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Presbyterian Children's Village receives a grant from the State of Pennsylvania for Parent-Child Interaction Therapy

(Rosemont, PA): Presbyterian Children's Village has received a grant for Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) therapist training and \$1000 for construction of an observation room from the State of Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare.

Parent-Child Interaction Therapy is an evidence-based treatment for young children with conduct disorders that emphasizes improving the quality of the parent-child relationship and changing negative parent-child interaction patterns. The goals of treatment are an improvement in the quality of the parent-child relationship; a decrease in child behavior problems with an increase in pro-social behaviors; an increase in parenting skills, including positive discipline; and a decrease in parenting stress.

“PCIT is a therapeutic intervention supported by research, available to our therapists to help improve relationships for the families we serve. Many families in our communities face a wide range of challenges, whether it is the effects of trauma and violence, or the weight of poverty, and PCV strives to improve the quality of lives and relationships for children, parents, and other caregivers,” says Darlene Hewett, PCV President and CEO.

Founded as an orphanage in 1877, Presbyterian Children's Village today is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the healing of the spirits of children, families and communities broken by violence, addiction, poverty, mental illness, racism and other serious societal problems. The Village serves more than 5,100 children each year in the greater Philadelphia area.

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