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## CENTRIA AUTISM ANNOUNCES NEW CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

The appointment demonstrates Centria's commitment to clinical excellence through skilled leadership

**Farmington Hills, MI** - Dan Buning has joined <u>Centria Autism</u> as its Chief Operating Officer and President. In his role, Dan will have overall responsibility for day to day operations and related services, ensuring that staff continue to deliver high quality care and services. Dan will lead the addition of processes and systems that will allow Centria to offer services to an ever growing population of families in need.

Dan is a proven operational leader and his experience and skills with decentralized healthcare services qualify him to work alongside the existing leadership team to drive operational excellence and standardize high quality service to support Centria's expanding national autism therapy services.

Most recently, Dan was the COO and Transformation Officer for AccentCare, the largest privately owned Home Health, Hospice, and Attendant Services business in over 240 locations across 16 states with more than 40,000 active clients. Prior to AccentCare, he served as COO of AxelaCare Health Solutions, the nation's largest private equity owned home infusion company. Dan led the integration of numerous home infusion company acquisitions, more than doubling the revenue in less than 12 months. By creating and improving infrastructure, systems, processes, and work teams, he set the company on a path of continued growth with the capability for rapid scaling.

"Dan comes to us with an impressive track record of operational success," said Scott Barry, CEO of Centria Healthcare. "His expertise will be a valuable asset as we continue to provide the best therapy for children with autism. Dan's extensive background will surely increase our ability to extend services to more people who need them."

Dan is a GE Six Sigma Certified Black Belt and Master Black Belt with Operations Engineering Degrees from both West Point and The Naval Postgraduate School. Dan's operational experience includes more than 20 as an officer in the US Army, where he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

"For the past 10 years, I've been fortunate to lead healthcare professionals as they provide care in homes and facilities," said Buning. "I can't think of a more inspiring opportunity than to continue my career with a company whose mission is helping children live their best lives possible. Rarely, as leaders, do we have the ability to help so many people with a service that continues to benefit them over the course of their lives."



## **Quick Facts**

• 1 in 59 children have autism

• Centria Autism helps parents of children with autism navigate through the complex system of insurance, care and just knowing that they are not alone.

• Centria operates in 11 states, over 3,500 experienced and trained staff and provides services for thousands of children.

## About Centria Autism:

Centria Autism, an operating division of Centria Healthcare, is a leading national provider of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy for children with autism and their families. With its national headquarters in Michigan, and more than 3,500 clinical staff working in 11 states, Centria's Optimal Outcomes approach combines child-centered, evidence-based ABA with best practices to help children with ASD have the best developmental experience possible and acquire the skills to live independently and succeed in the world on their own terms.

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