Tucson city limits beginning just south of the District boundaries. The District boundaries encompass 550 square miles, making it one of the largest districts in the state. Included within the area served by the District is the incorporated Town of Marana, several unincorporated communities and an ever-increasing number of residential developments. The Marana Unified School District was founded in the early 1920s and serves approximately 13,000 students, with a staff of 1,800 employees, and 17 schools. Among these are nine award winning "A+" schools and three "National Blue Ribbon" schools. Marana provides special education and related services to approximately 1,850 students.

### About Care Resources Inc.

CARE Resources Inc., a private company with offices in Tucson, Arizona and Baltimore, Maryland, partners with school districts to provide comprehensive special education and related services, technical support, 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 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. CARE has 23 years experience in providing special education staffing, compliance solutions and hands-on training.

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